# Amendment No. 809

Senate Am	endment to S	Senate Bill No. 496		(BDR S-1039)	
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development					
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of <u>green bold underlining</u> is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) <del>red strikethrough</del> is deleted language in the original bill; (4) <del>purple double strikethrough</del> is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) <u>orange double underlining</u> is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 496-Revises provisions relating to the film industry. (BDR S-1039)

## May 11, 2023

### JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN C.H. MILLER

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the film industry. (BDR S-1039)

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

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

AN ACT relating to economic development; enacting the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act; requiring the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the Summerlin Production Studios Project to establish certain development and investment criteria for the development of infrastructure for the production of motion picture and other qualified productions; authorizing a production company located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project to apply to the Office of Economic Development for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the sites of the Projects; enacting provisions governing the eligibility for and calculation of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the Projects; revising provisions relating to noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion picture and other qualified productions; authorizing an additional amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; establishing the Board for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training and the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training; providing for the distribution of money from the Account to certain entities and organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a program for the issuance of transferable tax credits by the Office of Economic Development to the production company of a motion picture or other qualified production, based upon qualified direct production expenditures made for the purchase of personal property or services from a Nevada business. (NRS 360.758-360.7598) This bill revises provisions governing these transferable tax credits and enacts the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act to authorize film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the site of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the Summerlin Production Studios Project.

123456789 Sections 1-19 of this bill enact the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act, which 10 provides film infrastructure transferable tax credits for production companies located within: 11 (1) the Las Vegas Media Campus Project, which is a proposed development located at the 12 Harry Reid Research and Technology Park on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus, 13 and which is also referred to as Zone 1; and (2) the Summerlin Production Studios Project, 14 which is also referred to as Zone 2. Sections 1-19 allocate a specified amount of transferable 15 tax credits for qualified productions produced within each of these Zones. Section 10 of this 16 bill requires the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with 17 18 19 the lead participant of each Project to establish certain investment and development criteria that the Projects are required to satisfy in exchange for production companies located at the Projects to be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 11 of this bill 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 authorizes the lead participant of each Project to: (1) elect, not later than 24 months after the execution of a development agreement with the Office, whether a production company must obtain the approval of the lead participant before applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits; and (2) change that election at certain intervals. Section 12 of this bill: (1) authorizes production companies located at each Project to apply to the Office for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the Project; (2) establishes the date on which those production companies are authorized to begin applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits: and (3) authorizes such credits to be used against the modified business tax, insurance premium tax or gaming license fee, or any combination of these taxes and fees. [Under section 12, if the Office issues a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company, the production company is authorized to claim the credits against the modified business tax owed by the production company and obtain a refund to the extent that the amount of credits exceeds the liability of the production company for that tax.] Sections 13 and 15 of this bill establish the production expenditures which are the basis for calculating the amount of film infrastructure transferable 35 36 tax credits. Section 14 of this bill provides that the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits is 30 percent of the amount of qualified direct production expenditures 37 calculated under sections 13 and 15. Under section 12, the amount of film infrastructure 38 transferable tax credits issued for a qualified production is reduced by 10 percent of the 39 amount of the credits issued and an amount of money equal to the amount of that reduction 40 must be transferred to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology 41 Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this bill. Section 16 of this bill. 42 (1) limits the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued pursuant to 43 sections 1-19; (2) frequires annual increases to that amount for each fiscal year beginning on 44 or after July 1, 2030; (3)] authorizes the lead participant of each Project to establish 45 exceptions to certain limits on the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for a 46 single qualified production at that Project; and  $\frac{f(4)}{(3)}$  prohibits the approval of application 47 for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the application is submitted in a fiscal year 48 that begins at least 20 years after the Las Vegas Media Campus Project becomes eligible to 49 apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits [+] or June 30, 2048, if the Las Vegas 50 51 Media Campus Project does not become eligible for the film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 17 of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Office to approve 52 53 54 55 applications for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the production company submitting the application is eligible for such credits. Section 19 of this bill requires certain reports to be made to the Legislature concerning film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

Sections 20-23 of this bill make various changes to the existing law governing the 56 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion and other productions. (NRS 360.758-57 360.7598) Section 20 of this bill: (1) provides that digital media productions are qualified 58 productions for the purposes of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits and

59 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; and (2) clarifies that media productions solely 60 produced for social media are not eligible for such transferable tax credits. Section 21 of this 61 bill: (1) [authorizes a production company that submits an application for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after July 1, 2023, to claim any credits issued against the liability 62 63 of the production company for the modified business tax and obtain a refund of the credits to 64 the extent that the amount of credits exceeds the tax liability of the production company: (2)] 65 provides for the amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits issued for a qualified 66 production to be reduced by 10 percent of the amount of transferable tax credits issued; and 67  $\frac{1}{(3)}$  (2) requires the transfer of the amount of that reduction to the Account for Nevada Film, 68 Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30. 69 Section 22 of this bill increases the base amount of transferable tax credits from 15 percent of 70 the qualified direct production expenditures to 30 percent of the qualified direct production 71 expenditures, subject to the transfer of money in an amount equal to 10 percent of any credits Ż2 issued to a production company to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related 73 74 Technology Education and Vocational Training. Section 23 of this bill temporarily increases from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 the total amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits 75 for motion picture and other qualified productions that may be issued under the existing program for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023 [-], until June 30, 2043.

76 77 78 Sections 25-32 of this bill establish a program to provide grants to certain organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce development in the production of motion pictures and other qualified productions. **Section 30** establishes the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training for the purpose of allocating money to certain entities and organizations that provide education and 79 80 81 vocational training for such workforce development. Sections 12 and 21 require the transfer 82 83 of certain money to the Account. Under section 30, money in the Account does not revert at 84 the end of a fiscal year and must be carried forward for expenditure in the next fiscal year. 85 Section 30 requires the allocation of 45 percent of the money transferred to the Account to the 86 Nevada Media Lab established at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project for the operation and 87 overhead costs of the Nevada Media Lab and the allocation of the remaining money 88 transferred to the Account to educational and vocational training organizations for programs 89 for workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State. Section 90 31 of this bill establishes and provides for the composition of the Board for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training within the Office of Economic Development. Section 32 of this bill: (1) requires the Board to establish procedures 91 <u>9</u>2 93 for applying for a grant from the Account and the criteria to be used to determine whether to 94 make a grant to an applicant; and (2) prohibits the making of a grant from the Account unless 95 the Board approves the application for the grant.

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Section 36 of this bill provides for the expiration of the provisions of this bill.

