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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 243—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS)

MARCH 3, 2023

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to legislative affairs.
(BDR 17-366)

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

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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 legislative affairs; making various changes relating to legislative interim committees and presiding officers of those committees; revising provisions relating to Joint Interim Standing Committees; revising the deadline to submit an application to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education to serve on the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force; repealing the requirement that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services review certain regulations; revising provisions relating to legislative committee members and staff regulated by the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act and Nevada Financial Disclosure Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law establishes various legislative interim committees that are created
- 2 or authorized to conduct studies or investigations or perform other legislative
- 3 business during the interim between legislative sessions, and existing law provides
- 4 for the appointment or designation of chairs and vice chairs of such interim
- 5 committees. (Chapter 218E of NRS, NRS 232B.210-232B.250) Existing law also
- 6 contains provisions that apply exclusively to such interim committees without
- 7 applying to any session committees. (NRS 218E.105-218E.140)



8 Under the term-limit provisions of the Nevada Constitution, Legislators are
9 subject to limitations on the number of years that they may serve in each House of
10 the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, §§ 3, 4) **Section 2** of this bill amends the
11 statutory provisions that apply to interim committees in order to provide, with
12 certain exceptions, that if a Legislator is serving the final term in his or her current
13 House under the term-limit provisions, the Legislator is not eligible for the position
14 of chair or vice chair of an interim committee during the legislative interim period
15 that: (1) begins immediately after adjournment sine die of the last regular session in
16 which the Legislator is eligible to serve in his or her current House; and (2) ends at
17 the expiration of the Legislator's current term of office in that House. However,
18 **section 2** contains an exception for the position of Chair or Vice Chair of the
19 Legislative Commission. **Sections 3, 7, 8, 11-14 and 49** of this bill make
20 conforming changes.

21 Under existing common-law principles of parliamentary law, the chair of a
22 committee serves as the presiding officer of the committee and may take, direct or
23 require any necessary and reasonable actions to carry out the committee's
24 management, government, budget, meetings and proceedings, subject to the laws
25 and rules governing the committee. In addition, if a vacancy occurs in the position
26 of chair, or if the chair is prohibited or disqualified from participating or acting on a
27 particular matter for any reason or is absent, disabled or otherwise unavailable or
28 unable to carry out the position for any reason, the vice chair of the committee
29 serves as the acting chair, with all the powers, privileges and immunities of the
30 position of chair, until the vacancy is filled or the chair is eligible, available or able
31 to carry out the position again, as applicable. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative*
32 *Procedure* §§ 575-579, 608-611 (2020); Luther S. Cushing, *Elements of the Law &*
33 *Practice of Legislative Assemblies* §§ 287, 308, 313, 314, 1910 (1856); *Hicks v.*
34 *Long Branch Comm'n*, 55 A. 250, 250-51 (N.J. 1903)) To assist interim committees
35 in conducting their legislative business consistently with existing common-law
36 principles of parliamentary law, **sections 4-6** of this bill codify those existing
37 common-law principles into the statutory provisions that apply to interim
38 committees. (*Welfare Div. v. Maynard*, 84 Nev. 525, 529 (1968) ("A statutory
39 enactment can be simply a legislative pronouncement of already existing law.");
40 *State Gaming Comm'n v. Southwest Sec.*, 108 Nev. 379, 383-84 (1992))

41 Existing law: (1) establishes Joint Interim Standing Committees of the
42 Legislature that may evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the
43 corresponding standing committees from the preceding regular session of the
44 Legislature, exercise certain investigative powers and, under certain circumstances,
45 conduct studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission; (2)
46 provides for the appointment of regular members and alternative members to each
47 Joint Interim Standing Committee; and (3) requires the Legislative Commission to
48 select a Chair and a Vice Chair for each Joint Interim Standing Committee.
49 (NRS 218E.320, 218E.330)

50 **Sections 8-10** of this bill clarify and revise various requirements governing the
51 Joint Interim Standing Committees. **Section 8** of this bill requires the appointing
52 authorities to appoint the committee members, along with the Chairs and Vice
53 Chairs, not later than August 31 following the adjournment of each regular session.
54 **Section 8** also clarifies the length of the terms that the committee members and the
55 Chairs and Vice Chairs serve while qualified.

56 **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the Joint Interim Standing Committees to begin
57 holding their meetings on September 1 after the adjournment of each regular
58 session, instead of November 1 under existing law. **Section 9** provides that if a
59 regular member cannot attend a meeting of the Committee, an alternate member
60 must, to the extent practicable, be of the same political party as the regular member,
61 and **section 9** clarifies that, when acting in place of a regular member, an alternate
62 member has all the powers, privileges and immunities of a regular member.



63 Existing law requires that any recommended legislation proposed by a Joint
64 Interim Standing Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
65 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly serving on the Committee.
66 (NRS 218E.325) **Section 9** changes this requirement by providing that any
67 recommended legislation proposed by a Committee must be approved by a vote in
68 favor of such legislation by at least five members of the eight-member Committee,
69 regardless of their House.

70 Existing law requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative
71 Operations and Elections to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental
72 purchasing. (NRS 218E.330) **Section 10** of this bill transfers such duties to the
73 Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs. **Section 44** of this bill
74 makes a conforming change to require that the biennial report on recommendations
75 for legislation relating to government purchasing be submitted to the Joint Interim
76 Standing Committee on Government Affairs.

77 Existing law creates the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim
78 Standing Committee on Natural Resources and prescribes the Subcommittee's
79 powers and duties. (NRS 218E.500-218E.525, NRS 321.7355) **Sections 15-17, 43**
80 **and 51** of this bill eliminate the Subcommittee and transfer its powers and duties to
81 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

82 Existing law creates: (1) the Legislative Committee for the Review and
83 Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water
84 System; and (2) the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults
85 With Special Needs. (NRS 218E.550-218E.570, 218E.745-218E.760) **Sections 18**
86 **and 19** of this bill revise the membership, organization and operations of each
87 Legislative Committee.

88 Existing law creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission.
89 (NRS 232B.210-232B.250) **Sections 33-40** of this bill: (1) rename the Sunset
90 Subcommittee as the Sunset Committee of the Legislature; and (2) revise the
91 membership, organization and operations of the Sunset Committee.

92 Existing law authorizes Joint Interim Standing Committees and other interim
93 committees to request the drafting of a certain number legislative measures for each
94 regular session. (NRS 218D.160) **Section 1** of this bill revises the number of such
95 requests that may be made by: (1) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health
96 and Human Services; (2) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary;
97 (3) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; and (4) the Sunset
98 Committee of the Legislature.

99 Existing law requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and
100 Human Services to review certain regulations that are proposed or adopted by
101 certain licensing boards and that are related to health care. (NRS 439B.225)
102 **Section 51** of this bill repeals the requirement that the Joint Interim Standing
103 Committee on Health and Human Services review such regulations. **Sections 41**
104 **and 42** of this bill make conforming changes to eliminate the requirement that such
105 regulations be submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and
106 Human Services.

107 Existing law requires a teacher who wishes to serve on the Nevada State
108 Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force to submit an application to
109 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education on or before January 15 of
110 an even-numbered year. (NRS 391.494) **Section 46** of this bill moves the due date
111 of the application from January 15 of an even-numbered year to December 1 of an
112 odd-numbered year.

113 Existing law requires various reports, documents and other information to be
114 compiled by state or local governmental agencies and then reported to certain
115 legislative committees or staff. (NRS 193.309, 209.192, 209.461, 209.4818,
116 332.215, 388.887, 449.242) **Sections 29-32, 44, 45 and 47** of this bill revise those
117 reporting requirements.



118 Under existing law, the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act
119 (Lobbying Act) prohibits, with certain exceptions, Legislators, legislative officers
120 and legislative staff members from knowingly or willfully soliciting or accepting
121 any gift from a lobbyist, whether or not the Legislature is in a regular or special
122 session. (NRS 218H.060, 218H.090, 218H.930) Under existing exceptions to the
123 gift prohibitions, if Legislators or members of their households receive anything of
124 value from a lobbyist to undertake or attend any educational or informational
125 meetings, events or trips, such meetings, events or trips are excluded from the term
126 "gift" under the Lobbying Act, but the Legislators are required to report the
127 educational or informational meetings, events or trips on their financial disclosure
128 statements under the Nevada Financial Disclosure Act (Financial Disclosure Act).
129 (NRS 218H.045, 218H.060, 281.5583, 281.571)

130 **Sections 20-27** of this bill create exceptions for legislative committee
131 investigative meetings, events or trips. **Section 22** of this bill defines a "legislative
132 committee investigative meeting, event or trip" to include any meetings, events or
133 trips that the chair of a legislative committee authorizes as official meetings, events
134 or trips of the committee in order for the members of the committee and legislative
135 staff members to investigate or otherwise receive any education or information on
136 matters that are pertinent to the committee's legislative business or possible future
137 legislative action. Based on the exceptions in **sections 24 and 26** of this bill, such
138 legislative committee investigative meetings, events or trips are not required to be
139 reported on financial disclosure statements under the Financial Disclosure Act.
140 (NRS 281.5583, 281.5585)

141 **Sections 24 and 26** also make the existing exceptions for educational or
142 informational meetings, events or trips applicable to: (1) legislative officers, such as
143 the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly; and (2) legislative
144 staff members but only if such staff members have the approval of their chief
145 administrative supervisors to undertake or attend the educational or informational
146 meetings, events or trips. Because the Financial Disclosure Act applies to
147 legislative officers, such as the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the
148 Assembly, and to certain senior staff members of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,
149 such as the Director and the chiefs of the divisions, they are required to report the
150 educational or informational meetings, events or trips on financial disclosure
151 statements. By contrast, if rank-and-file legislative staff members have the approval
152 of their chief administrative supervisors to undertake or attend any educational or
153 informational meetings, events or trips, they are not required to report the
154 educational or informational meetings, events or trips on financial disclosure
155 statements, unless they qualify as a public officer or candidate or a member of a
156 public officer's or candidate's household for the purposes of the Financial
157 Disclosure Act. (NRS 281.005, 281.558, 281.5583, 281.5587)

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may
4 request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before
5 the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Legislative
6 Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its



1 employees, including legislative measures requested by the
2 legislative staff.

3 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request
4 the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first
5 day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee, which
6 relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

7 3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule
8 or concurrent resolution:

9 ~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d),~~
10 ~~a] A Joint Interim Standing Committee may request the drafting of~~
11 ~~not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within~~
12 ~~the scope of the Committee [~~

13 ~~—(b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human~~
14 ~~Services may request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative~~
15 ~~measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee,~~
16 ~~at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to child welfare.~~

17 ~~—(c) The] , unless another provision in this subsection~~
18 ~~authorizes a different number of requests for a specific Joint~~
19 ~~Interim Standing Committee.~~

20 *(b) In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant*
21 *to paragraph (a), the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the*
22 *Judiciary may also request the drafting of not more [15] than 5*
23 *legislative measures [which relate to matters within the scope of the*
24 *Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters] relating to*
25 *child welfare and not more than 5 legislative measures* relating to
26 juvenile justice.

27 ~~[(d) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural~~
28 ~~Resources may request the drafting of not more than 14 legislative~~
29 ~~measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee,~~
30 ~~at least 4 of which must relate to matters relating to public lands~~
31 ~~based on the recommendations for legislation submitted by the~~
32 ~~Subcommittee on Public Lands pursuant to NRS 218E.525.~~

33 ~~—(e)] (c) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other~~
34 ~~than the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and~~
35 ~~Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 , the *Sunset*~~
36 ~~*Committee of the Legislature created by NRS 232B.210* or an~~
37 ~~interim legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more~~
38 ~~than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope~~
39 ~~of the committee.~~

40 ~~[(f)] (d) The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens,~~
41 ~~Veterans and Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750~~
42 ~~may request the drafting of not more than 6 legislative measures~~
43 ~~which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.~~

44 ~~[(g)] (e) The *Sunset Committee of the Legislature created by*~~
45 ~~*NRS 232B.210 may request the drafting of not more than 5*~~



1 *legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the*
2 *Committee, except that the Committee may request the drafting of*
3 *additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission*
4 *approves each additional request by a majority vote.*

5 (f) Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of
6 the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request
7 the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to
8 matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that
9 such a committee or subcommittee may request the drafting of
10 additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission
11 approves each additional request by a majority vote.

