

Senate Bill No. 187–Committee on
Human Resources and Education

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AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; authorizing the members of the Advisory Committee on Traumatic Brain Injuries to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state employees generally in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates the Advisory Committee on Traumatic Brain Injuries. (NRS 426A.060) Members of the Committee serve without compensation and are not entitled to receive the per diem allowance or travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, unless the per diem allowance or travel expenses are paid from a source other than the State and the payment is not inconsistent with any condition attached to the acceptance of the money. (NRS 426A.060)

This bill entitles members of the Committee engaged in the business of the Committee to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally to the extent that these expenses are included in the budget of the Department of Human Resources.

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

Section 1. NRS 426A.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

426A.060 1. The Advisory Committee on Traumatic Brain Injuries, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created.

2. The Director of the Department shall appoint to the Committee:

- (a) One member who is an employee of the Office.
- (b) One member who is an employee of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department and participates in the administration of the state program providing Medicaid.
- (c) One member who is a licensed insurer in this State.
- (d) One member who represents the interests of educators in this State.
- (e) One member who is a person professionally qualified in the field of psychiatric mental health.
- (f) Two members who are employees of private providers of rehabilitative health care located in this State.
- (g) One member who represents persons who operate community-based programs for head injuries in this State.
- (h) One member who represents hospitals in this State.
- (i) Two members who represent the recipients of health care in this State.

3. After the initial appointments, each member of the Committee serves a term of 3 years.

4. The Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairman.

5. Members of the Committee ~~[serve]~~ :

(a) *Serve* without compensation ; and

(b) *If provided for in the budget of the Department, while engaged in the business of the Committee,* are ~~[not]~~ entitled to receive the per diem allowance ~~[or]~~ and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally . ~~[except that members of the Committee may receive any per diem allowance and travel expenses that may be authorized by the Committee if the payment of the per diem allowance and travel expenses:~~

~~—(a) Is made from money received by the Committee from a source other than the State of Nevada; and~~

~~—(b) Is not inconsistent with any condition attached to the acceptance of that money.]~~

6. The Committee may:

(a) Make recommendations to the Director of the Department and the Office relating to the establishment and operation of any program for persons with traumatic brain injuries.

(b) Make recommendations to the Director of the Department and the Office concerning proposed legislation relating to traumatic brain injuries.

(c) Collect information relating to traumatic brain injuries.

(d) Apply for grants.

(e) Accept and expend any money made available to the Committee by gift, grant, donation or bequest.

7. The Committee shall prepare a report of its activities and recommendations each year and submit a copy to the:

(a) Director of the Department;

(b) Office;

(c) Legislative Committee on Health Care; and

(d) Legislative Commission.

8. As used in this section:

(a) “Person professionally qualified in the field of psychiatric mental health” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 433.209.

(b) “Provider of health care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.