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

1	Section 1. This act may be cited as the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure
2	Act.
3	Sec. 2. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
4	(a) The Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is the largest metropolitan area in this
5	State and has sites available to be developed to create large-scale facilities for the
6	location of companies that produce motion pictures and other qualified production
7	in this State, which will create jobs in that industry in this State and diversity the
8	economy of this State.
9	(b) Because the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is the only area in this State that
10	is appropriate and suitable for the development of large-scale projects to develop
11	large-scale facilities for the location of companies that produce motion pictures and
12	other qualified productions and has all the special attributes, conditions and

resources that are essential to support such facilities, it is necessary to enact a law

of local and special application to promote, develop and secure the advantages of
 the local and special characteristics and circumstances within the Las Vegas
 Metropolitan Area, which are found nowhere else in this State, and to benefit the
 residents of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area.

5 (c) Therefore, given that a law of local and special application is necessary to 6 promote, develop and secure the advantages of the local and special characteristics 7 and circumstances within the Las Vegas area, which are found nowhere else within 8 this State, and given that such a law is necessary to benefit the residents of that 9 local and special area, a general law cannot be made applicable to the purposes, 10 objects, powers, rights, privileges, immunities, liabilities, duties and disabilities set 11 forth in this act.

12 The Legislature further finds and declares that as a result of the 2. 13 construction of large-scale facilities for the production of motion pictures and other qualified productions in this State and the direct, indirect and induced economic 14 15 benefits of such productions in this State, the enactment of this act will achieve a 16 bona fide social or economic purpose and the economic benefits of the issuance of 17 the transferable tax credits to encourage the location of large-scale facilities for the production of motion picture and other qualified productions are expected to exceed 18 19 any adverse effect of the transferable tax credits on the revenue raised for the 20 provision of services to the public by the State or a local government.

**Sec. 3.** As used in sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined NRS 360.7581 to 360.7586, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections and the words and terms defined in sections 4 to 9, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 4. "Capital investment" means all costs and expenses incurred by the participants in the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, as applicable, only in connection with the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the infrastructure at the Project for the production of qualified productions at the Project.

Sec. 5. "Las Vegas Media Campus Project" or "Zone 1" means a real estate
 development project undertaken by a business or group of businesses that is:
 Located at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park on the University

1. Located at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus and land contiguous to, and including all land within, the Park; and

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A development consisting of a site that integrates at one site various
 components for the production of qualified productions, including, without
 limitation, film and television production studios with multiples soundstages and
 support facilities, sites for the creation of content for qualified productions and the
 Nevada Media Lab.

41 Sec. 6. "Lead participant" means the person designated by the participants in
 42 the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project,
 43 as applicable, as the lead participant for that Project.

44 Sec. 7. "Nevada Media Lab" means a site within the Las Vegas Media 45 Campus Project that will connect the Project with organizations in this State that 46 provide vocational training and education for the development of a trained 47 workforce for the production of qualified productions in this State. Participants in 48 the Nevada Media Lab may include, without limitation, universities, colleges, 49 community colleges, school districts, private schools, charter schools, secondary 50 schools, elementary schools, media-related vocational school programs, hospitality 51 workers, veterans organizations and other entities, organizations and persons that 52 seek or provide vocational training and education.

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**Sec. 8.** "Office" means the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor.

**Sec. 9.** "Summerlin Production Studios Project" or "Zone 2" means the real property burdened by the following development agreements and owned by the master developer under such development agreements or such master developer's affiliated entities:

Development Agreement between the Clark County and Howard Hughes
 Properties, Limited Partnership dated February 7, 1996, as amended, and recorded
 on September 4, 1996, in Book 960904 as Instrument No. 01725 and re-recorded on
 September 10, 1996, in Book 960910 as Instrument No. 01379 in the official
 records of the Clark County, Nevada Recorder's Office.

Development Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Howard
 Hughes Properties, Limited Partnership, recorded on November 21, 1997, in book
 971121 as Instrument No. 00839, as amended, in the official records of the Clark
 County, Nevada Recorder's Office.

16 Sec. 10. 1. Not later than 120 days after July 1, 2023, the Office of 17 Economic Development shall enter into a development agreement with:

(a) The lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project, which is also
 known as Zone 1. The development agreement entered into pursuant to this
 paragraph:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, must require the Las
 Vegas Media Campus Project to make a total new capital investment in this State
 of:

(I) At least \$200,000,000, including the cost of any land acquired for
 the project and the cost equivalent of land subject to a ground lease, by December
 31, 2027; and

(II) At least a cumulative total, including the amount described in sub subparagraph (I) of \$500,000,000 by December 31, 2029;

(2) Must establish the minimum amount of square feet of building space at
the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to be used for the various components of the
production of qualified productions and require the Las Vegas Media Campus
Project to include within that space the Nevada Media Lab;
(3) Must establish the minimum number of acres of contiguous real

(3) Must establish the minimum number of acres of contiguous real property that will be a part of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project; and

(4) May include such other provisions, not inconsistent with law,
concerning the development of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the
issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 1 to 19,
inclusive, of this act, as agreed to by the Office and the lead participant of the Las
Vegas Media Campus Project.

(b) The lead participant of the Summerlin Production Studios Project, which is
 also known as Zone 2. The development agreement entered into pursuant to this
 paragraph must:

43 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, require the Summerlin
 44 Production Studios Project to:

(I) Complete construction of a development for the production of
qualified productions at the site of the Summerlin Production Studios Project,
which consists of a new capital investment in this State of at least \$150,000,000, by
December 31, 2027; and

(II) Complete construction of a second phase of a development for the
 production of qualified productions at the site of the Summerlin Production Studios
 Project, which consists of a new capital investment in this State of at least
 \$250,000,000 in addition to the new capital investment described in sub-

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subparagraph (I), resulting in a cumulative new capital investment in this State of \$400,000,000, by December 31, 2029;

(2) Must establish the minimum amount of square feet of building space at the Summerlin Production Studios Project to be used for the various components of the production of qualified productions;

(3) Must establish the minimum number of acres of contiguous real property that will be a part of the Summerlin Production Studios Project; and

8 (4) May include such other provisions, not inconsistent with law, 9 concerning the development of the Summerlin Production Studios Project and the 10 issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 3 to 19, 11 inclusive, of this act, as agreed to by the Office and the lead participant of the 12 Summerlin Production Studios Project.

As the Executive Director of the Office deems necessary or advisable, the
 Executive Director may modify any requirement set forth in subparagraph (1) of
 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1
 by extending the date by which the capital investment set forth in those provisions
 must be made.