12 ~~(h)~~ (g) Any other committee established by the Legislature
13 which conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may
14 request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which
15 relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation.

16 ↪ The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be
17 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1
18 preceding a regular session unless the Legislative Commission
19 authorizes submitting a request after that date.

20 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
21 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

22 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
23 thereto a new section to read as follows:

24 1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, if at the*
25 *expiration of a Legislator's current term of office, the Legislator*
26 *will be prohibited from serving again in his or her current House*
27 *because of the limitations on the number of years of service*
28 *pursuant to Section 3 or 4 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution,*
29 *as applicable, the Legislator is not eligible to be appointed,*
30 *designated or selected as the chair or vice chair of a committee, or*
31 *serve in either position, during the legislative interim period that:*

32 (a) *Begins immediately after adjournment sine die of the last*
33 *regular session in which the Legislator is eligible to serve in his or*
34 *her current House; and*

35 (b) *Ends at the expiration of the Legislator's current term of*
36 *office in that House.*

37 2. *The provisions of this section apply to a Legislator whether*
38 *or not the Legislator is eligible to serve in or becomes a candidate*
39 *for a seat in the other House during his or her current term of*
40 *office, except that the provisions of this section do not apply to a*
41 *Legislator who is appointed to fill a vacancy in the other House*
42 *before the expiration of his or her current term of office.*

43 3. *The provisions of this section do not apply to the position*
44 *of Chair or Vice Chair of the Legislative Commission.*



1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218E.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218E.105 As used in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive,
3 *and section 2 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
4 words and terms defined in NRS 218E.110, 218E.115 and 218E.120
5 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6 **Sec. 4.** NRS 218E.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 218E.110 1. "Committee" means the Legislative
8 Commission, a Joint Interim Standing Committee , *the Sunset*
9 *Committee of the Legislature created by NRS 232B.210* and any
10 other legislative committee or subcommittee created by *the*
11 *provisions of this chapter or* a specific statute, concurrent resolution
12 or order of the Legislative Commission to conduct studies or
13 investigations or perform any other legislative business during the
14 legislative interim.

15 2. *The term includes, without limitation, any interim,*
16 *advisory or other similar committee or subcommittee for which*
17 *legislative staff members serve as the primary administrative or*
18 *professional staff.*

19 3. The term does not include any legislative committee or
20 subcommittee appointed by the Legislature or either House to
21 conduct or perform legislative business during a regular or special
22 session, including, without limitation, any joint, standing,
23 temporary, special or select committee or committee of the whole.

24 **Sec. 5.** NRS 218E.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25 218E.125 1. The provisions of NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,
26 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, are intended to supplement the
27 other provisions of this chapter and any other ~~Haw~~ *laws or rules*
28 governing the legislative proceedings of a committee, *including,*
29 *without limitation, any applicable principles of parliamentary law,*
30 and the provisions of NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, *and*
31 *section 2 of this act*, do not limit the application of such other
32 ~~provisions.~~ *legal authorities.*

33 2. The powers, privileges and immunities granted by the
34 provisions of NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, *and section 2*
35 *of this act*, are in addition to any other powers, privileges and
36 immunities recognized by ~~Haw.~~ *any other laws or rules, including,*
37 *without limitation, any applicable principles of parliamentary law,*
38 and all such powers, privileges and immunities are cumulative, so
39 that the application or attempted application of any one does not bar
40 the application or attempted application of any other.

41 **Sec. 6.** NRS 218E.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
42 218E.130 1. A committee may conduct investigations and
43 hold hearings regarding any matter which is pertinent to its
44 legislative business or possible future legislative action and may



1 exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105
2 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~{ }~~, *and section 2 of this act.*

3 2. The secretary of the committee or any member of the
4 committee may administer oaths to witnesses who appear before the
5 committee.

6 3. The chair of the committee, or the secretary of the
7 committee on behalf of the chair, may cause the deposition of
8 witnesses to be taken, whether the witnesses reside within or
9 without the State, in the manner prescribed by court rules for taking
10 depositions in civil actions in the district court.

11 4. *The chair of the committee may take, direct or require any
12 necessary and reasonable actions to carry out the committee's
13 management, government, budget, meetings and proceedings,
14 subject to the laws and rules governing the committee, including,
15 without limitation, any applicable principles of parliamentary law.*

16 5. *If a vacancy occurs in the position of chair of the
17 committee, or if the chair is prohibited or disqualified from
18 participating or acting on a particular matter for any reason or is
19 absent, disabled or otherwise unavailable or unable to carry out
20 the position for any reason, the vice chair of the committee shall
21 serve as the acting chair, with all the powers, privileges and
22 immunities of the position of chair, until the vacancy is filled or
23 the chair is eligible, available or able to carry out the position
24 again, as applicable.*

25 **Sec. 7.** NRS 218E.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 218E.240 1. There is hereby created an Audit Subcommittee
27 of the Legislative Commission consisting of five members.

28 2. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall:

29 (a) Appoint the members of the Audit Subcommittee from
30 among the members of the Legislative Commission and the Interim
31 Finance Committee; and

32 (b) ~~{ Designate }~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of
33 this act, designate* one of the members of the Audit Subcommittee
34 as Chair.

35 3. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall designate
36 five Legislators from among the members of the Legislative
37 Commission and the Interim Finance Committee to serve as
38 alternates for the members of the Audit Subcommittee.

39 4. The Legislative Auditor or a member of the staff of the
40 Audit Division appointed by the Legislative Auditor shall serve as
41 Secretary of the Audit Subcommittee.

42 5. The Audit Subcommittee shall meet at the times and places
43 specified by a call of the Chair.



1 6. Three members of the Audit Subcommittee constitute a
2 quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority
3 conferred on the Audit Subcommittee.

4 **Sec. 8.** NRS 218E.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 218E.320 1. There are hereby created the following Joint
6 Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:

- 7 (a) Commerce and Labor;
8 (b) Education;
9 (c) Government Affairs;
10 (d) Growth and Infrastructure;
11 (e) Health and Human Services;
12 (f) Judiciary;
13 (g) Legislative Operations and Elections;
14 (h) Natural Resources; and
15 (i) Revenue.

16 2. Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight
17 regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is
18 practicable after the adjournment of each regular session ~~[-]~~ *and not*
19 *later than August 31 immediately following such adjournment:*

20 (a) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members of
21 the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and two
22 members of the Assembly as alternate members of each Committee.

23 (b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint two
24 members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee
25 and one member of the Assembly as an alternate member of each
26 Committee.

27 (c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two
28 Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator as
29 an alternate member of each Committee.

30 (d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator
31 as a regular member of each Committee and one Senator as an
32 alternate member of each Committee.

33 3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of
34 the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority
35 Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that, to the
36 extent practicable:

37 (a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint
38 Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing
39 committee or committees during the preceding regular session.

40 (b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each
41 Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political
42 party.

43 4. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act,*
44 *the* Legislative Commission shall ~~[select]~~ *appoint* the Chair and
45 Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among



1 the members of the Committee ~~[]~~ *and shall make such*
2 *appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of*
3 *each regular session and not later than August 31 immediately*
4 *following such adjournment.* The Chair must be appointed from
5 one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other
6 House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between
7 the Houses of the Legislature. ~~[Each of those officers]~~

8 *5. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 2*
9 *of this act, each Chair and Vice Chair holds the position, while*
10 *qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular*
11 *session. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair or Vice Chair,*
12 *the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original*
13 ~~[selection]~~ *appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

14 ~~[5.]~~ *6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a*
15 *member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee holds his or her*
16 *membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor*
17 *is appointed after the next regular session.* The membership of any
18 member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not
19 become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection
20 terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker
21 designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the
22 Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the
23 vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

24 ~~[6.]~~ *7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must*
25 *be filled in the same manner as original appointments.*

26 **Sec. 9.** NRS 218E.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 218E.325 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative
28 Commission, the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee
29 shall meet not earlier than ~~[November 1 of each odd-numbered year]~~
30 *September 1 immediately following the adjournment of each*
31 *regular session* and not later than August 31 of the following even-
32 numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the
33 Chair. ~~[for a majority of the Committee.]~~

34 2. The Director or his or her designee shall act as the nonvoting
35 recording Secretary of each Joint Interim Standing Committee.

36 3. Five members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee
37 constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and
38 authority conferred on the Committee, except that any
39 recommended legislation proposed by ~~[a]~~ *the* Committee must be
40 approved by a ~~[majority of the members of the Senate and a~~
41 ~~majority of the members of the Assembly serving on]~~ *vote in favor*
42 *of such legislation by at least five members of the Committee.*

43 4. *All requests for the drafting of recommended legislation*
44 *approved by a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be made in*
45 *accordance with NRS 218D.160.*



1 **5. If an alternate member of a Joint Interim Standing**
2 **Committee attends a meeting of the Committee in place of a**
3 **regular member who cannot attend the meeting, the alternate**
4 **member who attends the meeting must, to the extent practicable,**
5 **be of the same political party as the regular member. When acting**
6 **in place of a regular member, an alternate member has all the**
7 **powers, privileges and immunities of a regular member.**

8 **6.** Except during a regular or special session, for each day or
9 portion of a day during which a member of a Joint Interim Standing
10 Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise
11 engaged in the work of the Committee, the member is entitled to
12 receive the:

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

15 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and
16 employees generally; and

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

18 ~~{→}~~

19 **7.** The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses
20 of the members of a **Joint Interim Standing** Committee must be
21 paid from the Legislative Fund.

22 **Sec. 10.** NRS 218E.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 218E.330 1. A Joint Interim Standing Committee may:

24 (a) Evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the
25 corresponding standing committee or committees from the
26 preceding regular session;

27 (b) Exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS
28 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~{ }~~, **and section 2 of this act;** and

29 (c) Within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct studies
30 directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.

31 2. In addition to the authorized scope of issues set forth in
32 paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

33 ~~(a) **The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and**~~
34 ~~**Human Services shall, either as part of its regular work or through**~~
35 ~~**appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating**~~
36 ~~**to child welfare.**~~

37 ~~—(b)~~ The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary
38 shall, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a
39 subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating to **child welfare**
40 **and** juvenile justice.

41 ~~{(e)}~~ **(b)** The Joint Interim Standing Committee on ~~{Legislative~~
42 ~~Operations and Elections}~~ **Government Affairs** may evaluate and
43 review issues relating to governmental purchasing, including,
44 without limitation, recommendations submitted to the Joint Interim



1 Standing Committee by the Commission to Study Governmental
2 Purchasing pursuant to NRS 332.215.

3 3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
4 budget and work program of each Joint Interim Standing Committee
5 and any changes to the budget or work program.

6 4. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a
7 comprehensive report of the Committee's activities in the interim
8 and its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation.
9 The report must be submitted to the Director for distribution to the
10 next regular session.

11 **Sec. 11.** NRS 218E.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 218E.400 1. There is hereby created in the Legislative
13 Counsel Bureau an Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise
14 provided in this section, the Interim Finance Committee is
15 composed of the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on
16 Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance
17 during the current or immediately preceding regular session.

18 2. Except as otherwise provided in ~~{this subsection, the}~~
19 *subsections 3 and 4:*

20 (a) *The* immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee
21 on Finance is the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee for the
22 period ending with the convening of each even-numbered regular
23 session ~~{,}~~;

24 (b) The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing
25 Committee on Ways and Means is the Chair of the Interim Finance
26 Committee during the next legislative interim ~~{, and the}~~; *and*

27 (c) *The* position of Chair *of the Interim Finance Committee*
28 alternates between the Houses according to this pattern.

