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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 239—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION)

MARCH 2, 2023

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to government administration. (BDR 23-896)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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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 governmental administration; creating the Merit Award Account in the State General Fund for purposes of funding awards to certain state employees; eliminating the limitation on awards to certain state employees from being paid from money in the State General Fund; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Advisory Council for Family Engagement to submit to certain appointing authorities a list of persons qualified for membership on the Council; revising the membership of the Committee for the Statewide Alert System; authorizing the Committee on Testing for Intoxication to study, make certain recommendations to the Director of the Department of Public Safety and take certain action relating to driving under the influence; revising the authority of the Committee to adopt certain regulations; revising the term of membership of the Chair of the Appeals Panel for Industrial Insurance; authorizing the Commissioner of Insurance to perform certain actions relating to meetings of the Appeals Panel; revising provisions relating to vacancies in the membership of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee; revising provisions relating to meetings of the Credit Union Advisory Council; eliminating the requirement that members of the Advisory Council receive a salary for attendance at meetings; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Merit Award Program and requires that the Merit
2 Award Board investigate, review and evaluate the merits of certain proposed
3 suggestions of any state employee or group of state employees. (NRS 285.020,
4 285.030, 285.040) Existing law provides that an award made from the Program
5 must, insofar as is practicable, be paid from money other than money in the State
6 General Fund. (NRS 285.070) **Section 1** of this bill creates the Merit Award
7 Account in the State General Fund, to be administered by the Board. **Section 2** of
8 this bill eliminates the limitation on money from the State General Fund being used
9 to pay for an award. **Section 15** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Board for
10 the purpose of funding the administration of the Board during the 2023-2025
11 biennium. **Section 16** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Merit Award
12 Account to provide funding for merit awards to state employees from the Program
13 during the 2023-2025 biennium.

14 Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish an
15 Advisory Council for Family Engagement, composed of 11 members, that has
16 various duties relating to parental involvement and family engagement in schools.
17 The members of the Advisory Council are appointed by the Superintendent,
18 Speaker of the Assembly and Majority Leader of the Senate. (NRS 385.610)
19 **Section 3** of this bill requires the Advisory Council, at least 30 days before the
20 beginning of any member's term, or within 30 days after a position on the Advisory
21 Council becomes vacant, to submit to the relevant appointing authority the names
22 of at least three persons who are qualified for membership on the Advisory
23 Council.

24 Existing law creates the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of
25 Abducted Children, which is composed of a voluntary partnership among certain
26 law enforcement agencies and broadcasters to assist in the search for and safe
27 return of abducted children. (NRS 432.340) The System is overseen, supervised,
28 evaluated, monitored and tested by the Committee for the Statewide Alert System,
29 in consultation with the Attorney General. (NRS 432.360) The Committee consists
30 of 15 members, including, in relevant part, 5 members who represent local law
31 enforcement agencies, appointed by the Governor and 5 members who represent
32 state law enforcement agencies, appointed by the Governor. (NRS 432.350)
33 **Section 4** of this bill provides instead that the Committee consists of 11 members,
34 including, in relevant part, 3 members who represent local law enforcement
35 agencies, appointed by the Governor from among a list of nominees from the
36 Committee and 3 members who represent state law enforcement agencies,
37 appointed by the Governor from among a list of nominees from the Committee.

38 Existing law creates the Committee on Testing for Intoxication, consisting of
39 five members. (NRS 484C.600) The Committee has various duties relating to
40 certifying devices that test a person's breath to determine the concentration of
41 alcohol in the person's breath. (NRS 484C.610) **Section 8** of this bill authorizes the
42 Committee to also: (1) study and make recommendations to the Director of the
43 Department of Public Safety regarding the best practices, technologies and methods
44 of detecting and determining the concentration of alcohol or the presence of a
45 controlled substance or another prohibited substance and the effect of driving under
46 the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or other prohibited substance; (2)
47 determine and certify whether a device or method is accurate and reliable for the
48 purpose of testing a sample to determine the concentration of alcohol or the
49 presence of a controlled substance or another prohibited substance; and (3) create,
50 maintain and make available to the public a list of those devices and methods
51 certified by the Commission. **Section 8** further provides that if a device or method
52 has been certified by the Committee to be accurate and reliable for the purpose of
53 testing a person's blood, urine or other sample to determine the concentration of
54 alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance or another prohibited substance.