18 3. The Office shall not approve any abatement, partial abatement or exemption from taxes or any other incentive for economic development, other than film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act or noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive, for a Project if that Project has entered into a development agreement with the Office pursuant to this section.

24 Sec. 11. 1. Not later than 24 months after the date on which a development 25 agreement is executed pursuant to section 10 of this act, the lead participant of the 26 Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the lead participant of the Summerlin 27 Production Studios Project shall each make an election for the lead participant's 28 Project of whether a production company located at the site of the lead participant's 29 Project must obtain the approval of the lead participant before applying for film 30 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act. An election 31 made pursuant to this subsection is binding on the Project for 5 years after the date 32 on which the election is made. Within 30 days after the date which is 5 years after 33 the date on which the initial election is made pursuant to this subsection, and every 5 years thereafter, the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or 34 35 the Summerlin Production Studios Project, as applicable, may change the election 36 made for the Project pursuant to this subsection.

If the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the lead 37 2. 38 participant of the Summerlin Production Studios Project makes an election pursuant 39 to subsection 1 that a production company located at the site of the lead participant's Project must obtain the approval of the lead participant before 40 41 applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this 42 act for the lead participant's Project, a production company located at the Project 43 must obtain that approval before applying for film infrastructure transferable tax 44 credits pursuant to section 12 of this act. A production company may apply for film 45 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act without 46 obtaining the approval of the lead participant for the Project at which the 47 production company is located if the lead participant of that Project has not made 48 an election pursuant to subsection 1 that a production company located at the site of 49 the lead participant's Project must obtain the approval of the lead participant before 50 applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this 51 act.

52 Sec. 12. 1. Beginning on the date on which the Las Vegas Media Campus 53 Project satisfies the criteria set forth in <u>sub-subparagraph</u> (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, a production company that is located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and that produces, in whole or in part, a qualified production at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project, may apply to the Office of Economic Development for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for any qualified direct production expenditures. The film infrastructure transferable tax credits may be applied to:

(a) Any tax imposed by chapters 363A and 363B of NRS; (b) The gaming license fees imposed by the provisions of NRS 463.370;

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(c) Any tax imposed by chapter 680B of NRS; or (d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in paragraphs (a). (b) and (c).

Beginning at the time that the Summerlin Production Studios Project 2. executes a development agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act, a production company that is located at the Summerlin Production Studios Project and that produces, in whole or in part, a qualified production at the Summerlin Production Studios Project, may apply to the Office of Economic Development for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for any qualified direct production expenditures. The film infrastructure transferable tax credits may be applied to:

(a) Any tax imposed by chapters 363A and 363B of NRS;

(b) The gaming license fees imposed by the provisions of NRS 463.370:

(c) Any tax imposed by chapter 680B of NRS; or

(d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in paragraphs (a). (b) and (c).

3. Except as otherwise provided in section 16 of this act, the Office shall 26 approve an application for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the Office finds that the production company is producing the qualified production, in whole or in part, at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, as applicable, and the 30 production company qualifies for the film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 4. If the Office approves the application, the Office shall calculate the estimated amount of the film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 14, 15 and 16 of this act.

4. To be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this section, the lead participant, on behalf of the production company, must:

(a) Submit an application that meets the requirements of subsection 5;

37 (b) If the lead participant of the Project at which the production company is 38 located has made an election pursuant to section 11 of this act that requires 39 approval of the lead participant before a production company may apply for film 40 infrastructure transferable tax credits, provide proof to the Office that the lead 41 participant has approved the production company to be issued film infrastructure transferable tax credits for the qualified production for which the application is 42 43 submitted:

44 (c) Provide proof to the Office that 70 percent or more of the funding for the 45 qualified production has been obtained:

46 (d) Provide proof to the Office that at least 60 percent of the direct production 47 expenditures for: 48

(1) Preproduction;

(2) Production; and

(3) If any direct production expenditures for postproduction will be 50 51 incurred in this State, postproduction,

→ of the qualified production will be incurred in this State as qualified direct 52 53 production expenditures;

(e) Provide proof to the Office that the applicant:

(1) Has in place a diversity plan that outlines specific goals for hiring minority persons and women, and for using vendors that are minority-owned business enterprises or woman-owned business enterprises; and

(2) Has met or made good-faith efforts to achieve the goals set forth in the diversity plan;

(f) Not later than 270 days after the completion of principal photography of the qualified production or, if any direct production expenditures for postproduction will be incurred in this State, not later than 270 days after the completion of postproduction, unless the Office agrees to extend this period by not more than 90 days, provide the Office with an audit of the qualified production that includes an itemized report of qualified direct production expenditures which:

(1) Shows that the qualified production incurred qualified direct production expenditures of \$500,000 or more; and

(2) Is certified by an independent certified public accountant in this State who is approved by the Office;

(g) Pay the cost of the audit required by paragraph (f); and

(h) Enter into a written agreement with the Office that requires the production company to include:

(1) In the end screen credits of the qualified production:

(I) A logo of this State provided by the Office which indicates that the qualified production was filmed or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

(II) An acknowledgment that the qualified production was produced at the Project site; or

(2) If the qualified production does not have end screen credits, another acknowledgment in the final version of the qualified production which indicates that the qualified production was:

(I) Filmed or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

(II) Produced at the Project site.

5. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 4 must contain:

(a) A script, storyboard or synopsis of the qualified production;

(b) The names of the production company, producer, director and proposed cast;

(c) An estimated timeline to complete the qualified production;

(d) A summary of the budgeted expenditures for the entire production, including projected expenditures to be incurred outside of Nevada;

(e) Details regarding the financing of the qualified production, including,
 without limitation, any information relating to a binding financing commitment,
 loan application, commitment letter or investment letter;

40 (f) An insurance certificate, binder or quote for general liability insurance of 41 \$1,000,000 or more;

(g) The business address of the production company;

(h) The diversity plan of the production company;

(i) If the lead participant of the Project at which the production company is
located has made an election pursuant to section 11 of this act that requires
approval of the lead participant before a production company may apply for film
infrastructure transferable tax credits, the lead participant has approved the
production company to be issued film infrastructure transferable tax credits for the
qualified production for which the application is submitted;

50 (j) Proof that the qualified production meets any applicable requirements 51 relating to workers' compensation insurance; and

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(k) Proof that the production company has secured all licenses and registrations required to do business in each location in this State at which the qualified production will be produced.