29 3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the*
30 *immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on*
31 *Finance or the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and*
32 *Means, as applicable, is not eligible to serve as the Chair of the*
33 *Interim Finance Committee pursuant to section 2 of this act, the*
34 *position of Chair of the Interim Finance Committee must be*
35 *appointed as follows:*

36 (a) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Senate for that*
37 *legislative interim, the Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint*
38 *an eligible immediate past member of the Senate Standing*
39 *Committee on Finance as the Chair of the Interim Finance*
40 *Committee.*

41 (b) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Assembly for*
42 *that legislative interim, the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint*
43 *an eligible immediate past member of the Assembly Standing*
44 *Committee on Ways and Means as the Chair of the Interim*
45 *Finance Committee.*



1 4. The term of the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee
2 terminates if a new Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on
3 Ways and Means or the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, as
4 the case may be, is designated for the next regular session, in which
5 case that person so designated serves as the Chair of the Interim
6 Finance Committee until the convening of that regular session.

7 ~~[3-]~~ 5. If any regular member of the Interim Finance
8 Committee informs the Secretary that the member will be unable to
9 attend a particular meeting, the Secretary shall notify the Speaker of
10 the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate, as the case may
11 be, to appoint an alternate for that meeting from the same House and
12 political party as the absent member.

13 ~~[4-]~~ 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[5-]~~ 7, the
14 term of a member of the Interim Finance Committee expires upon
15 the convening of the next regular session unless the member is
16 replaced by the appointing authority. If the Speaker designate of the
17 Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate designates
18 members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means
19 or the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, as applicable, for the
20 next regular session, the designated members become members of
21 the Interim Finance Committee. A member may be reappointed.

22 ~~[5-]~~ 7. The membership of any member who does not become a
23 candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates
24 on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of
25 the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the
26 case may be, shall appoint an alternate to fill the vacancy on the
27 Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this
28 subsection, each alternate serves on the Interim Finance Committee:

29 (a) If the alternate is a member of the Assembly, until the
30 Speaker designate of the Assembly designates the members of the
31 Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means for the next
32 regular session or appoints a different alternate.

33 (b) If the alternate is a member of the Senate, until the Majority
34 Leader designate of the Senate designates the members of the
35 Senate Standing Committee on Finance for the next regular session
36 or appoints a different alternate.

37 ~~[6-]~~ 8. The Director shall act as the Secretary of the Interim
38 Finance Committee.

39 ~~[7-]~~ 9. A majority of the members of the Assembly Standing
40 Committee on Ways and Means and a majority of the members of
41 the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, jointly, may call a
42 meeting of the Interim Finance Committee if the Chair does not do
43 so.

44 ~~[8-]~~ 10. In all matters requiring action by the Interim Finance
45 Committee, the vote of the Assembly members and the Senate



1 members must be taken separately. No action may be taken unless it
2 receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the Assembly
3 members and a majority of the Senate members.

4 ~~[9.]~~ **11.** The Interim Finance Committee may conduct
5 investigations and hold hearings in connection with its functions and
6 duties and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS
7 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~;~~
8 ~~—10.]~~, *and section 2 of this act.*

9 **12.** Except during a regular or special session, for each day or
10 portion of a day during which a member of the Interim Finance
11 Committee and appointed alternate attends a meeting of the Interim
12 Finance Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the
13 Interim Finance Committee, the member or appointed alternate is
14 entitled to receive:

15 (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators
16 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

17 (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and
18 employees generally; and

19 (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

20 ~~[11.]~~ **13.** All such compensation, per diem allowances and
21 travel expenses must be paid from the Contingency Fund in the
22 State Treasury.

23 **Sec. 12.** NRS 218E.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218E.405 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
25 the Interim Finance Committee may exercise the powers conferred
26 upon it by law only when the Legislature is not in a regular or
27 special session.

28 2. During a regular or special session, the Interim Finance
29 Committee may also perform the duties imposed on it by NRS
30 228.1111, subsection 5 of NRS 284.115, NRS 285.070, subsection 2
31 of NRS 321.335, NRS 322.007, subsection 2 of NRS 323.020,
32 NRS 323.050, subsection 1 of NRS 323.100, subsection 3 of NRS
33 341.126, NRS 341.142, paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS
34 341.145, subsection 3 of NRS 349.073, NRS 353.220, 353.224,
35 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive, 353.288, 353.335, 353C.224,
36 353C.226, paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 407.0762, NRS
37 428.375, 433.732, 439.4905, 439.620, 439.630, 445B.830,
38 subsection 1 of NRS 445C.320 and NRS 538.650. In performing
39 those duties, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the
40 Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means may meet
41 separately and transmit the results of their respective votes to the
42 Chair of the Interim Finance Committee to determine the action of
43 the Interim Finance Committee as a whole.

44 3. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may appoint a
45 subcommittee consisting of six members of the Committee to



1 review and make recommendations to the Committee on matters of
2 the State Public Works Division of the Department of
3 Administration that require prior approval of the Interim Finance
4 Committee pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 341.126, NRS 341.142
5 and paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 341.145. If the Chair
6 appoints such a subcommittee:

7 (a) ~~the~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act,*
8 *the* Chair shall designate one of the members of the subcommittee to
9 serve as the chair of the subcommittee;

10 (b) The subcommittee shall meet throughout the year at the
11 times and places specified by the call of the chair of the
12 subcommittee; and

13 (c) The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the
14 nonvoting recording secretary of the subcommittee.

15 **Sec. 13.** NRS 218E.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 218E.420 1. There is hereby created an Interim Retirement
17 and Benefits Committee of the Legislature to:

18 (a) Review the operation of the Public Employees' Retirement
19 System, the Judicial Retirement System established pursuant to
20 chapter 1A of NRS and the Public Employees' Benefits Program;
21 and

22 (b) Make recommendations to the Public Employees'
23 Retirement Board and the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits
24 Program, the Legislative Commission and the Legislature.

25 2. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee consists of
26 six members appointed as follows:

27 (a) Three members of the Senate, one of whom is the *immediate*
28 *past* Chair of the *Senate Standing* Committee on Finance during the
29 preceding regular session and two of whom are appointed by the
30 Majority Leader of the Senate.

31 (b) Three members of the Assembly, one of whom is the
32 *immediate past* Chair of the *Assembly Standing* Committee on
33 Ways and Means during the preceding regular session and two of
34 whom are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

35 3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
36 budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the
37 budget or work program.

38 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5:*

39 (a) The immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee
40 on Finance is the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits
41 Committee for the period ending with the convening of each odd-
42 numbered regular session ~~§~~;

43 (b) The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing
44 Committee on Ways and Means is the Chair of the Interim



1 Retirement and Benefits Committee during the next legislative
2 interim ~~[, and the]~~; and

3 (c) *The position of Chair of the Interim Retirement and*
4 *Benefits Committee* alternates between the Houses according to this
5 pattern.

6 5. *If the immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing*
7 *Committee on Finance or the Assembly Standing Committee on*
8 *Ways and Means, as applicable, is not eligible to serve as the*
9 *Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee pursuant*
10 *to section 2 of this act, the position of Chair of the Interim*
11 *Retirement and Benefits Committee must be appointed as follows:*

12 (a) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Senate for that*
13 *legislative interim, the Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint*
14 *an eligible immediate past member of the Senate Standing*
15 *Committee on Finance as the Chair of the Interim Retirement and*
16 *Benefits Committee.*

17 (b) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Assembly for*
18 *that legislative interim, the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint*
19 *an eligible immediate past member of the Assembly Standing*
20 *Committee on Ways and Means as the Chair of the Interim*
21 *Retirement and Benefits Committee.*

22 6. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee may
23 exercise the powers conferred on it by law only when the
24 Legislature is not in a regular or special session and shall meet at the
25 call of the Chair.

26 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee may
27 conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its
28 functions and duties and exercise any of the investigative powers set
29 forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~[~~
30 ~~—7.]~~, and section 2 of this act.

31 8. The Director shall provide a Secretary for the Interim
32 Retirement and Benefits Committee.

33 ~~[8.]~~ 9. For each day or portion of a day during which members
34 of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee attend a meeting
35 of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee or are otherwise
36 engaged in the business of the Interim Retirement and Benefits
37 Committee, the members are entitled to receive:

38 (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators
39 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

40 (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and
41 employees generally; and

42 (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

43 ~~[9.]~~ 10. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel
44 expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



1 **Sec. 14.** NRS 218E.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218E.440 1. If:

3 (a) The Legislature, by concurrent resolution, during a regular
4 session; or

5 (b) The Interim Finance Committee, by resolution, while the
6 Legislature is not in a regular session,

7 ↳ determines that the performance of a fundamental review of the
8 base budget of a particular agency is necessary, the Interim Finance
9 Committee shall create a legislative committee for the fundamental
10 review of the base budgets of state agencies.

11 2. The Interim Finance Committee:

12 (a) May create more than one such committee if the number of
13 agencies designated for review warrants additional committees; and

14 (b) If more than one such committee is created, shall determine
15 which agencies are to be reviewed by the respective committees.

16 3. For each such committee, the Interim Finance Committee
17 shall:

18 (a) Appoint all the members;

19 (b) Appoint an equal number of members from the Senate and
20 the Assembly;

21 (c) Appoint at least a majority of the members from the Interim
22 Finance Committee; and

23 (d) ~~Designate~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of*
24 *this act, designate* the chair.

25 4. Any member of a committee who is not a candidate for
26 reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after
27 the general election until the next regular or special session
28 convenes.

29 5. Vacancies on a committee must be filled in the same manner
30 as original appointments.

31 6. A majority of the members appointed to a committee
32 constitutes a quorum.

33 7. The Director shall assign employees of the Legislative
34 Counsel Bureau to provide such technical, clerical and operational
35 assistance to a committee as the functions and operations of the
36 committee may require.

37 **Sec. 15.** NRS 218E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 218E.500 The Legislature finds and declares that:

39 1. Policies and issues relating to public lands and state
40 sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land are matters of
41 continuing concern to this State.

42 2. This concern necessarily includes an awareness that all
43 federal statutes, policies and regulations which affect the
44 management of public lands are likely to have extensive effects



1 within the State and must not be ignored or automatically dismissed
2 as beyond the reach of the state's policymakers.

3 3. Experience with federal regulations relating to public lands
4 has demonstrated that the State of Nevada and its citizens are
5 subjected to regulations which sometimes are unreasonable,
6 arbitrary, beyond the intent of the Congress or the scope of the
7 authority of the agency adopting them and that as a result these
8 regulations should be subjected to legislative review and comment,
9 and judicially tested where appropriate, to protect the rights and
10 interests of the State and its citizens.

11 4. Other western states where public lands comprise a large
12 proportion of the total area have shown an interest in matters
13 relating to public lands and those states, along with Nevada, have
14 been actively participating in cooperative efforts to acquire, evaluate
15 and share information and promote greater understanding of the
16 issues. Since Nevada can both contribute to and benefit from such
17 interstate activities, it is appropriate that ~~the~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
18 *Natural Resources* be assigned primary responsibility for
19 participating in them.
20

21 **Sec. 16.** NRS 218E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 218E.520 1. The ~~Subcommittee~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
23 *Committee on Natural Resources* may:

24 (a) Review and comment on any administrative policy, rule or
25 regulation of the:

26 (1) Secretary of the Interior which pertains to policy
27 concerning or management of public lands under the control of the
28 Federal Government; and

29 (2) Secretary of Agriculture which pertains to policy
30 concerning or management of national forests;

31 (b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with
32 its review, including, but not limited to, investigating the effect on
33 the State, its citizens, political subdivisions, businesses and
34 industries of those policies, rules, regulations and related laws, and
35 exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105
36 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~and~~, *and section 2 of this act;*

37 (c) Consult with and advise the State Land Use Planning
38 Agency on matters concerning federal land use, policies and
39 activities in this State;

40 (d) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its
41 research, investigations, review and comment;

42 (e) Recommend to the Legislature as a result of its review any
43 appropriate state legislation or corrective federal legislation;

44 (f) Advise the Attorney General if it believes that any federal
45 policy, rule or regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the



1 sovereignty respecting land or water or their use which has been
2 reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution of the United
3 States;

4 (g) Enter into a contract for consulting services for land
5 planning and any other related activities, including, but not limited
6 to:

7 (1) Advising the ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* and the State
8 Land Use Planning Agency concerning the revision of the plans
9 pursuant to NRS 321.7355;

10 (2) Assisting local governments in the identification of lands
11 administered by the Federal Government in this State which are
12 needed for residential or economic development or any other
13 purpose; and

14 (3) Assisting local governments in the acquisition of federal
15 lands in this State;

16 (h) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or
17 donations to assist the ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* in carrying out
18 its duties; and

19 (i) Review and comment on any other matter relating to the
20 preservation, conservation, use, management or disposal of public
21 lands deemed appropriate by the Chair of the ~~{Subcommittee}~~
22 *Committee* or by a majority of the members of the ~~{Subcommittee.}~~
23 *Committee.*

24 2. Any reference in this section to federal policies, rules,
25 regulations and related federal laws includes those which are
26 proposed as well as those which are enacted or adopted.

