Amendment No. 229

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) red strikethrough is deleted language in the original bill; (4) purple double strikethrough is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 51—Revises provisions relating to sex- or gender-based harassment in the Executive Department of the State Government. (BDR 23-243)



SENATE BILL NO. 51–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to sex- or gender-based harassment in the Executive Department of the State Government. (BDR 23-243)

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

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to state employees; prohibiting an employee of the Executive Department of the State Government from engaging in sex- or genderbased harassment; providing for the adoption and annual review of a policy for such employees concerning sex- or gender-based harassment; prescribing certain duties of an appointing authority relating to sex- or gender-based harassment; creating the Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit within the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration; providing for the investigation of a complaint by the Investigation Unit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law: (1) creates the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration; and (2) requires the Division to administer provisions governing employees of the Executive Department of the State Government. (NRS 284.025) **Section 2** of this bill: (1) declares that it is the policy of this State to ensure that its employees do not engage in sex- or gender-based harassment; and (2) prohibits such employees from engaging in such behavior against another employee, an applicant for employment or any other person in the workplace.

Section 3 of this bill requires the Administrator of the Division to adopt, maintain and annually review and update a policy for employees of the Executive Department concerning sex- or gender-based harassment. Section 3 also requires an appointing authority to provide each employee with a copy of the policy upon employment and any update of the policy.

Section 5 of this bill creates the Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit within the Division. Section 4 of this bill requires an appointing authority to notify the Investigation Unit upon receipt of a complaint filed by an employee concerning 1

15 sex- or gender-based harassment or discrimination. Section 4 additionally requires an appointing authority to notify certain other persons responsible for providing legal advice to the agency upon receipt of a complaint.

17 18 19 Section 5 requires the Investigation Unit to appoint an investigator to investigate any complaint regarding suspected harassment or discrimination based on sex or gender filed by 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 an employee. Section 5 requires an investigator to prepare a written report of his or her findings at the conclusion of an investigation and submit the report to the Investigation Unit for transmission to the appointing authority of the agency in which the complaint arose and certain other persons. Section 5 requires the appointing authority to: (1) review the report; (2) determine the appropriate resolution of the complaint; (3) notify the Investigation Unit in writing that a complaint has been resolved; and (4) retain a copy of the written report prepared by the investigator and the written notification of the resolution of the complaint. Finally, section 5 makes any certain information obtained by the investigator in the investigation of a complaint, contained in a written report of a complaint [and] or contained in a written resolution of a complaint confidential and prohibits its disclosure unless so ordered by the Administrator or his or her designee or a court of competent jurisdiction. Sections 5, 5.3 and 5.5 of this bill make this information confidential regardless of whether the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement requires the disclosure of such information. Section 6 of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the exception of such information from 34 disclosure as a public record.

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

Section 1. Chapter 284 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the

2	provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.
3	Sec. 2. 1. It is the policy of this State to ensure that its employees do not
4	engage in sex- or gender-based harassment.
5	2. Sex- or gender-based harassment violates the policy of this State and is a
6	form of unlawful discrimination based on sex or gender under state and federal
7	law. An employee shall not engage in sex- or gender-based harassment against
8	another employee, an applicant for employment or any other person in the
9	workplace.
10	Sec. 3. 1. The Administrator shall adopt and maintain a policy
11	concerning sex- or gender-based harassment. Such a policy must include,
12	without limitation:
13	(a) A definition of behavior that constitutes illegal sex- or gender-based
14	harassment;
15	(b) Training requirements for employees concerning sex- or gender-based
16	harassment;
17	(c) Training requirements for managerial or supervisory employees
18	concerning equal employment opportunity; and
19	(d) A procedure for filing a complaint to report suspected harassment or
20	discrimination based on sex or gender.
21	2. At least annually, the Administrator shall review the policy adopted
22	pursuant to subsection 1 for compliance with relevant state and federal law and
23	make any necessary updates to the policy.
24	3. An appointing authority shall provide each employee of the appointing
25	authority with a copy of the policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 upon
26	commencement of employment and any update of the policy.
27	Sec. 4. Upon receipt of a complaint filed by an employee alleging he or she
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or her sex or gender, an appointing authority shall promptly notify the Sex- or 1 2 3 Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit created by section 5 of this act and: 4

1. A person designated by the appointing authority to handle issues relating to sex- or gender-based harassment and discrimination; or

2. The deputy attorney general or other counsel designated to act as an attorney for the agency.

Sec. 5. 1. The Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit is hereby created within the Division.