6. If the Office approves an application for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this section, the Office shall immediately forward a copy of the certificate of eligibility which identifies the estimated amount of the tax credits available pursuant to section 14 of this act to:

- (a) The applicant;
- (b) The Department of Taxation; and
- (c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

11 7. Within 60 business days after receipt of an audit provided by a production company pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 4 and any other accountings or 12 13 other information required by the Office, the Office shall determine whether to certify the audit and make a final determination of whether a certificate of film 14 15 infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. If the Office certifies the audit, 16 determines that all other requirements for the film infrastructure transferable tax 17 credits have been met and determines that a certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued, the Office shall notify the production 18 19 company that the film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. Within 20 30 days after the receipt of the notice, the production company shall make an 21 irrevocable declaration of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 22 that will be applied to each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, 23 thereby accounting for all of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the 24 declaration, the Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of film 25 infrastructure transferable tax credits in the amount approved by the Office for the 26 fees or taxes included in the declaration of the production company. The production 27 company shall notify the Office upon transferring any of the film infrastructure 28 transferable tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department of Taxation and the 29 Nevada Gaming Control Board of all film infrastructure transferable tax credits 30 issued, segregated by each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable. 31 and the amount of any film infrastructure transferable tax credits transferred.

32 Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the issuance of film 8. 33 infrastructure transferable tax credits, the Department of Taxation or, if the film 34 infrastructure transferable tax credits will be applied to the gaming license fee 35 imposed by the provisions of NRS 463.370, the Nevada Gaming Control Board 36 shall notify the State Controller of the issuance of the film infrastructure 37 transferable tax credits and the State Controller shall transfer an amount money 38 equal to 10 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 39 issued to the production company to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and 40 Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of 41 this act. The amount of any film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to a 42 production company must be reduced by the amount of money transferred pursuant 43 to this subsection to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology 44 Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act.

9. [If, pursuant to subsection 7, the Office issues a certificate of film 45 infrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company, the production 46 company may apply the film infrastructure transferable tax credits to the tax 47 imposed by chapter 363B of NRS on the production company. The production 48 company must claim such credits on the first return filed with the Department of 49 Taxation pursuant to NRS 363B.110 after the issuance of the film infrastructure 50 transferable tax credits. To the extent that the amount of film infrastructure 51 transferable tax credits exceeds the amount of tax due for that period, the 52

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Department of Taxation shall issue to the production company a refund of the amount by which the amount of credits exceeds the amount of tax due. 3

-10.1 An applicant for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this section shall, upon the request of the Executive Director of the Office, furnish the Executive Director with copies of all records necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 4.

**11.** The Office:

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(a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing:

(1) Any additional qualified expenditures or production costs that may serve as the basis for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 13 of this act:

(2) The application review process;

13 (3) That a qualified production that receives a rating of NC-17 from the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor organization, is not eligible 14 15 for film infrastructure transferable tax credits:

16 (4) That a qualified production, other than a qualified production which 17 receives a rating from the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor 18 organization, is not eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if it 19 contains any material that is equivalent to material that would cause a qualified 20 production rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor 21 organization, to be rated NC-17; and 2.2

(5) The requirements for notice pursuant to section 17 of this act; and

(6) Any necessary provisions to ensure compliance with the requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 4 relating to diversity plans and that are necessary to require that the diversity plan of an applicant reflects the diversity of this State.

26 (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to ensure that the provisions of sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act are carried out in a manner that is reasonable and customary within the industry for the production of qualified 29 productions. 30

[12.] 11. The Nevada Tax Commission and the Nevada Gaming Commission:

(a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be administered.

(b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 13. 1. Qualified direct production expenditures must be for purchases, 36 37 rentals or leases of tangible personal property or services from a Nevada business 38 during the period in which a qualified production is produced, must be customary 39 and reasonable and must relate to:

(a) Set construction and operation;

(b) Wardrobe and makeup;

(c) Photography, sound and lighting;

(d) Filming, film processing and film editing;

(e) The rental or leasing of facilities, equipment and vehicles;

(f) Food and lodging;

46 (g) Editing, sound mixing, special effects, visual effects and other 47 postproduction services;

48 (h) The payroll for Nevada residents or other personnel who provided services in this State: 49 50

(i) Payment for goods or services provided by a Nevada business;

51 (j) The design, construction, improvement or repair of property, infrastructure, 52 equipment or a production or postproduction facility;

(k) State and local government taxes to the extent not included as part of another cost reported pursuant to this section;

(1) Fees paid to a producer who is a Nevada resident; and

(m) Any other transaction, service or activity authorized in regulations adopted by the Office of Economic Development pursuant to section 12 of this act.

2. Expenditures and costs:

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(1) The acquisition, transfer or use of film infrastructure transferable tax credits:

(2) Marketing and distribution;

(3) Financing, depreciation and amortization;

(4) The payment of any profits as a result of the qualified production;

(5) The payment for the cost of the audit required by section 12 of this act; and

(6) The payment for any goods or services that are not directly attributable to the qualified production:

(b) For which reimbursement is received, or for which reimbursement is reasonably expected to be received:

(c) Which are paid to a joint venturer or a parent, subsidiary or other affiliate of the production company, unless the amount paid represents the fair market value of the purchase, rental or lease of the property or services for which payment is made;

(d) Which provide a pass-through benefit to a person who is not a Nevada resident; or

(e) Which have been previously claimed as a basis for film infrastructure transferable tax credits,

→ are not qualified direct production expenditures and are not eligible to serve as a basis for film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued pursuant to section 12 of this act.

29 3. If any tangible personal property is acquired by a Nevada business from a 30 vendor outside this State for immediate resale, rental or lease to a production 31 company that produces a qualified production, expenditures incurred by the 32 production company for the purchase, rental or lease of the property are qualified 33 direct production expenditures if: 34

(a) The Nevada business regularly deals in property of that kind;

35 (b) The expenditures are otherwise qualified direct production expenditures 36 under the provisions of this section; and

37 (c) Not more than 50 percent of the property purchased, rented or leased by the 38 production company for the qualified production is acquired and purchased, rented 39 or leased in the manner described in this subsection. In making the calculation required by this paragraph, the cost of any property that remains an asset of the 40 41 Nevada business after production of the qualified production has ended must not be 42 included in the calculation as property purchased, rented or leased in the manner 43 described in this subsection.

44 4. If any tangible personal property is acquired by the production company as 45 an asset, the calculation of the costs of the tangible personal property that constitute 46 a qualified direct production expenditure must be performed in the manner 47 prescribed by the Office of Economic Development by regulation.

48 Sec. 14. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and sections 15 49 and 16 of this act, the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 50 issued to an eligible production company pursuant to section 12 of this act must 51 equal 30 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures.