27 **Sec. 17.** NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 218E.525 1. The ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
29 *Committee on Natural Resources* shall:

30 (a) Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in
31 the western states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as
32 impaired by federal ownership of land.

33 (b) Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and
34 national forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public
35 lands.

36 (c) Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in
37 the management of public lands and will increase the disposal of
38 public lands.

39 2. The ~~{Subcommittee.}~~ *Committee:*

40 (a) Shall review the programs and activities of:

41 (1) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;

42 (2) All public water authorities, districts and systems in the
43 State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada
44 Water Authority, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin
45 Valley Water District, the Carson Water Subconservancy District,



1 the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the Truckee-Carson
2 Irrigation District; and

3 (3) All other public or private entities with which any county
4 in the State has an agreement regarding the planning, development
5 or distribution of water resources, or any combination thereof; *and*

6 ~~(b) [Shall submit recommendations for legislation to the Joint
7 Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;~~

8 ~~—(c) Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd numbered year,
9 submit to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural
10 Resources for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the
11 review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and~~

12 ~~—(d)]~~ May review and comment on other issues relating to water
13 resources in this State, including, without limitation:

14 (1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use,
15 allocation and management of water in this State; and

16 (2) The status of existing information and studies relating to
17 water use, surface water resources and groundwater resources in this
18 State.

19 **Sec. 18.** NRS 218E.555 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 218E.555 1. There is hereby created the Legislative
21 Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional
22 Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System . ~~[consisting
23 of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly,
24 appointed by the Legislative Commission with]~~

25 *2. The Committee consists of eight regular members and five
26 alternate members who are appointed in the same manner as the
27 members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee pursuant to NRS
28 218E.320, except that the members of the Committee must be
29 appointed, to the extent practicable:*

30 *(a) With* appropriate regard for their experience with and
31 knowledge of matters relating to the management of natural
32 resources ~~[. The members must be appointed to]; and~~

33 *(b) To* provide representation from the various geographical
34 regions of the State.

35 ~~[2.—The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
36 budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the
37 budget or work program—~~

38 ~~—3.—The members of the Committee shall elect a Chair from one
39 House and a Vice Chair from the other House. Each Chair and Vice
40 Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of
41 each odd numbered year.~~

42 ~~—4.—Any member of the Committee who is not a candidate for
43 reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after
44 the general election until the next regular or special session
45 convenes.~~



1 ~~—5. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same~~
2 ~~manner as original appointments.~~

3 ~~—6. The Committee shall report annually to the Legislative~~
4 ~~Commission concerning its activities and any recommendations.]~~

5 3. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions*
6 *of NRS 218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330:*

7 (a) *Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint*
8 *Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation,*
9 *providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and*
10 *immunities set forth in those provisions; and*

11 (b) *Control the Committee's formation, organization and*
12 *operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers,*
13 *management, government, budget, compensation, allowances,*
14 *expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not*
15 *be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of*
16 *the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of*
17 *legislative measures pursuant to NRS 218D.160.*

18 4. *If there is a conflict between the provisions of NRS*
19 *218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330 and the provisions of a specific*
20 *statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific*
21 *statute control.*

22 **Sec. 19.** NRS 218E.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 218E.750 1. The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens,
24 Veterans and Adults With Special Needs [~~consisting of six~~
25 ~~members.~~] is hereby created.

26 2. The [~~membership of the~~] Committee consists of [~~:~~

27 ~~—(a) Three members of the Senate appointed by the Majority~~
28 ~~Leader of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the~~
29 ~~minority political party; and~~

30 ~~—(b) Three members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of~~
31 ~~the Assembly, at least one of whom must be a member of the~~
32 ~~minority political party.~~

33 ~~—2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the~~
34 ~~budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the~~
35 ~~budget or work program.~~

36 ~~—3. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice~~
37 ~~Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Committee.~~
38 ~~After the initial selection, each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for~~
39 ~~a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.~~
40 ~~The office of Chair of the Committee must alternate each biennium~~
41 ~~between the Houses. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or~~
42 ~~Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the~~
43 ~~original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

44 ~~—4. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for~~
45 ~~reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after~~



~~1 the general election until the next regular or special session
2 convenes.~~

~~3 —5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same
4 manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the
5 unexpired term.] eight regular members and five alternate
6 members who are appointed in the same manner as the members
7 of a Joint Interim Standing Committee pursuant to
8 NRS 218E.320.~~

9 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions
10 of NRS 218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330:

11 (a) Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint
12 Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation,
13 providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and
14 immunities set forth in those provisions; and

15 (b) Control the Committee's formation, organization and
16 operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers,
17 management, government, budget, compensation, allowances,
18 expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not
19 be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of
20 the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of
21 legislative measures pursuant to NRS 218D.160.

22 4. If there is a conflict between the provisions of NRS
23 218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330 and the provisions of a specific
24 statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific
25 statute control.

26 **Sec. 20.** Chapter 218H of NRS is hereby amended by adding
27 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 21 and 22 of this act.

28 **Sec. 21. 1.** "Legislative committee" means any committee,
29 subcommittee, commission or similar body created or authorized
30 by the Legislature or either House to conduct or perform
31 legislative business at the direction of or on behalf of the
32 Legislature or either House.

33 2. The term includes, without limitation, any interim,
34 advisory or other committee, subcommittee, commission or similar
35 body for which legislative staff members serve as the primary
36 administrative or professional staff.

37 **Sec. 22.** "Legislative committee investigative meeting, event
38 or trip" means any meeting, event or trip that the chair of a
39 legislative committee authorizes as an official meeting, event or
40 trip of the committee in order for the members of the committee
41 and legislative staff members to investigate or otherwise receive
42 any education or information on matters that are pertinent to the
43 committee's legislative business or possible future legislative
44 action.



1 **Sec. 23.** NRS 218H.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218H.030 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
3 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 218H.033 to
4 218H.110, inclusive, *and sections 21 and 22 of this act*, have the
5 meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

6 **Sec. 24.** NRS 218H.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 218H.045 1. “Educational or informational meeting, event or
8 trip” means any meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a
9 Legislator ~~[H]~~ *or legislative officer, or any legislative staff member*
10 *with the approval of his or her chief administrative supervisor, if*
11 in connection with the meeting, event or trip:

12 (a) The Legislator , *legislative officer or legislative staff*
13 *member*, or a member of ~~[the Legislator’s]~~ *his or her* household ,
14 receives anything of value from a lobbyist to undertake or attend the
15 meeting, event or trip; and

16 (b) The Legislator , *legislative officer or legislative staff*
17 *member* provides or receives any education or information on
18 matters relating to the legislative, administrative or political action
19 of the Legislator ~~[H]~~ *or the Legislative Branch.*

20 2. The term includes, without limitation, any reception,
21 gathering, conference, convention, discussion, forum, roundtable,
22 seminar, symposium, speaking engagement or other similar
23 meeting, event or trip with an educational or informational
24 component.

25 3. The term does not include:

26 (a) A meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a
27 Legislator , *legislative officer or legislative staff member*, or a
28 member of ~~[the Legislator’s]~~ *his or her* household , for personal
29 reasons or for reasons relating to any professional or occupational
30 license held by the ~~[Legislator or the member of the Legislator’s~~
31 ~~household.]~~ *person*, unless the ~~[Legislator or the member of the~~
32 ~~Legislator’s household]~~ *person* participates as one of the primary
33 speakers, instructors or presenters at the meeting, event or trip.

34 (b) A meeting, event or trip undertaken or attended by a
35 Legislator , *legislative officer or legislative staff member*, or a
36 member of ~~[the Legislator’s]~~ *his or her* household , if the meeting,
37 event or trip is undertaken or attended as part of his or her bona fide
38 employment or service as an employee or independent contractor
39 and anything of value received by the ~~[Legislator or the member of~~
40 ~~the Legislator’s household]~~ *person* for the meeting, event or trip or
41 otherwise paid for or reimbursed to the ~~[Legislator or the member of~~
42 ~~the Legislator’s household]~~ *person* as part of his or her bona fide
43 employment or service as an employee or independent contractor.

44 (c) A party, meal, function or other social event to which every
45 Legislator is invited where educational or informational displays or



1 materials are available but no formal speech, presentation or other
2 similar action to educate or inform the Legislators occurs.

3 *(d) A legislative committee investigative meeting, event or trip.*

4 4. For the purposes of this section, “anything of value”
5 includes, without limitation, any actual expenses for food,
6 beverages, registration fees, travel or lodging provided or given to
7 or paid for the benefit of the Legislator , *legislative officer or*
8 *legislative staff member*, or a member of ~~the Legislator’s~~ *his or*
9 *her* household , or reimbursement for any such actual expenses paid
10 by the ~~Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household,~~
11 *person*, if the expenses are incurred on a day during which the
12 ~~Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household~~ *person*
13 undertakes or attends the meeting, event or trip or during which the
14 ~~Legislator or a member of the Legislator’s household~~ *person*
15 travels to or from the meeting, event or trip.

16 5. *For the purposes of this section, if a legislative staff*
17 *member undertakes or attends a meeting, event or trip that meets*
18 *the definition of “educational or informational meeting, event or*
19 *trip” set forth in this section, the legislative staff member is not*
20 *subject to the Nevada Financial Disclosure Act in NRS 281.5555*
21 *to 281.581, inclusive, unless the legislative staff member is a*
22 *public officer or candidate or a member of a public officer’s or*
23 *candidate’s household for the purposes of that Act.*

24 **Sec. 25.** NRS 218H.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 218H.050 1. “Expenditure” means any of the following acts
26 by a lobbyist while the Legislature is in a regular or special session:

27 (a) Any payment, conveyance, transfer, distribution, deposit,
28 advance, loan, forbearance, subscription, pledge or rendering of
29 money, services or anything else of value; or

30 (b) Any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation,
31 whether or not legally enforceable, to make any such expenditure.

32 2. The term includes, without limitation:

33 (a) Anything of value provided for an educational or
34 informational meeting, event or trip ~~or~~ *or a legislative committee*
35 *investigative meeting, event or trip.*

36 (b) The cost of a party, meal, function or other social event to
37 which every Legislator is invited.

38 3. The term does not include:

39 (a) A prohibited gift.

40 (b) A lobbyist’s personal expenditures for his or her own food,
41 beverages, lodging, travel expenses or membership fees or dues.

42 **Sec. 26.** NRS 218H.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 218H.060 1. “Gift” means any payment, conveyance,
44 transfer, distribution, deposit, advance, loan, forbearance,
45 subscription, pledge or rendering of money, services or anything



1 else of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is
2 received.

3 2. The term does not include:

4 (a) Any political contribution of money or services related to a
5 political campaign.

6 (b) Any commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary
7 course of business.