55 **Section 9** of this bill makes a conforming change to clarify that evidence of certain
56 tests are not admissible in a criminal proceeding unless it is shown that the device
57 for testing a person's breath or other sample was certified by the Committee and
58 was calibrated, maintained and operated as provided in such regulations.

59 Existing law creates the Appeals Panel for Industrial Insurance, consisting of
60 seven members, to hear certain grievances related to industrial insurance. (NRS
61 616B.760-616B.787) The Appeals Panel must meet at the times and places
62 specified by a call of the Chair of the Appeals Panel, and the Chair must: (1)
63 schedule meetings and hearings of the Appeals Panel; (2) establish the agenda for
64 each such meeting and hearing; and (3) ensure that such meetings are conducted in
65 an efficient manner. (NRS 616B.765, 616B.767) **Sections 11 and 12** of this bill
66 provide instead that the Chair or Commissioner of Insurance is required to carry out
67 these duties.

68 Existing law creates the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee to advise the
69 State Board of Health on matters of policy concerning medical laboratories,
70 qualifications of laboratory directors and personnel and certain other matters. The
71 Board is required to appoint various persons to the Advisory Committee. (NRS
72 652.030, 652.160, 652.170) **Section 13** of this bill: (1) provides that if a vacancy in
73 the membership of the Advisory Committee occurs, the Advisory Committee is
74 required to submit a letter to the Board with a recommendation to fill the existing
75 vacancy; and (2) requires the Advisory Committee to determine at least once per
76 year whether any vacancy in its membership exists. **Section 13** also requires the
77 Advisory Committee to meet at least once every year.

78 Existing law creates the Credit Union Advisory Council, consisting of five
79 members appointed by the Governor, to consult with, advise and make
80 recommendations to the Commissioner of Financial Institutions in all matters
81 pertaining to credit unions. (NRS 672.061, 672.290) **Section 14** of this bill: (1)
82 clarifies that the Advisory Council may meet at least once every 6 months; and (2)
83 eliminates the existing provision that council members are entitled to receive a
84 certain salary for attendance at meetings.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 285 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Merit Award Account is hereby created in the State*
4 *General Fund.*

5 *2. The Board shall administer the Merit Award Account.*

6 *3. The money in the Merit Award Account may be expended*
7 *only for the purposes of the Merit Award Program established by*
8 *NRS 285.020.*

9 *4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Merit*
10 *Award Account must be credited to the Account.*

11 *5. The balance remaining in the Merit Award Account that*
12 *has not been committed for expenditure on or before June 30 of*
13 *an odd-numbered year reverts to the State General Fund.*

14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 285.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 285.070 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, after
16 reviewing and evaluating an employee suggestion, the Board, in



1 consultation with the Budget Division of the Office of Finance, may
2 make an award to the state employee or to each state employee of a
3 group of state employees who submitted the employee suggestion.

4 2. If the amount of a proposed award will exceed \$5,000, the
5 award must be approved by the Interim Finance Committee. On a
6 quarterly basis, the Board shall transmit any proposed awards that
7 exceed \$5,000 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
8 transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee. In acting upon such
9 an award, the Interim Finance Committee shall consider, among
10 other things:

11 (a) The reduction, elimination or avoidance of state expenditures
12 or any improvement in the operation of the State Government made
13 possible by the employee suggestion; and

14 (b) The intent of the Legislature in enacting this chapter.

15 3. An award made pursuant to this section may not exceed:

16 (a) Ten percent of the amount of any actual savings to the State,
17 as determined at the end of the second fiscal year after the adoption
18 of the employee suggestion; or

19 (b) A total of \$25,000,

20 ↪ whichever is less, whether distributed to an individual employee
21 or to a group of state employees who submitted the employee
22 suggestion.