10 2. The Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation 11 Unit shall promptly assign or appoint an investigator to investigate any complaint 12 regarding suspected harassment or discrimination based on sex or gender filed by 13 an employee pursuant to the procedure established in accordance with section 3 of this act or received pursuant to section 4 of this act. An investigator assigned 14 15 or appointed pursuant to this section shall inform each person involved in such an investigation of the provisions of subsection 6. The investigation must be 16 17 conducted as discreetly and with as minimal disruption to the workplace as 18 possible.

19 3. At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a 20 written report of his or her findings and submit the report to the Sex- or Gender-21 Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit for transmission to the 22 appointing authority of the agency in which the complaint arose or a person 23 designated by the appointing authority to handle issues relating to sex- or gender-24 based harassment and discrimination and the deputy attorney general or other 25 counsel designated to act as an attorney for the agency.

The Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation 4. Unit shall notify a complainant when a report has been completed and forwarded to the appointing authority for review.

5. Upon receipt of a written report prepared pursuant to subsection 3, the appointing authority shall review the report and determine the appropriate resolution of the complaint. The appointing authority shall:

(a) Notify the Sex- or Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Unit in writing of its determination regarding the resolution of the complaint within 30 days after the date on which the resolution occurs; and

(b) Retain a copy of the written report prepared pursuant to subsection 3 and the written notification of the resolution of the complaint described in paragraph (a).

6. [Any] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, any information [obtained] that may be used to identify an employee who filed a complaint pursuant to section 4 of this act, a person who is the subject of such a complaint or a person who claims to have witnessed an employee being harassed or discriminated against based on his or her sex or gender that is:

43 (a) Obtained by the investigator in the investigation of a complaint pursuant 44

to subsection 2 <u>[-]</u>; (b) Contained in a written report of a complaint retained pursuant to 45 46 subsection 5 [and]; or

47 (c) Contained in a written resolution of a complaint retained pursuant to subsection 5 [are], 48

49 is confidential and must not be disclosed unless so ordered by the 50 Administrator or his or her designee or a court of competent jurisdiction [-] upon 51 a determination by the Administrator, designee or court, as applicable, that the interests of the public in disclosing the information outweigh the interests of the 52 53 person about whom the information pertains in maintaining the confidentiality of

1	the information. Such information must not be disclosed until after the
2 3	conclusion of the investigation.
	7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply to any information that may
4	be used to identify an elected officer in the Executive Department who:
5	(a) Filed a complaint pursuant to section 4 of this act;
6	(b) Is the subject of such a complaint; or
7	(c) Claims to have witnessed an employee being harassed or discriminated
8	against based on his or her sex or gender.
9	8. In the event of a conflict between this section and the provisions of a
10	collective bargaining agreement entered into pursuant to NRS 288.400 to
11	288.630, inclusive, the provisions of this section prevail.
12	Sec. 5.3. NRS 284.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13	284.013 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, this chapter does
14	not apply to:
15	(a) Agencies, bureaus, commissions, officers or personnel in the Legislative
16	Department or the Judicial Department of State Government, including the
17	Commission on Judicial Discipline;
18	(b) Any person who is employed by a board, commission, committee or
19	council created in chapters 445C, 590, 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to 644A,
20	inclusive, 648, 652, 654 and 656 of NRS; or
21 22	(c) Officers or employees of any agency of the Executive Department of the
22	State Government who are exempted by specific statute.
23 24	2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the terms and conditions of
24 25	employment of all persons referred to in subsection 1, including salaries not prescribed by law and leaves of absence, including, without limitation, annual leave
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20 27	and sick and disability leave, must be fixed by the appointing or employing authority within the limits of legislative appropriations or authorizations.
28	3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, leaves of absence
29	prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 must not be of lesser duration than those
30	provided for other state officers and employees pursuant to the provisions of this
31	chapter. The provisions of this subsection do not govern the Legislative
32	Commission with respect to the personnel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
33	4. Any board, commission, committee or council created in chapters 445C,
34	590, 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to 644A, inclusive, 648, 652, 654 and 656 of
35	NRS which contracts for the services of a person, shall require the contract for
36	those services to be in writing. The contract must be approved by the State Board of
37	Examiners before those services may be provided.
38	5. [To] Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, to the extent
39	that they are inconsistent or otherwise in conflict, the provisions of this chapter do
40	not apply to any terms and conditions of employment that are properly within the
41	scope of and subject to the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement or a
42	supplemental bargaining agreement that is enforceable pursuant to the provisions of
43	NRS 288.400 to 288.630, inclusive.
44	Sec. 5.5. NRS 288.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
45	288.505 1. Each collective bargaining agreement must be in writing and
46	must include, without limitation:
47	(a) A procedure to resolve grievances which applies to all employees in the
48	bargaining unit and culminates in final and binding arbitration. The procedure must
49	be used to resolve all grievances relating to employment, including, without
50	limitation, the administration and interpretation of the collective bargaining
51	agreement, the applicability of any law, rule or regulation relating to the
52	employment and appeal of discipline and other adverse personnel actions.