8 (c) Anything of value provided for an educational or
9 informational meeting, event or trip ~~[-]~~ *or a legislative committee
10 investigative meeting, event or trip.*

11 (d) The cost of a party, meal, function or other social event to
12 which every Legislator is invited, including, without limitation, the
13 cost of food or beverages provided at the party, meal, function or
14 other social event. For the purposes of this paragraph, there is a
15 presumption that every Legislator is invited if the party, meal,
16 function or other social event is held at any governmental building,
17 facility or other property or the invitation for or notice of the party,
18 meal, function or other social event indicates that it is a legislative
19 event.

20 (e) Any ceremonial gifts received for a birthday, wedding,
21 anniversary, holiday or other ceremonial occasion from a donor who
22 is not a lobbyist.

23 (f) Anything of value received from a person who is:

24 (1) Related to the recipient, or to the spouse or domestic
25 partner of the recipient, by blood, adoption, marriage or domestic
26 partnership within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; or

27 (2) A member of the recipient's household.

28 (g) Anything of value received by a person as part of his or her
29 bona fide employment or service as an employee or independent
30 contractor or otherwise paid for or reimbursed to the person as part
31 of his or her bona fide employment or service as an employee or
32 independent contractor.

33 **Sec. 27.** NRS 218H.092 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 218H.092 ~~["Member of the Legislator's household" means]~~

35 *For the purposes of this chapter, "member of the person's*
36 *household" or "member of his or her household," or any variation*
37 *thereof, shall be deemed to mean:*

38 1. *For a person who is subject to the Nevada Financial*
39 *Disclosure Act in NRS 281.5555 to 281.581, inclusive, a member*
40 *of ~~the Legislator's~~ his or her household for the purposes of that*
41 *Act.*

42 2. *For any other person, a substantially similar member of*
43 *his or her household as if the Nevada Financial Disclosure Act in*
44 *NRS 281.5555 to 281.581, inclusive ~~[-]~~, applied to the person but*
45 *only for the limited purposes of this definition.*



1 **Sec. 28.** NRS 176.0129 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 176.0129 **1.** The Office of Finance shall, on an annual basis,
3 contract for the services of an independent contractor, in accordance
4 with the provisions of NRS 333.700, to review sentences imposed in
5 this State and the practices of the State Board of Parole
6 Commissioners and project annually the number of persons who
7 will be:

8 ~~1-1~~ **(a)** In a facility or institution of the Department of
9 Corrections;

10 ~~2-1~~ **(b)** On probation;

11 ~~3-1~~ **(c)** On parole; and

12 ~~4-1~~ **(d)** Serving a term of residential confinement,

13 ↪ during the 10 years immediately following the date of the
14 projection.

15 **2.** *On or before December 1 of each year, the Office of
16 Finance shall prepare an annual report of the review and
17 projections made by the independent contractor pursuant to
18 subsection 1 and provide the report to:*

19 **(a)** *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary;*
20 *and*

21 **(b)** *The Department of Sentencing Policy.*

22 **Sec. 29.** NRS 193.309 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 193.309 **1.** Each law enforcement agency shall annually
24 make available to the public and on a monthly basis submit to the
25 Central Repository a report that includes, without limitation, a
26 compilation of statistics relating to incidents involving the use of
27 force that occurred during the immediately preceding calendar year,
28 or month, as applicable, including, without limitation:

29 **(a)** The number of complaints against peace officers employed
30 by the law enforcement agency relating to the use of force and the
31 number of such complaints that were substantiated; and

32 **(b)** A compilation of statistics relating to incidents involving the
33 use of force that, for each incident, includes, without limitation, all
34 information collected by the National Use-of-Force Data Collection
35 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

36 **2.** Each law enforcement agency shall submit the report
37 required pursuant to subsection 1 in a manner approved by the
38 Director of the Department of Public Safety and in accordance with
39 the policies, procedures and definitions of the Department.

40 **3.** The Central Repository shall make the use-of-force data
41 submitted by each law enforcement agency pursuant to subsection 1
42 available for access by the public on the Internet website of the
43 Central Repository.



1 4. The Central Repository may accept gifts, grants and
2 donations from any source for the purpose of carrying out the
3 provisions of this section.

4 5. To the extent of legislative appropriation, the Office of the
5 Attorney General shall:

6 (a) Review the use-of-force data that is publicly available on the
7 Internet website of the Central Repository;

8 (b) Prepare a report containing any conclusions or
9 recommendations resulting from its review; and

10 (c) On or before December 1 of each year, submit to the
11 Governor, *the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary*
12 and ~~to~~ the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
13 transmittal to the Legislature the report prepared pursuant to
14 paragraph (b).

15 6. Each law enforcement agency in this State shall participate
16 in the National Use-of-Force Data Collection of the Federal Bureau
17 of Investigation.

18 7. Information collected pursuant to this section must not be
19 introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any way against a
20 peace officer during a criminal proceeding.

21 8. As used in this section:

22 (a) "Central Repository" means the Central Repository for
23 Nevada Records of Criminal History.

24 (b) "Law enforcement agency" means:

25 (1) The sheriff's office of a county;

26 (2) A metropolitan police department;

27 (3) A police department of an incorporated city;

28 (4) The Department of Corrections;

29 (5) The police department for the Nevada System of Higher
30 Education;

31 (6) Any political subdivision of this State employing park
32 rangers to enforce laws within its jurisdiction; or

33 (7) Any political subdivision of this State which has as its
34 primary duty the enforcement of law and which employs peace
35 officers to fulfill its duty.

36 **Sec. 30.** NRS 209.192 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 209.192 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
38 Fund for New Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries as a
39 capital projects fund. The Director shall deposit in the Fund the
40 deductions made pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of
41 subsection 3 or subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 4 of
42 NRS 209.463. The money in the Fund must only be expended:

43 (a) To house new industries or expand existing industries in the
44 industrial program to provide additional employment of offenders;



1 (b) To relocate, expand, upgrade or modify an existing industry
2 in the industrial program to enhance or improve operations or
3 security or to provide additional employment or training of
4 offenders;

5 (c) To purchase or lease equipment to be used for the training of
6 offenders or in the operations of prison industries;

7 (d) To pay or fund the operations of prison industries, including,
8 without limitation, paying the salaries of staff and wages of
9 offenders if the cash balance in the Fund for Prison Industries is
10 below the average monthly expenses for the operation of prison
11 industries;

12 (e) To advertise and promote the goods produced and services
13 provided by prison industries; or

14 (f) For any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

15 2. Before money in the Fund may be expended:

16 (a) As described in paragraphs (b) to (e), inclusive, of subsection
17 1, the Director shall submit a proposal for the expenditure to the
18 ~~Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary~~ *Interim*
19 *Finance Committee* and the State Board of Examiners.

20 (b) For construction, the Director shall submit a proposal for the
21 expenditure to the State Board of Examiners.

22 3. Upon making a determination that the proposed expenditure
23 is appropriate and necessary, the State Board of Examiners shall
24 recommend to the Interim Finance Committee, or the Senate
25 Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing
26 Committee on Ways and Means when the Legislature is in general
27 session, that the expenditure be approved. Upon approval of the
28 appropriate committee or committees, the money may be so
29 expended.

30 4. If any money in the Fund is used as described in paragraph
31 (d) of subsection 1, the Director shall repay the amount used as soon
32 as sufficient money is available in the Fund for Prison Industries.

33 5. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,
34 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
35 Fund.

36 6. As used in this section, "Fund" means Fund for New
37 Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries.

38 **Sec. 31.** NRS 209.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 209.461 1. The Director shall:

40 (a) To the greatest extent possible, approximate the normal
41 conditions of training and employment in the community.

42 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, to the extent
43 practicable, require each offender, except those whose behavior is
44 found by the Director to preclude participation, to spend 40 hours
45 each week in vocational training or employment, unless excused for



1 a medical reason or to attend educational classes in accordance with
2 NRS 209.396. The Director shall require as a condition of
3 employment that an offender sign an authorization for the
4 deductions from his or her wages made pursuant to NRS 209.463.
5 Authorization to make the deductions pursuant to NRS 209.463 is
6 implied from the employment of an offender and a signed
7 authorization from the offender is not required for the Director to
8 make the deductions pursuant to NRS 209.463.

9 (c) Use the earnings from services and manufacturing conducted
10 by the institutions and the money paid by private employers who
11 employ the offenders to offset the costs of operating the prison
12 system and to provide wages for the offenders being trained or
13 employed.

14 (d) Provide equipment, space and management for services and
15 manufacturing by offenders.

16 (e) Employ craftsmen and other personnel to supervise and
17 instruct offenders.

18 (f) Contract with governmental agencies and private employers
19 for the employment of offenders, including their employment on
20 public works projects under contracts with the State and with local
21 governments.

22 (g) Contract for the use of offenders' services and for the sale of
23 goods manufactured by offenders.

24 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, and every 5 years thereafter,
25 submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
26 distribution to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the
27 Judiciary. The report must include, without limitation, an analysis of
28 existing contracts with private employers for the employment of
29 offenders and the potential impact of those contracts on private
30 industry in this State.

31 (i) Submit a report to each meeting of the Interim Finance
32 Committee identifying any accounts receivable related to a program
33 for the employment of offenders.

34 2. Every program for the employment of offenders established
35 by the Director must:

36 (a) Employ the maximum number of offenders possible;

37 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 209.192, provide for
38 the use of money produced by the program to reduce the cost of
39 maintaining the offenders in the institutions;

40 (c) Have an insignificant effect on the number of jobs available
41 to the residents of this State; and

42 (d) Provide occupational training for offenders.

43 3. An offender may not engage in vocational training,
44 employment or a business that requires or permits the offender to:

45 (a) Telemarket or conduct opinion polls by telephone; or



1 (b) Acquire, review, use or have control over or access to
2 personal information concerning any person who is not incarcerated.

3 4. Each fiscal year, the cumulative profits and losses, if any, of
4 the programs for the employment of offenders established by the
5 Director must result in a profit for the Department. The following
6 must not be included in determining whether there is a profit for the
7 Department:

8 (a) Fees credited to the Fund for Prison Industries pursuant to
9 NRS 482.268, any revenue collected by the Department for the
10 leasing of space, facilities or equipment within the institutions or
11 facilities of the Department, and any interest or income earned on
12 the money in the Fund for Prison Industries.

13 (b) The selling expenses of the Central Administrative Office of
14 the programs for the employment of offenders. As used in this
15 paragraph, "selling expenses" means delivery expenses, salaries of
16 sales personnel and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs of
17 advertising and the costs of display models.

18 (c) The general and administrative expenses of the Central
19 Administrative Office of the programs for the employment of
20 offenders. As used in this paragraph, "general and administrative
21 expenses" means the salary of the Deputy Director of Industrial
22 Programs and the salaries of any other personnel of the Central
23 Administrative Office and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs
24 of telephone usage, and the costs of office supplies used and postage
25 used.

26 5. If any state-sponsored program incurs a net loss for 2
27 consecutive fiscal years, the Director shall appear before the ~~Joint~~
28 ~~Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary~~ *Interim Finance*
29 *Committee* to explain the reasons for the net loss and provide a plan
30 for the generation of a profit in the next fiscal year. If the program
31 does not generate a profit in the third fiscal year, the Director shall
32 take appropriate steps to resolve the issue.

33 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Director
34 may, with the approval of the Board:

35 (a) Lease spaces and facilities within any institution of the
36 Department to private employers to be used for the vocational
37 training and employment of offenders.

38 (b) Grant to reliable offenders the privilege of leaving
39 institutions or facilities of the Department at certain times for the
40 purpose of vocational training or employment.