23 4. Awards to employees arising out of adopted employee
24 suggestions must, ~~[insofar as is practicable,]~~ be paid from money
25 ~~[other than money]~~ in the ~~[State General Fund.]~~ *Merit Award*
26 *Account created by section 1 of this act.*

27 5. The total amount of an award made pursuant to this section
28 must be paid in two equal installments. The first installment must be
29 paid not later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year during
30 which the State realized a reduction, elimination or avoidance of
31 state expenditures or any improvement in the operation of State
32 Government as a result of the adoption of the employee suggestion.
33 The second installment must be paid not later than 90 days after the
34 end of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year during
35 which the first installment was paid.

36 6. A former state employee is eligible to receive an award
37 pursuant to this section if the person was a state employee at the
38 time he or she submitted an employee suggestion, or was a member
39 of a group of state employees who submitted an employee
40 suggestion, that is subsequently adopted.

41 7. An award may not be made for an employee suggestion
42 pursuant to this section until the State has realized a reduction,
43 elimination or avoidance of state expenditures or any improvement
44 in the operation of the State Government as a result of the adopted
45 employee suggestion.



1 8. Any actual savings to the State resulting from the adoption
2 of an employee suggestion that remains after an award is made
3 pursuant to this section must be distributed as follows:

4 (a) Fifty percent must be transferred to the State General Fund;
5 and

6 (b) After a revision to the appropriate work program pursuant to
7 NRS 353.220, the remaining balance must be used by the state
8 agency that employs the state employee or the group of state
9 employees who submitted the employee suggestion for one-time,
10 nonoperational expenses which do not require ongoing maintenance,
11 including, without limitation, training and equipment.

12 **Sec. 3.** NRS 385.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 385.610 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
14 establish an Advisory Council for Family Engagement. The
15 Advisory Council is composed of 11 members.

16 2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint the
17 following members to the Advisory Council:

18 (a) Two parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public
19 schools;

20 (b) Two teachers in public schools;

21 (c) One administrator of a public school;

22 (d) One representative of a private business or industry;

23 (e) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a
24 county whose population is 100,000 or more;

25 (f) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a
26 county whose population is less than 100,000; and

27 (g) One member who is the President of the Board of Managers
28 of the Nevada Parent Teacher Association or its successor
29 organization, or a designee nominated by the President.

30 ↪ The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, to the extent
31 practicable, ensure that the members the Superintendent appoints to
32 the Advisory Council reflect the ethnic, economic and geographic
33 diversity of this State.

34 3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of
35 the Assembly to the Advisory Council.

36 4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member
37 of the Senate to the Advisory Council.

38 5. The Advisory Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair
39 from among its members. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of
40 1 year.

41 6. After the initial terms:

42 (a) The term of each member of the Advisory Council who is
43 appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction is 3 years.



1 (b) The term of each member of the Advisory Council who is
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader
3 of the Senate is 2 years.

4 7. *The Advisory Council shall, at least 30 days before the*
5 *beginning of any member's term, or within 30 days after a position*
6 *on the Advisory Council becomes vacant, submit to the relevant*
7 *appointing authority, as set forth in subsection 2, 3 or 4, as*
8 *applicable, the names of at least three persons qualified for*
9 *membership on the Advisory Council.*

10 8. The Department shall provide:

11 (a) Administrative support to the Advisory Council; and

12 (b) All information that is necessary for the Advisory Council to
13 carry out its duties.

14 ~~8.~~ 9. For each day or portion of a day during which a member
15 of the Advisory Council who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the
16 Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of
17 the Advisory Council, except during a regular or special session of
18 the Legislature, the member is entitled to receive the:

19 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the
20 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

21 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers generally; and

22 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

23 ➤ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of
24 the legislative members of the Advisory Council must be paid from
25 the Legislative Fund.

26 ~~9.~~ 10. A member of the Advisory Council who is not a
27 Legislator is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel
28 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for
29 each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a
30 meeting of the Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the
31 business of the Advisory Council. The per diem allowance and
32 travel expenses for the members of the Advisory Council who are
33 not Legislators must be paid by the Department.

34 ~~10.~~ 11. Any costs associated with employing a substitute
35 teacher while a member of the Advisory Council who is a teacher
36 attends a meeting of the Advisory Council must be paid by the
37 school district or charter school that employs the member.