(b) A provision which provides that an officer of the Executive Department 1 2 shall, upon written authorization by an employee within the bargaining unit, 3 withhold a sufficient amount of money from the salary or wages of the employee 4 pursuant to NRS 281.129 to pay dues or similar fees to the exclusive representative 5 of the bargaining unit. Such authorization may be revoked only in the manner 6 prescribed in the authorization. 7

(c) A nonappropriation clause that provides that any provision of the collective bargaining agreement which requires the Legislature to appropriate money is effective only to the extent of legislative appropriation.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the procedure to 10 11 resolve grievances required in a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to 12 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 is the exclusive means available for resolving 13 grievances described in that paragraph.

14 3. An employee in a bargaining unit who has been dismissed, demoted or 15 suspended may pursue a grievance related to that dismissal, demotion or suspension 16 through:

17 (a) The procedure provided in the agreement pursuant to paragraph (a) of 18 subsection 1: or 19

(b) The procedure prescribed by NRS 284.390,

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but once the employee has properly filed a grievance in writing under the 20 procedure described in paragraph (a) or requested a hearing under the procedure 21 22 described in paragraph (b), the employee may not proceed in the alternative 23 manner.

24 4. An employee in a bargaining unit who is aggrieved by the failure of the 25 Executive Department or its designated representative to comply with the 26 requirements of NRS 281.755 may pursue a grievance related to that failure 27 through:

28 (a) The procedure provided in the agreement pursuant to paragraph (a) of 29 subsection 1: or 30

(b) The procedure prescribed by NRS 288.115,

31 but once the employee has properly filed a grievance in writing under the 32 procedure described in paragraph (a) or filed a complaint under the procedure 33 described in paragraph (b), the employee may not proceed in the alternative 34 manner.

35 5. If there is a conflict between any provision of an agreement between the 36 Executive Department and an exclusive representative and:

37 (a) Any regulation adopted by the Executive Department, the provision of the 38 agreement prevails unless the provision of the agreement is outside of the lawful 39 scope of collective bargaining.

40 (b) An existing statute, other than a statute described in paragraph (c), the 41 provision of the agreement may not be given effect unless the Legislature amends 42 the existing statute in such a way as to eliminate the conflict.

43 (c) [A] Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, a provision of chapter 284 or 287 of NRS or NRS 288.570, 288.575 or 288.580, the provision of 44 45 the agreement prevails unless the Legislature is required to appropriate money to 46 implement the provision, within the limits of legislative appropriations and any 47 other available money. 48

Sec. 6. NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

49 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 50 51 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 52 53 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345,

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2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

23 A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a public book or 3. 24 record shall not deny a request made pursuant to subsection 1 to inspect or copy or 25 receive a copy of a public book or record on the basis that the requested public 26 book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity 27 can redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation, electronically, 28 the confidential information from the information included in the public book or 29 record that is not otherwise confidential. 30

If requested, a governmental entity shall provide a copy of a public record 4. in an electronic format by means of an electronic medium. Nothing in this subsection requires a governmental entity to provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format or by means of an electronic medium if:

(a) The public record:

(1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and

(2) Is not available in an electronic format; or

37 (b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or by means of an 38 electronic medium would:

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(1) Give access to proprietary software; or

40 (2) Require the production of information that is confidential and that 41 cannot be redacted, deleted, concealed or separated from information that is not 42 otherwise confidential.

43 5. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal 44 custody or control of a public record:

(a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in the medium that 45 46 is requested because the officer, employee or agent has already prepared or would 47 prefer to provide the copy in a different medium.

48 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon request, prepare 49 the copy of the public record and shall not require the person who has requested the 50 copy to prepare the copy himself or herself. 51

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.