41 7. Before entering into any contract with a private employer for
42 the employment of offenders pursuant to subsection 1, the Director
43 shall obtain from the private employer:

44 (a) A personal guarantee to secure an amount fixed by the
45 Director of:



1 (1) For a contract that does not relate to construction, not less
2 than 25 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract but
3 not more than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the
4 contract, a surety bond payable to the State of Nevada in an
5 amount fixed by the Director of not less than 25 percent of the
6 prorated annual amount of the contract but not more than 100
7 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract and
8 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in
9 accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract; or

10 (2) For a contract that relates to construction, not less than
11 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract, a surety
12 bond made payable to the State of Nevada in an amount fixed by the
13 Director of not less than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount
14 of the contract and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the
15 contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract,
16 ↪ or a security agreement to secure any debt, obligation or other
17 liability of the private employer under the contract, including,
18 without limitation, lease payments, wages earned by offenders and
19 compensation earned by personnel of the Department. The Director
20 shall appear before the ~~Joint Interim Standing Committee on the~~
21 ~~Judiciary~~ *Interim Finance Committee* to explain the reasons for
22 the amount fixed by the Director for any personal guarantee or
23 surety bond.

24 (b) A detailed written analysis on the estimated impact of the
25 contract on private industry in this State. The written analysis must
26 include, without limitation:

27 (1) The number of private companies in this State currently
28 providing the types of products and services offered in the proposed
29 contract.

30 (2) The number of residents of this State currently employed
31 by such private companies.

32 (3) The number of offenders that would (3) be employed under
33 the contract.

34 (4) The skills that the offenders would acquire under the
35 contract.

36 8. The provisions of this chapter do not create a right on behalf
37 of the offender to employment or to receive the federal or state
38 minimum wage for any employment and do not establish a basis for
39 any cause of action against the State or its officers or employees for
40 employment of an offender or for payment of the federal or state
41 minimum wage to an offender.

42 9. As used in this section, "state-sponsored program" means a
43 program for the vocational training or employment of offenders
44 which does not include a contract of employment with a private
45 employer.



1 **Sec. 32.** NRS 209.4818 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 209.4818 1. The ~~Joint Interim Standing Committee on the~~
3 ~~Judiciary]~~ *Interim Finance Committee* shall:

4 (a) Be informed on issues and developments relating to
5 industrial programs for correctional institutions;

6 (b) ~~Submit a semiannual report to the Interim Finance~~
7 ~~Committee before July 1 and December 1 of each year on the status~~
8 ~~of current and proposed industrial programs for correctional~~
9 ~~institutions;~~

10 ~~—(c)]~~ Report to the Legislature on any ~~[other]~~ matter relating to
11 industrial programs for correctional institutions that it deems
12 appropriate;

13 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Recommend three persons to the Director for
14 appointment as the Deputy Director for Industrial Programs
15 whenever a vacancy exists;

16 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Before any new industrial program is established by the
17 Director, review the proposed program for compliance with the
18 requirements of subsections 2, 3, 4 and 7 of NRS 209.461 and
19 submit to the Director its recommendations concerning the proposed
20 program; and

21 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) Review each state-sponsored industry program
22 established pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 209.461 to determine
23 whether the program is operating profitably. If the Committee
24 determines that a program has incurred a net loss in 3 consecutive
25 fiscal years, the Committee shall report its finding to the Director
26 with a recommendation regarding whether the program should be
27 continued or terminated. If the Director does not accept the
28 recommendation of the Committee, the Director shall submit a
29 written report to the Committee setting forth his or her reasons for
30 rejecting the recommendation.

31 2. Upon the request of the ~~Joint Interim Standing Committee~~
32 ~~on the Judiciary.]~~ *Interim Finance Committee*, the Director and the
33 Deputy Director for Industrial Programs shall provide to the
34 Committee any information that the Committee determines is
35 relevant to the performance of the duties of the Committee.

36 3. As used in this section, “state-sponsored industry program”
37 means a program for the vocational training or employment of
38 offenders which does not include a contract of employment with a
39 private employer.

40 **Sec. 33.** Chapter 232B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
41 thereto a new section to read as follows:

42 *As used in this section and NRS 232B.210 to 232B.250,*
43 *inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, “Sunset*
44 *Committee” or “Committee” means the Sunset Committee of the*
45 *Legislature created by NRS 232B.210.*



1 **Sec. 34.** NRS 232B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 232B.210 1. The Sunset ~~[Subcommittee of the Legislative~~
3 ~~Commission, consisting of nine members,]~~ *Committee of the*
4 *Legislature* is hereby created.

5 2. The ~~[membership of the Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee*
6 consists of ~~†~~:

7 —(a) ~~Three voting members of the Legislature appointed by the~~
8 ~~Majority Leader of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a~~
9 ~~member of the minority political party;~~

10 —(b) ~~Three voting members of the Legislature appointed by the~~
11 ~~Speaker of the Assembly, at least one of whom must be a member~~
12 ~~of the minority political party; and~~

13 —(c) ~~Three nonvoting members of the general public appointed by~~
14 ~~the Chair of the Legislative Commission from among the names of~~
15 ~~nominees submitted by the Governor pursuant to subsection 2.~~

16 —2. ~~The Governor shall, at least 30 days before the beginning of~~
17 ~~the term of any member appointed pursuant to paragraph (c) of~~
18 ~~subsection 1, or within 30 days after such a position on the Sunset~~
19 ~~Subcommittee becomes vacant, submit to the Legislative~~
20 ~~Commission the names of at least three persons qualified for~~
21 ~~membership on the Sunset Subcommittee. The Chair of the~~
22 ~~Legislative Commission shall appoint a new member or fill the~~
23 ~~vacancy from the list, or request a new list. The Chair of the~~
24 ~~Legislative Commission may appoint any qualified person who~~
25 ~~is a resident of this State to a position described in paragraph (c) of~~
26 ~~subsection 1.~~

27 —3. ~~Each member of the Sunset Subcommittee serves at the~~
28 ~~pleasure of the appointing authority.~~

29 —4. ~~The voting members of the Sunset Subcommittee shall elect~~
30 ~~a Chair from one House of the Legislature and a Vice Chair from~~
31 ~~the other House. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term~~
32 ~~of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd numbered year. If a~~
33 ~~vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy~~
34 ~~must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the~~
35 ~~remainder of the unexpired term.~~

36 —5. ~~The membership of any member of the Sunset~~
37 ~~Subcommittee who is a Legislator and who is not a candidate for~~
38 ~~reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day~~
39 ~~next after the general election.~~

40 —6. ~~A vacancy on the Sunset Subcommittee must be filled in the~~
41 ~~same manner as the original appointment.~~

42 —7. ~~The Sunset Subcommittee shall meet at the times and places~~
43 ~~specified by a call of the Chair. Four voting members of the Sunset~~
44 ~~Subcommittee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise any~~
45 ~~power or authority conferred on the Sunset Subcommittee.~~



1 ~~—8. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of~~
2 ~~the Sunset Subcommittee who is a Legislator attends a meeting of~~
3 ~~the Sunset Subcommittee or is otherwise engaged in the business~~
4 ~~of the Sunset Subcommittee, except during a regular or special~~
5 ~~session of the Legislature, the Legislator is entitled to receive the:~~

6 ~~—(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the~~
7 ~~Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;~~

8 ~~—(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers generally; and~~

9 ~~—(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.~~

10 ~~→ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of~~
11 ~~the members of the Sunset Subcommittee who are Legislators must~~
12 ~~be paid from the Legislative Fund.~~

13 ~~—9. While engaged in the business of the Sunset Subcommittee,~~
14 ~~the members of the Subcommittee who are not Legislators are~~
15 ~~entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses~~
16 ~~provided for state officers and employees generally.] *eight regular*~~
17 ~~*members and five alternate members who are appointed in the*~~
18 ~~*same manner as the members of a Joint Interim Standing*~~
19 ~~*Committee pursuant to NRS 218E.320.*~~

20 *3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions*
21 *of NRS 218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330:*

22 *(a) Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint*
23 *Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation,*
24 *providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and*
25 *immunities set forth in those provisions; and*

26 *(b) Control the Committee's formation, organization and*
27 *operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers,*
28 *management, government, budget, compensation, allowances,*
29 *expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not*
30 *be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of*
31 *the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of*
32 *legislative measures pursuant to NRS 218D.160.*

33 *4. If there is a conflict between the provisions of NRS*
34 *218E.320, 218E.325 and 218E.330 and the provisions of a specific*
35 *statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific*
36 *statute control.*

37 **Sec. 35.** NRS 232B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 232B.220 1. The Sunset ~~[Subcommittee of the Legislative~~
39 ~~Commission] *Committee* shall conduct a review of each board and~~
40 ~~commission in this State which is not provided for in the Nevada~~
41 ~~Constitution or established by an executive order of the Governor to~~
42 ~~determine whether the board or commission should be terminated,~~
43 ~~modified, consolidated with another board or commission or~~
44 ~~continued. Such a review must include, without limitation:~~



1 (a) An evaluation of the major policies and programs of the
2 board or commission, including, without limitation, an examination
3 of other programs or services offered in this State to determine if
4 any other provided programs or services duplicate those offered by
5 the board or commission;

6 (b) Any recommendations for improvements in the policies and
7 programs offered by the board or commission; and

8 (c) A determination of whether any statutory tax exemptions,
9 abatements or money set aside to be provided to the board or
10 commission should be terminated, modified or continued.

11 2. The ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee* shall review not less
12 than 10 boards and commissions specified in subsection 1 *during*
13 each legislative interim.

14 3. Any action taken by the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee*
15 concerning a board or commission pursuant to NRS 232B.210 to
16 232B.250, inclusive, *and section 33 of this act* is in addition or
17 supplemental to any action taken by the Legislative Commission
18 pursuant to NRS 232B.010 to 232B.100, inclusive.

19 **Sec. 36.** NRS 232B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 232B.230 1. Each board and commission subject to review
21 by the Sunset ~~[Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission]~~
22 *Committee* shall submit information to ~~[the Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *it*
23 on a form prescribed by the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee.]~~ *Committee.*
24 The information must include, without limitation:

25 (a) The name of the board or commission;

26 (b) The name of each member of the board or commission;

27 (c) The address of the Internet website established and
28 maintained by the board or commission, if any;

29 (d) The name and contact information of the executive director
30 of the board or commission, if any;

31 (e) A list of the members of the staff of the board or
32 commission;

33 (f) The authority by which the board or commission was
34 created;

35 (g) The governing structure of the board or commission,
36 including, without limitation, information concerning the method,
37 terms, qualifications and conditions of appointment and removal of
38 the members of the board or commission;

39 (h) The duties of the board or commission;

40 (i) The operating budget of the board or commission;

41 (j) A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the
42 board or commission for at least 3 years immediately preceding the
43 date on which the board or commission submits the form required
44 by this subsection, including the balances of any fund or account
45 maintained by or on behalf of the board or commission;



1 (k) The most recent audit conducted of the board or
2 commission, if any;

3 (l) The dates of the immediately preceding six meetings held by
4 the board or commission;

5 (m) A statement of the objectives and programs of the board or
6 commission;

7 (n) A conclusion concerning the effectiveness of the objectives
8 and programs of the board or commission;

9 (o) Any recommendations for statutory changes which are
10 necessary for the board or commission to carry out its objectives and
11 programs; and

12 (p) Such other information as the ~~{Sunset—Subcommittee}~~
13 *Committee* may require.

14 2. The ~~{Sunset—Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* may direct the
15 Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its research, investigations,
16 review and analysis of the information submitted by each board and
17 commission pursuant to subsection 1.

18 **Sec. 37.** NRS 232B.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 232B.235 1. At any time during a legislative interim, if the
20 Sunset ~~{Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission}~~ *Committee*
21 determines that a board or commission subject to *its* review ~~{by the~~
22 ~~{Sunset—Subcommittee}~~ should be audited, the ~~{Sunset~~
23 ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* shall make such a recommendation to
24 the Legislative Commission. The ~~{Sunset—Subcommittee}~~
25 *Committee* shall include with its recommendation a summary of the
26 justification for the recommendation.

27 2. After receiving a recommendation from the ~~{Sunset~~
28 ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* pursuant to subsection 1, the Legislative
29 Commission shall evaluate the recommendation and determine
30 whether to direct the Legislative Auditor to perform an audit of the
31 board or commission pursuant to NRS 218G.120. In making its
32 determination, the Legislative Commission shall consider the
33 current workload of the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel
34 Bureau.