38 **Sec. 4.** NRS 432.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 432.350 1. There is hereby created the Committee for the
40 Statewide Alert System consisting of ~~15~~ 11 members as follows:

41 (a) ~~Five~~ Three members ~~appointed by the Governor~~ who
42 represent local law enforcement agencies ~~;~~, *appointed by the*
43 *Governor from among the names of nominees provided to the*
44 *Governor pursuant to subsection 5;*



1 (b) ~~{Five}~~ *Three* members ~~{appointed by the Governor}~~ who
2 represent state law enforcement agencies ~~{}~~, *appointed by the*
3 *Governor from among the names of nominees provided to the*
4 *Governor pursuant to subsection 5;*

5 (c) One representative of this State's Emergency Alert System,
6 appointed by the Nevada Broadcasters Association or its successor;

7 (d) One representative of the Nevada Broadcasters Association
8 or its successor, appointed by that Association;

9 (e) One representative of the Department of Transportation,
10 appointed by the Director of the Department of Transportation;

11 (f) The Advocate for Missing or Exploited Children, appointed
12 pursuant to NRS 432.157; and

13 (g) One representative of the public at large, appointed by the
14 Governor from among the names of nominees provided to the
15 Governor pursuant to subsection 5.

16 2. The Governor shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the
17 Committee.

18 3. After the initial terms, each member of the Committee
19 serves a term of 3 years. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled
20 in the same manner as the original appointment.

21 4. Members of the Committee serve without salary or
22 compensation, except that, while engaged in the business of the
23 Committee, each member who is not an officer or employee of the
24 State may receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses
25 provided for state officers and employees generally, to the extent
26 that money is available in the Account for that purpose.

27 5. The Committee shall, at least 30 days before the beginning
28 of the term of any member appointed pursuant to paragraph (a), (b)
29 *or* (g) of subsection 1, or within 30 days after such a position on the
30 Committee becomes vacant, submit to the Governor the names of at
31 least three persons qualified for membership on the Committee
32 pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) *or* (g), *as applicable*, of subsection 1.
33 *In making a list of names, the Committee shall provide nominees*
34 *who represent the demographic diversity of this State.* The
35 Governor shall appoint a new member or fill the vacancy from the
36 list, or request a new list. The Governor may appoint any qualified
37 person who is a resident of this State to the position described in
38 paragraph (g) of subsection 1.

39 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

40 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

41 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

42 **Sec. 8.** NRS 484C.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 484C.640 1. The Committee on Testing for Intoxication may
44 ~~{adopt}~~:



1 (a) Study and make recommendations to the Director of the
2 Department of Public Safety regarding the best practices,
3 technologies and methods of detecting and determining the
4 concentration of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance
5 or another prohibited substance and the effect of driving under the
6 influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another prohibited
7 substance;

8 (b) Determine and certify whether a device or method is
9 accurate and reliable for the purpose of testing a person's blood,
10 urine or other sample to determine the concentration of alcohol or
11 the presence of a controlled substance or another prohibited
12 substance;

13 (c) Create, maintain and make available to the public, free of
14 charge, a list of those devices or methods certified by the
15 Committee;

16 (d) Adopt regulations that ~~require:~~
17 ~~(a) The~~:

18 (1) Require the calibration or verification of devices or
19 methods which are used to test a person's blood, ~~or~~ urine or other
20 sample to determine the concentration of alcohol or the presence of
21 a controlled substance or another prohibited substance in the
22 person's blood, ~~or~~ urine ~~;~~ or other sample;

23 ~~[(b) The]~~

24 (2) Require the certification of persons who make those
25 calibrations ~~;~~ or verifications;

26 ~~[(c) The]~~

27 (3) Require the certification of persons who operate devices
28 or methods for testing a person's blood, ~~or~~ urine or other sample
29 to determine the concentration of alcohol or presence of a controlled
30 substance or another prohibited substance in the person's blood,
31 ~~or~~ urine ~~;~~ and or other sample;

32 ~~[(d) The]~~

33 (4) Require the certification of persons who examine those
34 operators ~~;~~ and

35 ~~[(2) The Committee may adopt regulations that prescribe]~~

36 (5) Prescribe the essential procedures for the proper
37 operation of the various types of devices ~~used~~ or methods to test a
38 person's blood, ~~or~~ urine or other sample to determine the
39 concentration of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance or
40 another prohibited substance in the person's blood, ~~or~~ urine ~~;~~ or
41 other sample.