52 Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4 and section 16 of this 2. 53 act, if the eligible production company submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act on or after that date that is 36 months after the date on which the applicable development agreement was executed pursuant to section 10 of this act, the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits calculated pursuant to subsection 1 must be reduced by 2 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures if less than 50 percent of the below-the-line personnel of the qualified production are Nevada residents. A reduction in the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this subsection must not reduce the amount of money transferred pursuant to subsection 8 of section 12 of this act to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology Education and Vocational

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3. For the purposes of subsection 2:

Training created by section 30 of this act.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the
percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are Nevada residents must be
determined by dividing the number of workdays worked by Nevada residents by the
number of workdays worked by all below-the-line personnel.
(b) Any work performed by an extra must not be considered in determining the

(b) Any work performed by an extra must not be considered in determining the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are Nevada residents.

4. The Office may:

(a) Reduce the cumulative amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that are calculated pursuant to this section by an amount equal to any damages incurred by the State or any political subdivision of the State as a result of a qualified production that is produced in this State; or

(b) Withhold the film infrastructure transferable tax credits, in whole or in part: (1) Until any pending legal action in this State against a production

company or involving a qualified production is resolved.

(2) If a production company violates any state or local law.

(3) If a production company is found to have submitted any false statement, representation or certification in any document submitted for the purpose of obtaining film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

**Sec. 15.** 1. In calculating the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 1 of section 14 of this act:

(a) Wages and salaries, including fringe benefits, paid to above-the-line personnel who are not Nevada residents must be included in the calculation at a rate of 12 percent.

(b) Wages and salaries, including fringe benefits, paid to below-the-line personnel who are not Nevada residents must not be included in the calculation.

2. As used in this section, "fringe benefits" means employee expenses paid by an employer for the use of a person's services, including, without limitation, payments made to a governmental entity, union dues, health insurance premiums, payments to a pension plan and payments for workers' compensation insurance.

42 Sec. 16. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Executive 43 Director of the Office shall not approve any application for film infrastructure 44 transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to section 12 of this act if:

(a) For an application submitted by a production company located at the LasVegas Media Campus Project:

47 (1) On or after the date on which the Las Vegas Media Campus Project 48 satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of 49 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act but before the date on which 50 the Las Vegas Media Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-51 subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 52 of this act, the approval of the application would cause the total amount of film 53 infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to section 12 of this act for

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production companies located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to exceed the sum of \$55.000.000 for each fiscal year.

(2) On or after the date on which the Las Vegas Media Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph  $(\Pi)$  of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, approval of the application would cause the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to section 12 of this act for production companies located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to exceed the sum of \$95,000,000 for each fiscal vear.

10 (b) For an application submitted by a production company located at the 11 Summerlin Production Studios Project:

12 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, after the Summerlin 13 Production Studios Project has executed a development agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act but before the date on which the Summerlin Production 14 15 Studios Project satisfies all of the criteria set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 16 (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, approval of the application would cause 17 the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to 18 section 12 of this act for production companies located at the Summerlin 19 Production Studios Project to exceed the sum of \$40,000,000 for each fiscal year. If 20 the Summerlin Production Studios Project does not satisfy the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of 21 22 section 10 of this act, the Office shall not approve any application for film 23 infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted by a production company located at 24 the Project after December 31, 2027. If the Summerlin Production Studios Project 25 does not satisfy the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (II) of subparagraph (1) of 26 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, the Office shall not approve 27 any application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted by a 28 production company located at the Project after December 31, 2029.

29 (2) On or after the date on which the Summerlin Production Studios 30 Project satisfies all of the criteria set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of 31 subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, approval of the application would cause the 32 total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to 33 section 12 of this act for production companies located at the Summerlin 34 Production Studios Project to exceed the sum of \$80,000,000 for each fiscal year. 35

(c) The application is submitted by a production company located at [the]:

(1) The Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production 36 37 Studios Project in a fiscal year that begins more than 20 years after the Las Vegas 38 Media Campus Project satisfied the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act (1) or (2) The Summerlin Production Studios Project after June 30, 2048, if 39

40 41 the Las Vegas Media Campus Project did not satisfy the criteria set forth in 42 sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of 43 section 10 of this act.

Fiscal Year 2030 2031, the 44 2. [Beginning with monotory paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 must be adjusted for each fiscal year by 45 46 adding to those amounts the product of the amount multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) for the region applicable to the 47 Las Vegas Metropolitan Area from July 2027 to the July preceding the fiscal year 48 for which the adjustment is calculated. The Office shall, on or before September 30, 49 2028, and on or before September 30 of each year thereafter, post on its Internet 50 51 website the adjusted monetary amounts.

3.] Except as otherwise provided in [subsections] subsection 1, [and 2,] the 52 53 amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits authorized for a Project for a

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fiscal year that are not approved for that fiscal year may be carried forward for that Project and made available for approval only during the next fiscal year for production companies located at that Project, but the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits carried forward and made available for approval during the next fiscal year must not exceed 50 percent of the amount of film transferable tax credits authorized for that Project for the fiscal year from which the film infrastructure transferable tax credits are being carried forward.

[4.] 3. The film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to any production company for any qualified production pursuant to section 12 of this act:

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, must not exceed a total 11 amount of \$10,000,000 per episode, if the qualified production is a television, 12 Internet or other media series, or \$30,000,000, if the qualified production is a 13 motion picture. The lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and 14 the lead participant of Summerlin Production Studios Project may declare, not later 15 than 24 months after the execution of the development agreement applicable to the 16 Project pursuant to section 10 of this act, that a qualified production produced at the 17 Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, 18 respectively, is not subject to the limitation set forth in this paragraph. A qualified 19 production by a production company located at a Project for which such a 20 declaration is made is not subject to the limitation on the amount of film 21 infrastructure transferable tax credits set forth in this paragraph.

(b) Expire <u>at the end of the calendar year that is</u> 6 years after the date on which the film infrastructure transferable tax credits are issued to the production company.

 $\frac{5}{5}$  4. For the purposes of calculating qualified direct production expenditures:

(a) The compensation payable to all producers who are Nevada residents must
 not exceed 10 percent of the portion of the total budget of the qualified production
 that was expended in or attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.

(b) The compensation payable to all producers who are not Nevada residents
 must not exceed 5 percent of the portion of the total budget of the qualified
 production that was expended in or attributable to any expenses incurred in this
 State.

(c) The compensation payable to any employee, independent contractor or any
 other person who is below-the-line personnel and who is paid a wage or salary as
 compensation for providing labor services on the production of the qualified
 production must not exceed \$1,500,000.