35 3. The Legislative Auditor shall not perform more than four
36 audits directed by the Legislative Commission pursuant to this
37 section during a legislative interim.

38 **Sec. 38.** NRS 232B.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 232B.237 1. The Sunset ~~{Subcommittee of the Legislative~~
40 ~~{Commission}~~ *Committee* shall conduct a review of each
41 professional or occupational licensing board and regulatory body in
42 this State to determine whether the restrictions on the criminal
43 history of an applicant for an occupational or professional license
44 are appropriate.



1 2. Each professional or occupational licensing board and
2 regulatory body subject to review pursuant to subsection 1 must
3 submit information to the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee* on a
4 form prescribed by the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee.]~~ *Committee*. The
5 information must include, without limitation:

6 (a) The number of petitions submitted to a professional or
7 occupational licensing board and regulatory body pursuant to NRS
8 1.545, 240A.275, 244.33504, 361.2212, 379.00785, ~~[433.616,]~~
9 435.3395, 445B.7776, 449.03008, 449.4316, 450B.169, 455C.125,
10 457.1825, 458.0258, 477.2233, 482.163, 487.006, 489.298, 490.195,
11 502.375, 503.5831, 504.391, 505.013, 534.1405, 544.147, 555.305,
12 557.225, 576.037, 581.1033, 582.035, 584.2165, 587.014,
13 599A.057, 599B.127, 618.357, 622.085, 687B.630 and 706.4626;

14 (b) The number of determinations of disqualification made by
15 the professional or occupational licensing board and regulatory body
16 pursuant to NRS 1.545, 240A.275, 244.33504, 361.2212,
17 379.00785, ~~[433.616,]~~ 435.3395, 445B.7776, 449.03008, 449.4316,
18 450B.169, 455C.125, 457.1825, 458.0258, 477.2233, 482.163,
19 487.006, 489.298, 490.195, 502.375, 503.5831, 504.391, 505.013,
20 534.1405, 544.147, 555.305, 557.225, 576.037, 581.1033, 582.035,
21 584.2165, 587.014, 599A.057, 599B.127, 618.357, 622.085,
22 687B.630 and 706.4626; and

23 (c) The reasons for such determinations of disqualification.

24 3. As used in this section, "regulatory body" has the meaning
25 ascribed to it in NRS 622.060.

26 **Sec. 39.** NRS 232B.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 232B.240 1. The Sunset ~~[Subcommittee of the Legislative~~
28 ~~Commission]~~ *Committee* shall conduct public hearings for the
29 purpose of obtaining comments on, and may require the Legislative
30 Counsel Bureau to submit reports on, the need for the termination,
31 modification, consolidation or continued operation of a board or
32 commission.

33 2. The ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee* shall consider any
34 report submitted to it by the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

35 3. A board or commission has the burden of proving that there
36 is a public need for its continued existence.

37 **Sec. 40.** NRS 232B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 232B.250 1. If the Sunset ~~[Subcommittee of the Legislative~~
39 ~~Commission]~~ *Committee* determines to recommend the termination
40 of a board or commission, its recommendation must include
41 suggestions for appropriate direct legislative action, if any, which is
42 made necessary or desirable by the termination of the board or
43 commission.

44 2. If the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee* determines to
45 recommend the consolidation, modification or continuation of a



1 board or commission, its recommendation must include suggestions
2 for appropriate direct legislative action, if any, which would make
3 the operation of the board or commission or its successor more
4 efficient or effective.

5 3. If the ~~[Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *Committee* determines to
6 recommend the modification, continuation or removal of the
7 restrictions on the criminal history of an applicant for an
8 occupational or professional license, its recommendation must
9 include suggestions for appropriate direct legislative action, if any,
10 which is made necessary or desirable by any modification,
11 continuation or removal of such restrictions.

12 4. ~~[On or before June 30, 2012, the Sunset Subcommittee shall~~
13 ~~make all of its initial recommendations pursuant to this section, if~~
14 ~~any. The Sunset Subcommittee]~~ *The Committee* shall make all
15 ~~[subsequent]~~ recommendations pursuant to this section, if any, on or
16 before ~~[June 30]~~ *August 31* of each even-numbered year. ~~[occurring~~
17 ~~thereafter.]~~

18 **Sec. 41.** NRS 233B.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 233B.063 1. An agency that intends to adopt, amend or
20 repeal a permanent regulation must deliver to the Legislative
21 Counsel a copy of the proposed regulation. The Legislative Counsel
22 shall examine and if appropriate revise the language submitted so
23 that it is clear, concise and suitable for incorporation in the Nevada
24 Administrative Code, but shall not alter the meaning or effect
25 without the consent of the agency.

26 2. Unless the proposed regulation is submitted to the
27 Legislative Counsel between July 1 of an even-numbered year and
28 July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year, the Legislative
29 Counsel shall deliver the approved or revised text of the regulation
30 within 30 days after it is submitted to the Legislative Counsel. If the
31 proposed or revised text of a regulation is changed before adoption,
32 the agency shall submit the changed text to the Legislative Counsel,
33 who shall examine and revise it if appropriate pursuant to the
34 standards of subsection 1. Unless it is submitted between July 1 of
35 an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered
36 year, the Legislative Counsel shall return it with any appropriate
37 revisions within 30 days. ~~[If the agency is a licensing board as~~
38 ~~defined in NRS 439B.225 and the proposed regulation relates to~~
39 ~~standards for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits or~~
40 ~~certificates of registration issued to a person or facility regulated by~~
41 ~~the agency, the Legislative Counsel shall also deliver one copy of~~
42 ~~the approved or revised text of the regulation to the Joint Interim~~
43 ~~Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.]~~

44 3. An agency may adopt a temporary regulation between
45 August 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding



1 odd-numbered year without following the procedure required by this
2 section and NRS 233B.064, but any such regulation expires by
3 limitation on November 1 of the odd-numbered year. A
4 substantively identical permanent regulation may be subsequently
5 adopted.

6 4. An agency may amend or suspend a permanent regulation
7 between August 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the
8 succeeding odd-numbered year by adopting a temporary regulation
9 in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as prescribed
10 in subsection 3.

11 **Sec. 42.** NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 233B.070 1. A permanent regulation becomes effective when
13 the Legislative Counsel files with the Secretary of State the original
14 of the final draft or revision of a regulation, except as otherwise
15 provided in NRS 293.247 or where a later date is specified in the
16 regulation.

17 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233B.0633, an agency
18 that has adopted a temporary regulation may not file the temporary
19 regulation with the Secretary of State until 35 days after the date on
20 which the temporary regulation was adopted by the agency. A
21 temporary regulation becomes effective when the agency files with
22 the Secretary of State the original of the final draft or revision of the
23 regulation, together with the informational statement prepared
24 pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the
25 temporary regulation with the Legislative Counsel, together with the
26 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

27 3. An emergency regulation becomes effective when the
28 agency files with the Secretary of State the original of the final draft
29 or revision of an emergency regulation, together with the
30 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The
31 agency shall also file a copy of the emergency regulation with the
32 Legislative Counsel, together with the informational statement
33 prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

34 4. The Secretary of State shall maintain the original of the final
35 draft or revision of each regulation in a permanent file to be used
36 only for the preparation of official copies.

37 5. The Secretary of State shall file, with the original of each
38 agency's rules of practice, the current statement of the agency
39 concerning the date and results of its most recent review of those
40 rules.

41 6. Immediately after each permanent or temporary regulation is
42 filed, the agency shall deliver one copy of the final draft or revision,
43 bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State indicating that it has
44 been filed, including material adopted by reference which is not
45 already filed with the State Library, Archives and Public Records



1 Administrator, to the State Library, Archives and Public Records
2 Administrator for use by the public. ~~If the agency is a licensing
3 board as defined in NRS 439B.225 and it has adopted a permanent
4 regulation relating to standards for the issuance or renewal of
5 licenses, permits or certificates of registration issued to a person or
6 facility regulated by the agency, the agency shall also deliver one
7 copy of the regulation, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State,
8 to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human
9 Services within 10 days after the regulation is filed with the
10 Secretary of State.]~~

11 7. Each agency shall furnish a copy of all or part of that part of
12 the Nevada Administrative Code which contains its regulations, to
13 any person who requests a copy, and may charge a reasonable fee
14 for the copy based on the cost of reproduction if it does not have
15 money appropriated or authorized for that purpose.

16 8. An agency which publishes any regulations included in the
17 Nevada Administrative Code shall use the exact text of the
18 regulation as it appears in the Nevada Administrative Code,
19 including the leadlines and numbers of the sections. Any other
20 material which an agency includes in a publication with its
21 regulations must be presented in a form which clearly distinguishes
22 that material from the regulations.

23 **Sec. 43.** NRS 321.7355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 321.7355 1. The State Land Use Planning Agency may
25 prepare, in cooperation with appropriate federal and state agencies
26 and local governments throughout the State, plans or statements of
27 policy concerning the administration of lands in the State of Nevada
28 that are under federal management. The plans or statements of
29 policy must not include matters concerning zoning or the division of
30 land and must be consistent with local plans and regulations
31 concerning the use of private property.

32 2. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall:

33 (a) Encourage public comment upon the various matters treated
34 in a proposed plan or statement of policy throughout its preparation
35 and incorporate such comments into the proposed plan or statement
36 of policy as are appropriate;

37 (b) Submit its work on a plan or statement of policy periodically
38 for review and comment by the Land Use Planning Advisory
39 Council and ~~the Subcommittee on Public Lands of~~ the Joint
40 Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; and

41 (c) Provide written responses to written comments received
42 from a county or city upon the various matters treated in a proposed
43 plan or statement of policy.

44 3. Whenever the State Land Use Planning Agency prepares
45 plans or statements of policy pursuant to subsection 1 and submits



1 those plans or statements of policy to the Governor, the Legislature,
2 ~~the Subcommittee on Public Lands of~~ the Joint Interim Standing
3 Committee on Natural Resources or an agency of the Federal
4 Government, the State Land Use Planning Agency shall include
5 with each plan or statement of policy the comments and
6 recommendations of:

7 (a) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council; and

8 (b) The ~~Subcommittee on Public Lands of the~~ Joint Interim
9 Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

10 4. A plan or statement of policy must be approved by the
11 governing bodies of the county and cities affected by it before it is
12 put into effect.

13 **Sec. 44.** NRS 332.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 332.215 1. Each county of this state whose population is
15 100,000 or more, must be a member of the Commission to Study
16 Governmental Purchasing which is composed of all purchasing
17 agents of the local governments within those counties. Each county
18 whose population is less than 100,000 may participate as a voting
19 member of the Commission. The members shall select a Chair from
20 among their number.

21 2. The Commission shall meet no less than quarterly or at the
22 call of the Chair to study practices in governmental purchasing and
23 laws relating thereto and shall make recommendations with respect
24 to those laws to the next regular session of the Legislature.

25 3. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the
26 Commission shall submit a written report to the Joint Interim
27 Standing Committee on ~~Legislative Operations and Elections~~
28 *Government Affairs* that includes any recommendations of the
29 Commission for legislation relating to governmental purchasing.

30 **Sec. 45.** NRS 388.887 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 388.887 1. The State Board shall create a subcommittee to
32 review and make recommendations on the manner in which to
33 provide age-appropriate and historically accurate instruction about
34 the Holocaust and other genocides, such as the Armenian,
35 Cambodian, Darfur, Guatemalan and Rwandan genocides, in social
36 studies and language arts courses of study.

37 2. The review conducted and any recommendations made by
38 the subcommittee pursuant to this section must include, without
39 limitation:

40 (a) The manner in which to modify the curricula of relevant
41 courses in social studies and language arts to include the instruction
42 described in this section;

43 (b) An inventory of available classroom resources for educators
44 to meet the requirements of this section;



1 (c) The professional development that may be necessary or
2 appropriate for a teacher who provides the instruction described in
3 this section; and

4 (d) Consideration of any similar instruction provided in another
5 state or school district.

