
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 109—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS)

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions pertaining to Department of Corrections. (BDR 16-501)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Department of Corrections; providing for the appointment of an Inspector General by the Director of the Department of Corrections; revising the provisions relating to the appointment of assistant directors by the Director; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. The Director shall appoint an Inspector General who is***
4 ***responsible to the Director for conducting investigations on***
5 ***matters of interest to the Department.***
6 ***2. The Inspector General is in the classified service of the***
7 ***State except for purposes of appointment and retention. The***
8 ***Inspector General is entitled to receive the same retirement***
9 ***benefits as police officers and firemen employed by public***
10 ***employers. For this purpose, the provisions of chapter 286 of NRS***
11 ***governing the retirement benefits of police officers and firemen***
12 ***apply to the Inspector General.***
13 ***3. The Inspector General shall carry out such administrative***
14 ***and investigative duties as may be assigned to him by the Director***



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1 *and shall not engage in any other gainful employment or*
2 *occupation.*

3 *4. The Inspector General may employ such other criminal*
4 *investigators as may be necessary to conduct investigations on*
5 *matters of interest to the Department. A criminal investigator*
6 *hired pursuant to this subsection is in the classified service of the*
7 *State and is entitled to receive the same retirement benefits as*
8 *police officers and firemen employed by public employers. For this*
9 *purpose, the provisions of chapter 286 of NRS governing the*
10 *retirement benefits of police officers and firemen apply to criminal*
11 *investigators.*

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 209.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13 209.151 1. The Director shall appoint an assistant director for
14 industrial programs who:

15 (a) Is responsible to the Director for the administration of all
16 industrial, vocational and agricultural programs for the employment
17 of offenders, except conservation camps and centers for the purpose
18 of making restitution; and

19 (b) Shall enforce all policies and regulations of the Department
20 relating to industrial, vocational and agricultural programs.

21 2. In addition to the assistant director appointed pursuant to
22 subsection 1, the Director shall appoint such other assistant directors
23 as are necessary.

24 3. The assistant directors are in the classified service of the
25 State except for purposes of *appointment and* retention.

26 4. During any absence of the Director, he shall designate an
27 assistant director or a warden to act as Director of the Department
28 without increase in salary.

29 5. The assistant directors shall carry out such administrative
30 duties as may be assigned to them by the Director and shall not
31 engage in any other gainful employment or occupation.

32 **Sec. 3.** NRS 284.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 284.150 1. The classified service of the State of Nevada is
34 comprised of all positions in the public service now existing or
35 hereafter created which are not included in the unclassified service,
36 and which provide services for any office, department, board,
37 commission, bureau, agency or institution in the Executive
38 Department of the State Government operating by authority of the
39 Constitution or law and supported in whole or in part by any public
40 money, whether the money is received from the Government of the
41 United States or any branch or agency thereof, or from private or
42 any other sources.

43 2. Appointments in the classified service must be made
44 according to merit and fitness from eligible lists prepared upon the
45 basis of examination, which must be open and competitive, except



1 as otherwise provided in this chapter and NRS *209.151*
2 *and* 209.161.

3 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.105, *209.151*,
4 209.161 and 416.070, a person must not be appointed, transferred,
5 promoted, demoted or discharged as an officer, clerk, employee or
6 laborer in the classified service in any manner or by any means
7 other than those prescribed in this chapter and the regulations
8 adopted in accordance therewith.

9 4. A person must not be discriminated against on account of his
10 religious opinions or affiliations, race, sex, age or disability.

11 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