42 2. If a device or method has been certified by the Committee
43 to be accurate and reliable pursuant to this section, it is presumed
44 that the device or method is accurate and reliable for the purpose
45 of testing a person's blood, urine or other sample to determine the



1 *concentration of alcohol or the presence of a controlled substance*
2 *or another prohibited substance.*

3 3. *This section does not preclude the admission of evidence of*
4 *the concentration of alcohol or the presence of a controlled*
5 *substance or another prohibited substance in a person's blood,*
6 *urine or other sample where the information is obtained through*
7 *the use of a device or method other than one certified by the*
8 *Committee.*

9 **Sec. 9.** NRS 488.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 488.480 1. If a person refuses to submit to a required
11 chemical test provided for in NRS 488.450 or 488.460, evidence of
12 that refusal is admissible in any criminal action arising out of acts
13 alleged to have been committed while the person was:

14 (a) Operating or in actual physical control of a vessel under
15 power or sail while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a
16 controlled substance; or

17 (b) Engaging in any other conduct prohibited by NRS 488.410,
18 488.420 or 488.425.

19 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NRS
20 488.450, a court may not exclude evidence of a required test or
21 failure to submit to such a test if the peace officer or other person
22 substantially complied with the provisions of NRS 488.450 to
23 488.500, inclusive.

24 3. If a person submits to a chemical test provided for in NRS
25 488.450 or 488.460, full information concerning that test must be
26 made available, upon request, to the person or the person's attorney.

27 4. Evidence of a required test is not admissible in a criminal
28 proceeding unless it is shown by documentary or other evidence that
29 the device for testing *a person's breath or other sample* was
30 certified pursuant to NRS 484C.610 *or 484C.640, as applicable,*
31 and was calibrated, maintained and operated as provided by the
32 regulations of the Committee on Testing for Intoxication adopted
33 pursuant to NRS 484C.620, 484C.630 or 484C.640.

34 5. If the device for testing *a person's breath or other sample*
35 has been certified by the Committee on Testing for Intoxication to
36 be accurate and reliable pursuant to NRS 484C.610 *or 484C.640,*
37 it is presumed that, as designed and manufactured, the device is
38 accurate and reliable for the purpose of testing a person's breath *or*
39 *other sample* to determine the concentration of alcohol, *a*
40 *controlled substance or another prohibited substance* in the
41 person's breath *or other sample.*

42 6. A court shall take judicial notice of the certification by the
43 Director of a person to operate testing devices of one of the certified
44 types. If a test to determine the amount of alcohol *a controlled*
45 *substance or another prohibited substance* in a person's breath *or*



1 *other sample* has been performed with a certified type of device by
2 a person who is certified pursuant to NRS 484C.630 or 484C.640, it
3 is presumed that the person operated the device properly.

4 7. This section does not preclude the admission of evidence of
5 a test of a person's breath *or other sample* where the:

6 (a) Information is obtained through the use of a device other
7 than one of a type certified by the Committee on Testing for
8 Intoxication.

9 (b) Test has been performed by a person other than one who is
10 certified by the Director.

11 8. As used in this section, "Director" means the Director of the
12 Department of Public Safety.

13 **Sec. 10.** NRS 616B.762 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 616B.762 1. ~~{At its first meeting of each year, the}~~ *The*
15 Appeals Panel shall elect a Chair from among its members.

16 2. The Chair shall hold office for 1 year ~~{}~~ *and until his or her*
17 *successor is elected.*

18 3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, the members
19 of the Panel shall elect a Chair from among its members for the
20 remainder of the unexpired term of the Chair.

21 ~~{4. Unless the members agree unanimously to a different date,~~
22 ~~the first meeting of each year must be as soon as practicable after~~
23 ~~July 1.]~~

24 **Sec. 11.** NRS 616B.765 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 616B.765 1. The Chair of the Appeals Panel *or the*
26 *Commissioner* shall:

27 (a) Schedule the time and place of the meetings and hearings of
28 the Appeals Panel;

29 (b) Establish the agenda for each meeting and hearing of the
30 Appeals Panel; and

31 (c) Ensure that the meetings of the Appeals Panel are conducted
32 in an efficient manner.