6 3. The subcommittee shall link current standards with
7 community resources that may assist in the implementation of the
8 instruction described in subsection 1. The subcommittee shall
9 review the manner in which the current standards support
10 comprehensive education regarding the Holocaust and other
11 genocides, such as the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, Guatemalan
12 and Rwandan genocides, including, without limitation, by:

13 (a) Preparing pupils to confront the immorality of the Holocaust,
14 other genocides, such as the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur,
15 Guatemalan and Rwandan genocides, and other acts of mass
16 violence and to reflect on the causes of related historical events;

17 (b) Addressing the breadth of the history of the Holocaust,
18 including, without limitation, the dictatorship of the Third Reich, the
19 system of concentration camps, the persecution of both Jewish and
20 non-Jewish people, the resistance to the Third Reich and the
21 Holocaust by both Jewish and non-Jewish people and the various
22 trials that occurred after the end of World War II;

23 (c) Developing the respect of pupils for cultural diversity and
24 helping pupils to gain insight into the importance of international
25 human rights for all people;

26 (d) Promoting the understanding of pupils of how the Holocaust
27 contributed to the need for the term "genocide" and led to
28 international legislation that recognized genocide as a crime;

29 (e) Communicating the impact of personal responsibility, civic
30 engagement and societal responsiveness;

31 (f) Stimulating the reflection of pupils on the role and
32 responsibility of citizens in democratic societies to combat
33 misinformation, indifference and discrimination through the
34 development of critical thinking skills and through tools of
35 resistance such as protest, reform and celebration;

36 (g) Providing pupils with opportunities to contextualize and
37 analyze patterns of human behavior by persons and groups who
38 belong in one or more categories, including, without limitation,
39 perpetrator, collaborator, bystander, victim and rescuer;

40 (h) Enabling pupils to understand the ramifications of prejudice,
41 racism and stereotyping;

42 (i) Preserving the memories of survivors of genocide and
43 providing opportunities for pupils to discuss and honor the cultural
44 legacies of survivors;



1 (j) Providing pupils with a foundation for examining the history
2 of discrimination in this State;

3 (k) Including in curricula the use of personal narratives and
4 multimedia primary source materials, which may include, without
5 limitation, video testimony, photographs, artwork, diary entries,
6 letters, government documents, maps and poems; and

7 (l) Exploring the various mechanisms of transitional and
8 restorative justice that help humanity move forward in the aftermath
9 of genocide.

10 4. The subcommittee must be composed of the Superintendent
11 of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, and the following
12 members appointed by the Superintendent:

13 (a) Three members representing the Governor's Advisory
14 Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust created by
15 NRS 233G.020;

16 (b) Three members representing nonprofit organizations that
17 have developed curricula regarding the Holocaust for use in public
18 schools;

19 (c) At least one member representing a school district in which
20 60,000 or more pupils are enrolled;

21 (d) At least one member representing a school district in which
22 fewer than 60,000 pupils are enrolled;

23 (e) At least one member representing a charter school located in
24 this State;

25 (f) At least one member representing nonprofit organizations
26 that have developed curricula for use in public schools regarding the
27 Armenian genocide; and

28 (g) At least one member representing nonprofit organizations
29 that have developed curricula for use in public schools regarding
30 genocides other than the Holocaust and the Armenian genocide.

31 5. On or before ~~October~~ **July** 1 of each even-numbered year,
32 the State Board shall report its findings and any recommendations to
33 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education, including,
34 without limitation, any recommendations made by the subcommittee
35 pursuant to subsection 1, as well as any actions the State Board has
36 taken or intends to take to include the instruction in the relevant
37 courses pursuant to subsection 2.

38 6. On or before ~~February 1~~ **August 31** of each ~~odd-~~
39 ~~numbered~~ **even-numbered** year, the Joint Interim Standing
40 Committee on Education shall consider the report submitted by the
41 State Board and prepare and submit a written report to the Director
42 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature
43 concerning the Committee's consideration of the matters described in
44 this section and any recommendations for legislation to ensure the



1 instruction described in this section is included in the curricula for
2 the relevant courses.

3 7. As used in this section:

4 (a) "Genocide" means any of the following acts committed with
5 intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or
6 religious group and includes, without limitation, genocides and
7 other acts of mass atrocities identified by the United States
8 Holocaust Memorial Museum:

9 (1) Killing members of the group;

10 (2) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the
11 group;

12 (3) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life
13 calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;

14 (4) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the
15 group; and

16 (5) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another
17 group.

18 (b) "Holocaust" means the systematic, bureaucratic, state-
19 sponsored persecution and murder of approximately 6,000,000
20 Jewish persons and 5,000,000 other persons by the Nazi regime and
21 its collaborators.

22 **Sec. 46.** NRS 391.494 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 391.494 1. Each member of the Task Force must:

24 (a) Be a licensed teacher with at least 5 consecutive years of
25 experience teaching in a public school in this State;

26 (b) Be currently employed as a teacher and actively teaching in a
27 public school in this State, and remain employed as a teacher in a
28 public school in this State for the duration of the member's term;
29 and

30 (c) Not be currently serving on any other education-related
31 board, commission, council, task force or similar governmental
32 entity.

33 2. On or before December 1, 2019, the Department shall
34 prescribe a uniform application for a teacher to use to apply to serve
35 on the Task Force.

36 3. A teacher who wishes to serve on the Task Force must
37 submit an application prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 to the
38 Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education on or before
39 ~~January 15~~ **December 1** of an ~~even-numbered~~ **odd-numbered**
40 year. On or before February 1 of each even-numbered year, the Joint
41 Interim Standing Committee on Education shall select one or more
42 teachers, as applicable, to serve as a member of the Task Force.

43 **Sec. 47.** NRS 449.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 449.242 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4,
45 each hospital located in a county whose population is 100,000 or



1 more and which is licensed to have more than 70 beds shall
2 establish a staffing committee to develop a written policy as
3 required pursuant to NRS 449.2423 and a documented staffing plan
4 as required pursuant to NRS 449.2421. Each staffing committee
5 established pursuant to this subsection must consist of:

6 (a) Not less than one-half of the total regular members of the
7 staffing committee from the licensed nursing staff and certified
8 nursing assistants who are providing direct patient care at the
9 hospital. The members described in this paragraph must consist of:

10 (1) One member representing each unit of the hospital who is
11 a licensed nurse who provides direct patient care on that unit,
12 elected by the licensed nursing staff who provide direct patient care
13 on the unit that the member will represent.

14 (2) One member representing each unit of the hospital who is
15 a certified nursing assistant who provides direct patient care on that
16 unit, elected by the certified nursing assistants who provide direct
17 patient care on the unit that the member will represent.

18 (b) Not less than one-half of the total regular members of the
19 staffing committee appointed by the administration of the hospital.

20 (c) One alternate member representing each unit of the hospital
21 who is a licensed nurse or certified nursing assistant who provides
22 direct patient care on that unit, elected by the licensed nursing staff
23 and certified nursing assistants who provide direct patient care on
24 the unit that the member represents.

25 2. Each time a new staffing committee is formed pursuant to
26 subsection 1, the administration of the hospital shall hold an election
27 to select the members described in paragraphs (a) and (c) of
28 subsection 1. Each licensed nurse and certified staffing assistant
29 who provides direct patient care at the hospital must be allowed at
30 least 3 days to vote for:

31 (a) The regular member described in paragraph (a) of subsection
32 1 who will represent his or her unit and profession; and

33 (b) The alternate member described in paragraph (c) of
34 subsection 1 who will represent his or her unit.

35 3. If a vacancy occurs in a position on a staffing committee
36 described in paragraph (a) or (c) of subsection 1, a new regular or
37 alternate member, as applicable, must be elected in the same manner
38 as his or her predecessor.

39 4. If a staffing committee is established for a health care
40 facility described in subsection 1 through collective bargaining with
41 an employee organization representing the licensed nursing staff and
42 certified nursing assistants of the health care facility:

43 (a) The health care facility is not required to form a staffing
44 committee pursuant to that subsection; and



1 (b) The staffing committee established pursuant to the collective
2 bargaining agreement shall be deemed to be the staffing committee
3 established for the health care facility pursuant to subsection 1.

4 5. In developing the written policy and the staffing plan, the
5 staffing committee shall consider, without limitation, the
6 information received pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of
7 NRS 449.2423 regarding requests to be relieved of a work
8 assignment, refusals of a work assignment and objections to a work
9 assignment.

10 6. The staffing committee of a hospital shall meet at least
11 quarterly.

12 ~~[7. Each hospital that is required to establish a staffing
13 committee pursuant to this section shall prepare a written report
14 concerning the establishment of the staffing committee, the
15 activities and progress of the staffing committee and a determination
16 of the efficacy of the staffing committee. The hospital shall submit
17 the report on or before December 31 of each:~~

18 ~~—(a) Even numbered year to the Director of the Legislative
19 Counsel Bureau for transmission to the next regular session of the
20 Legislature.~~

21 ~~—(b) Odd numbered year to the Joint Interim Standing Committee
22 on Health and Human Services.]~~

23 **Sec. 48.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
24 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
25 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

26 **Sec. 49.** The provisions of section 2 of this act apply to any
27 Legislator who, at the expiration of his or her current term of office,
28 will be prohibited from serving again in his or her current House
29 because of the limitations on the number of years of service
30 pursuant to Section 3 or 4 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution,
31 as applicable, whether or not the Legislator's current term of office
32 began before the effective date of this act.

33 **Sec. 50.** 1. If the provisions of any other statute or any other
34 act or resolution passed by the Legislature conflict with the
35 provisions of this act because they assign a power, duty or
36 legislative study or investigation to a legislative committee,
37 subcommittee or other body abolished by the provisions of this act
38 or because they require the submission of a report, document or
39 other information to a legislative committee, subcommittee or other
40 body abolished by the provisions of this act:

41 (a) The conflicting provisions of the other statute, act or
42 resolution are superseded and abrogated by the provisions of this
43 act; and

44 (b) The power, duty or legislative study or investigation shall be
45 deemed assigned to, or the report, document or other information



1 shall be deemed required to be submitted to, the appropriate Joint
2 Interim Standing Committee created by NRS 218E.320 which has
3 jurisdiction over the subject matter, except that if the subject matter
4 falls within the jurisdiction of more than one Joint Interim Standing
5 Committee, the Legislative Commission shall decide and resolve the
6 matter in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the
7 Legislature as determined by the Legislative Commission.

8 2. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing the reprint and
9 supplements to the Nevada Revised Statutes:

10 (a) Make any revisions that are necessary to carry out the
11 provisions of this section; and

12 (b) Change any references to a legislative committee,
13 subcommittee or other body which has been abolished by the
14 provisions of this act, or whose name has been changed or whose
15 responsibilities have been transferred by the provisions of this act,
16 so that such references refer to the appropriate legislative
17 committee, subcommittee or other body.

18 3. As used in this section, "legislative study or investigation"
19 includes, without limitation:

20 (a) Any interim legislative study or investigation; or

21 (b) Any legislative study or investigation assigned to a statutory
22 legislative committee, subcommittee or other body.

23 **Sec. 51.** NRS 218E.505, 218E.510, 218E.515, 218E.560,
24 218E.755 and 439B.225 are hereby repealed.

25 **Sec. 52.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 28, inclusive, and
26 30 to 51, inclusive, of this act become effective upon passage and
27 approval.

28 2. Section 29 of this act becomes effective on the date that the
29 Director of the Department of Public Safety determines that there is
30 sufficient funding to carry out the provisions of NRS 193.309.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

218E.505 "Subcommittee" defined.

218E.510 Creation; membership; officers; terms;
vacancies; alternates.

218E.515 Meetings; rules; quorum; compensation,
allowances and expenses of members.

218E.560 Meetings; rules; quorum; compensation,
allowances and expenses of members.

218E.755 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances
and expenses of members.



439B.225 Committee to review certain regulations proposed or adopted by licensing boards; recommendations to Legislature.

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