**Sec. 17.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3 to 19, inclusive, of this act, the Executive Director of the Office shall approve an application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to section 12 of this act if the Executive Director determines that the applicant satisfies the criteria for the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

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47 (a) Shall prescribe by regulation the procedure for determining the date of
 48 commencement of qualified productions that do not include photography for the
 49 purposes of this section.

50 (b) May extend by not more than 90 days the period otherwise prescribed by 51 this subsection.

52 3. A production company that produces a qualified production shall submit 53 the audit required by section 12 of this act and all other required information to the

Office and the Department of Taxation within the time required by paragraph (f) of 1 23 subsection 4 of section 12 of this act. Production of the qualified production must be completed within 18 months after the date of commencement of principal 4 photography. If the Office or the Department determines that information submitted 5 pursuant to this subsection is incomplete, the production company shall, not later 6 than 30 days after receiving notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the 7 Office or the Department, as applicable, all additional information required by the 8 Office or the Department.

9 Sec. 18. 1. A production company that is found to have submitted any false 10 statement, representation or certification in any document submitted for the purpose 11 of obtaining film infrastructure transferable tax credits or who otherwise becomes 12 ineligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits after receiving the film 13 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act shall repay to the Department of Taxation or the Nevada Gaming Control Board, as applicable, 14 15 any portion of the film infrastructure transferable tax credits to which the 16 production company is not entitled.

17 2. Film infrastructure transferable tax credits purchased in good faith are not 18 subject to forfeiture or repayment by the transferee unless the transferee submitted 19 fraudulent information in connection with the purchase.

20 Sec. 19. The Office shall, on or before October 1 of each year, prepare and 21 submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for 2.2 transmittal to the Legislature an annual report which includes, for the immediately 23 preceding fiscal year: 24

The number of applications submitted for film infrastructure transferable 1. tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act;

2. The number of qualified productions for which film infrastructure transferable tax credits were approved:

3. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved;

4. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits used:

5. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits transferred:

The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits taken against 6 each allowable fee or tax, including the actual amount used and outstanding, in total and for each qualified production;

7. The total amount of the qualified direct production expenditures incurred by each qualified production and the portion of those expenditures that were incurred in Nevada:

8. The number of persons in Nevada employed by each qualified production and the amount of wages paid to those persons; and

The period during which each qualified production was in Nevada and 9. employed persons in Nevada.

Sec. 20. NRS 360.7586 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Qualified production" includes preproduction, production and 360.7586 1. postproduction and means:

(a) A theatrical, direct-to-video or other media motion picture.

(b) A made-for-television motion picture.

(c) Visual effects or digital animation sequences.

(d) A television pilot program.

48 (e) A television, Internet or other media series, including, without limitation, a 49 comedy, drama, miniseries, soap opera, talk show, game show or telenovela, or an 50 episode of such a series. 51

(f) A reality show.

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(g) A national or regional commercial or series of commercials.

(h) An infomercial.

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(i) A music video.

(j) A documentary film or series.

(k) Other visual media productions, including, without limitation, *digital media*, video games and mobile applications.

2. The term does not include:

(a) A news, weather or current events program.

(b) A production that is primarily produced for industrial, corporate or institutional use.

(c) A telethon or any production that solicits money, other than a production which is produced for national distribution.

(d) A political advertisement.

(e) A sporting event, including, without limitation, a sportscast, preshow, postshow or sports newscast related to a sporting event. A qualified production described by subsection 1 shall not be deemed a sporting event for the purposes of this paragraph for the sole reason that it features athletes or relates to sports.

(f) A gala, pageant or awards show.

(g) Any type of media production created solely for the purpose of posting the production on social media.

(h) Any other type of production that is excluded by regulations adopted by the Office of Economic Development pursuant to NRS 360.759.

Sec. 21. NRS 360.759 is hereby amended to read as follows: 360.759 1. A production company that produces a qualified production in this State in whole or in part may apply to the Office of Economic Development for a certificate of eligibility for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits for any qualified direct production expenditures. The *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits may be applied to:

(a) Any tax imposed by chapters 363A and 363B of NRS:

(b) The gaming license fees imposed by the provisions of NRS 463.370;

(c) Any tax imposed pursuant to chapter 680B of NRS; or

(d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

2. The Office may approve an application for a certificate of eligibility for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits if the Office finds that the production company producing the qualified production qualifies for the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 3. If the Office approves the application, the Office shall calculate the estimated amount of the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.7592, 360.7593 and 360.7594.

3. To be eligible for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to this section, a production company must:

(a) Submit an application that meets the requirements of subsection 4;

(b) Provide [proof satisfactory to the Office that the qualified production is in the economic interest of the State;

(c) Provide] proof [satisfactory] to the Office that 70 percent or more of the 44 45 funding for the qualified production has been obtained;

46 [(d)] (c) Provide proof [satisfactory] to the Office that at least 60 percent of 47 the direct production expenditures for: 48

- (1) Preproduction;
  - (2) Production; and

(3) If any direct production expenditures for postproduction will be 50 51 incurred in this State, postproduction,

52  $\rightarrow$  of the qualified production will be incurred in this State as qualified direct 53 production expenditures;

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[(e)] (d) Not later than 270 days after the completion of principal photography of the qualified production or, if any direct production expenditures for postproduction will be incurred in this State, not later than 270 days after the completion of postproduction, unless the Office agrees to extend this period by not more than 90 days, provide the Office with an audit of the qualified production that includes an itemized report of qualified direct production expenditures which:

(1) Shows that the qualified production incurred qualified direct production expenditures of \$500,000 or more; and

(2) Is certified by an independent certified public accountant in this State who is approved by the Office;

[(f)] (e) Pay the cost of the audit required by paragraph [(e);] (d); and

 $\frac{f(g)}{f}$  Enter into a written agreement with the Office that requires the production company to include:

(1) In the end screen credits of the qualified production [, a]:

(1) A logo of this State provided by the Office which indicates that the qualified production was filmed or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

(II) If the qualified production was produced at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, an acknowledgment of the Project at which the qualified production was produced; or

(2) If the qualified production does not have end screen credits, another acknowledgment in the final version of the qualified production which indicates that the qualified production was **[filmed]**:

(I) *Filmed* or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

[(h) Meet any other requirements prescribed by regulation pursuant to this section.]

(II) Produced at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, if applicable.

4. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 must contain:

(a) A script, storyboard or synopsis of the qualified production;

(b) The names of the production company, producer, director and proposed cast;

(c) An estimated timeline to complete the qualified production;

(d) A summary of the budgeted expenditures for the entire production, including projected expenditures to be incurred outside of Nevada;

(e) Details regarding the financing of the project, including, without limitation, any information relating to a binding financing commitment, loan application, commitment letter or investment letter;

(f) An insurance certificate, binder or quote for general liability insurance of \$1,000,000 or more;

(g) The business address of the production company;

(h) Proof that the qualified production meets any applicable requirements relating to workers' compensation insurance; *and* 

(i) Proof that the production company has secured all licenses and registrations required to do business in each location in this State at which the qualified production will be produced. [; and

47 (j) Any other information required by regulations adopted by the Office
 48 pursuant to subsection 8.]

49 5. If the Office approves an application for a certificate of eligibility for 50 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to this section, the Office shall 51 immediately forward a copy of the certificate of eligibility which identifies the 52 estimated amount of the tax credits available pursuant to NRS 360.7592 to:

(a) The applicant;

- (b) The Department; and
- (c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

2 3 6 Within 60 business days after receipt of an audit provided by a production 4 company pursuant to paragraph  $\frac{(e)}{(d)}$  of subsection 3 and any other accountings 5 or other information required by the Office, the Office shall determine whether to 6 certify the audit and make a final determination of whether a certificate of 7 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be issued. If the Office certifies the 8 audit, determines that all other requirements for the *noninfrastructure* transferable 9 tax credits have been met and determines that a certificate of *noninfrastructure* 10 transferable tax credits will be issued, the Office shall notify the production 11 company that the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be issued. Within 30 days after the receipt of the notice, the production company shall make an 12 13 irrevocable declaration of the amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits that will be applied to each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, thereby accounting 14 15 for all of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the declaration, the 16 Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of *noninfrastructure* 17 transferable tax credits in the amount approved by the Office for the fees or taxes 18 included in the declaration of the production company. The production company 19 shall notify the Office upon transferring any of the *noninfrastructure* transferable 20 tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department and the Nevada Gaming Control 21 Board of all *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued, segregated by each 22 fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, and the amount of any *noninfrastructure* 23 transferable tax credits transferred.

24 Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the issuance of 7. 25 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company that submitted an application for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after 26 27 July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2043, the Department or, if the noninfrastructure 28 transferable tax credits will be applied to the gaming license fee imposed by the 29 provisions of NRS 463.370, the Nevada Gaming Control Board shall notify the 30 State Controller of the issuance of the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits 31 and the State Controller shall transfer an amount of money equal to 10 percent of 32 the amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits issued to the production company to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act. Any 33 34 35 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits issued to a production company must be reduced by the amount of money transferred pursuant to this subsection to the 36 37 Account for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act. 38

8. [1f, pursuant to subsection 6, the Office issues a certificate of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company that 39 40 submitted the application for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or 41 after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2013, the production company may apply 42 43 the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits to the tax imposed by chapter 363B of NRS on the production company. The production company must claim such 44 credits on the first return filed with the Department pursuant to NRS 363B.110 45 46 after the issuance of the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits. To the extent that the amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits exceeds the amount 47 48 of tax due for that period, the Department shall issue to the production company 49 a refund of the amount by which the amount of credits exceeds the amount of tax 50 due. 51 9.] An applicant for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to this

52 section shall, upon the request of the Executive Director of the Office, furnish the

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Executiv	e Director with copies of all records necessary to verify that the applicant
	e requirements of subsection 3.
<del>[8.–]</del>	<del>9.</del> The Office:
	Shall adopt regulations prescribing:
(	1) [Any additional requirements to receive transferable tax credits;
	2)] Any additional qualified expenditures or production costs that may
serve as	the basis for <i>noninfrastructure</i> transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS
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- E	(3) Any additional information that must be included with an application
<del>pursuant</del>	to subsection 4;
. (	(2) The application review process;
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Ō	3) That a qualified production that receives a rating of NC-17 from the
Motion	Picture Association of America, or its successor organization, is not
	for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits;
	4) That a qualified production [which, due to obscene or sexually explicit
	is not eligible for <i>noninfrastructure</i> transferable tax credits [;] if it
	any material that is equivalent to material that would cause a qualified
	on rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor
	tion, to be rated NC-17; and
	(6) (5) The requirements for notice pursuant to NRS 360.7595; and
	May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to [carry out] ensure
	provisions of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive [.
	are carried out in a manner that is reasonable and customary within the
	for the production of qualified productions.
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	Shall adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which <i>noninfrastructure</i>
	ble tax credits will be administered.
	May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to carry out the
	ns of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive.
	<u>11.</u> As used in this section:
	"Las Vegas Media Campus Project" has the meaning ascribed to it in
	of this act.
	"Summerlin Production Studios Project" has the meaning ascribed to it
	n 9 of this act.
	<b>22.</b> NRS 360.7592 is hereby amended to read as follows:
	7592 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4] 5 and NRS
360.7593	3 and 360.7594, the base amount of <i>noninfrastructure</i> transferable tax
credits is	sued to an eligible production company pursuant to NRS 360.759 :
	For an eligible production company that submitted the application for the
certificat	te of eligibility for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits before
<b>July</b> 1, 2	2023, or on or after July 1, 2043, must equal 15 percent of the qualified
	oduction expenditures.
(b) l	For an eligible production company that submitted the application for the
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	4, if the eligible production company submitted the application for the
	te of eligibility for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to
	0.759 before July 1, 2023, or on or after July 1, 2043, in addition to the
base ar	nount calculated pursuant to <i>paragraph</i> (a) of subsection 1,

*noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to an eligible production company [pursuant to NRS 360.759] must include credits in an amount equal to:

(a) An additional 5 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures if more than 50 percent of the below-the-line personnel of the qualified production are Nevada residents: and

(b) An additional 5 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures if more than 50 percent of the filming days of the qualified production occurred in a county in this State in which, in each of the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application, qualified productions incurred less than \$10,000,000 of qualified direct production expenditures.

11 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and NRS 360.7594, 12 if the eligible production company submitted the application for the certificate of 13 eligibility for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759 on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2043, the base amount of 14 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits calculated pursuant to paragraph (b) 15 16 of subsection 1 must be reduced by 2 percent of the qualified direct production 17 expenditures if less than 50 percent of the below-the-line personnel of the 18 aualified production are Nevada residents. A reduction in the amount of film 19 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this subsection must not 20 reduce the amount of money transferred pursuant to subsection 8 of section 12 of this act to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology 21 22 Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act. 23

4. For the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 [:] and subsection 3:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are Nevada residents must be determined by dividing the number of workdays worked by Nevada residents by the number of workdays worked by all below-the-line personnel.