33 2. The Chair of the Appeals Panel may appoint from the
34 membership of the Appeals Panel a secretary to whom the Chair
35 may delegate his or her administrative functions.

36 **Sec. 12.** NRS 616B.767 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 616B.767 1. The Appeals Panel shall meet at the times and
38 places specified by a call of the Chair ~~{}~~ *or the Commissioner.*

39 2. Four members of the Appeals Panel constitute a quorum to
40 transact all business, and a majority of those present must concur on
41 any decision.

42 **Sec. 13.** NRS 652.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 652.170 1. The Board shall appoint the members of the
44 Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee.

45 2. After the initial terms, members shall serve for 3-year terms.



1 3. A member may not serve for more than two consecutive
2 terms. Service of 2 or more years in filling an unexpired term
3 constitutes a term.

4 4. The Advisory Committee is composed of:

5 (a) Two pathologists, certified in clinical pathology by the
6 American Board of Pathology.

7 (b) Two medical technologists.

8 (c) One bioanalyst who is a laboratory director.

9 (d) One qualified biochemist from the Nevada System of Higher
10 Education.

11 (e) One licensed physician actively engaged in the practice of
12 clinical medicine in this State.

13 5. No member of the Advisory Committee may have any
14 financial or business arrangement with any other member which
15 pertains to the business of laboratory analysis.

16 6. The Chief Medical Officer or a designated representative of
17 the Chief Medical Officer is an ex officio member of the Advisory
18 Committee.

19 7. *If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Advisory*
20 *Committee, the Advisory Committee shall submit a letter to the*
21 *Board with a recommendation to fill the existing vacancy. The*
22 *Advisory Committee shall, at least once per year, determine*
23 *whether any vacancy in the membership of the Advisory*
24 *Committee exists.*

25 8. *The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once every*
26 *year.*

27 9. Each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to
28 receive:

29 (a) A salary of not more than \$60, as fixed by the Board, for
30 each day's attendance at a meeting of the Committee; and

31 (b) A per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by
32 the Board, while engaged in the business of the Committee. The rate
33 must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees
34 generally.

35 ~~8.1~~ 10. While engaged in the business of the Committee, each
36 employee of the Committee is entitled to receive a per diem
37 allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board. The rate
38 must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees
39 generally.

40 **Sec. 14.** NRS 672.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 672.290 1. The Credit Union Advisory Council, consisting of
42 five members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created to
43 consult with, advise and make recommendations to the
44 Commissioner in all matters pertaining to credit unions.



1 2. The Governor shall appoint members who have tested credit
2 union experience from a list of recommended names submitted by
3 the Nevada Credit Union League.

4 3. After the initial terms, members serve terms of 4 years,
5 except when appointed to fill unexpired terms.

6 4. The Chair of the Advisory Council must be elected annually
7 by and from the members thereof.

8 5. The meetings of the Advisory Council may be held at such
9 times and places as the Chair or Commissioner determines and may
10 ~~be held regularly~~ meet at least once every 6 months.

11 ~~[6.— Council members are entitled to receive a salary of \$60 for~~
12 ~~each day's attendance at a meeting of the Council.]~~

13 **Sec. 15.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
14 General Fund to the Merit Award Board described in NRS 285.030
15 the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of funding the administration of
16 the Board during the 2023-2025 biennium.

17 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
18 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
19 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
20 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
21 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
22 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
23 September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was
24 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
25 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
26 Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

27 **Sec. 16.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
28 General Fund to the Merit Award Account created by section 1 of
29 this act the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of providing merit
30 awards during the 2023-2025 biennium pursuant to the Merit Award
31 Program established by NRS 285.020.

32 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
33 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
34 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
35 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
36 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
37 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
38 September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was
39 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
40 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
41 Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

42 **Sec. 17.** 1. This section and sections 1, 15 and 16 of this act
43 become effective upon passage and approval.

44 2. Sections 6 to 9, inclusive, of this act become effective:



- 1 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
2 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
3 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
4 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.
5 3. Sections 2 to 5, inclusive, 10 to 14, inclusive, of this act
6 become effective on July 1, 2023.

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