(b) Any work performed by an extra must not be considered in determining the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are Nevada residents.

**[4.] 5**. The Office may:

(a) Reduce the cumulative amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits that are calculated pursuant to this section by an amount equal to any damages incurred by the State or any political subdivision of the State as a result of a qualified production that is produced in this State; or

(b) Withhold the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits, in whole or in part:

(1) Until any pending legal action in this State against a production company or involving a qualified production is resolved.

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(2) If a production company violates any state or local law.

(3) If a production company is found to have submitted any false 40 41 statement, representation or certification in any document submitted for the purpose 42 of obtaining *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits. 43

Sec. 23. NRS 360.7594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

360.7594 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Office of 44 45 Economic Development shall not approve any application for *noninfrastructure* 46 transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to NRS 360.759 if approval of the application would cause the total amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax 47 48 credits approved pursuant to NRS 360.759 for each [fiscal] :

49 (a) Fiscal year commencing before July 1, 2023, and on or after July 1, 50 2043, to exceed the sum of 10,000,000. Any portion of the 10,000,000 per fiscal 51 year for which *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits have not previously been 52 approved may be carried forward and made available for approval during the next 53 or any future fiscal year.

# (b) Fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2043, to exceed the sum of \$15,000,000. Any portion of the \$15,000,000 per fiscal year for which noninfrastructure transferable tax credits have not previously been approved may be carried forward and made available for approval during the next or any future fiscal year.

2. The *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to any production company for any qualified production pursuant to NRS 360.759:

(a) Must not exceed a total amount of \$6,000,000; and

(b) Expire [4] <u>at the end of the calendar year that is 6</u> years after the date on which the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits are issued to the production company.

3. For the purposes of calculating qualified direct production expenditures:

(a) The compensation payable to all producers who are Nevada residents must not exceed 10 percent of the portion of the total budget of the qualified production that was expended in or attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.

(b) The compensation payable to all producers who are not Nevada residents
must not exceed 5 percent of the portion of the total budget of the qualified
production that was expended in or attributable to any expenses incurred in this
State.
(c) The compensation payable to any employee, independent contractor or any

(c) The compensation payable to any employee, independent contractor or any other person *who is below-the-line personnel and who is* paid a wage or salary as compensation for providing labor services on the production of the qualified production must not exceed \$750,000.

Sec. 24. NRS 360.7595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

360.7595 1. If the Office of Economic Development receives an application for transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759, the Office shall, not later than 10 days before a hearing on the application, provide notice of the hearing to:

(a) The applicant;

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(b) The Department; and

(c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

2. The notice required by this section must set forth the date, time and location of the hearing on the application. The date of the hearing must be not later than 60 days after the Office receives the completed application.

3. The Office shall issue a decision on the application not later than 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing on the application.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the application is
 approved, principal photography of the qualified production must begin not more
 than 90 days after the date on which the decision on the application is issued. The
 Office of Economic Development:

(a) Shall prescribe by regulation the procedure for determining the date of
 commencement of qualified productions that do not include photography for the
 purposes of this section.

43 (b) May extend by not more than 90 days the period otherwise prescribed by 44 this subsection.

5. A production company that produces a qualified production shall submit 45 46 the audit required by NRS 360.759 and all other required information to the Office and the Department within the time required by paragraph  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} (d) \\ (d) \end{array} \right]$  of subsection 3 47 48 of NRS 360.759. Production of the qualified production must be completed within 18 months after the date of commencement of principal photography. If the Office 49 50 or the Department determines that information submitted pursuant to this 51 subsection is incomplete, the production company shall, not later than 30 days after 52 receiving notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the Office or the

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1	Department, as applicable, all additional information required by the Office or the
2	Department.
3	6. The Office shall give priority to the approval and processing of an
4	application relating to a qualified production that promotes tourism in the State of
5	Nevada.
6	Sec. 25. Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
7	provisions set forth as sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this act.
8	Sec. 26. As used in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this act, unless the
9	context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 27, 28 and 29
10	of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
11	Sec. 27. "Account" means the Account for Nevada Film, Media and
12	<u>Related</u> Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of
13	this act.
13	Sec. 28. "Board" means the Board for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u>
15	Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 31 of this act.
16	Sec. 29. "Las Vegas Media Campus Project" has the meaning ascribed to it
17	in section 5 of this act.
18	Sec. 30. 1. The Account for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology
19	Education and Vocational Training is hereby created in the State General Fund.
20	The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development, at the direction
21	of the Board, shall administer the Account.
22	2. The Executive Director may apply for and accept gifts, grants, bequests
23	and donations from any source for deposit in the Account.
24	3. The Account consists of:
25	(a) Money transferred to the Account pursuant to NRS 360.759 and section
26	12 of this act.
27	(b) Any direct legislative appropriations to the Account.
28	(c) Any gifts, grants, bequests and donations made to the Account.
29	(d) Interest and income earned on money in the Account.
30	4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after
31	deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.
32	5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of the fiscal year does
33	not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be
34	carried forward to the next fiscal year.
35	6. Money in the Account must be used by the Office to make grants to any
36	institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education, a state or local
37	agency, a school district, a charter school, a vocational trade school, a nonprofit
38	organization, a labor organization or a private postsecondary educational
39	institution that provides a program of workforce development for the production
40	of qualified productions in this State. Forty-five percent of the money which is
41	distributed from the Account in the form of grants must be allocated to the
42	Nevada Media Lab for the operation and overhead costs of the Nevada Media
43	Lab. Fifty-five percent of the money which is distributed from the Account in the
44	form of grants must be allocated to educational and vocational training
45	organizations pursuant to section 32 of this act for the purpose of providing
46	programs of workforce development for the production of qualified productions
47	in this State.
48	7. As used in this section:
49	(a) "Nevada Media Lab" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 7 of this
50	act.
51	(b) "Qualified production" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.7586.

- (b) "Qualified production" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 360.7586. Sec. 31. 1. There is hereby created the Board for Nevada Film, Media and <u>Related</u> Technology Education and Vocational Training within the Office of 52 53

Economic Development in the Office of the Governor, consisting of the following 1 2 3 voting members:

(a) One member appointed by the Governor;

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(b) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate:

(c) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly:

(d) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(e) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(f) Two members appointed by the Governor, one from a nominee selected by the lead participant in the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and one from a nominee selected by the lead participant in the Summerlin Production Studios Project.

16 2. In appointing members to the Board pursuant to subsection 1, the 17 appointing authorities set forth in that subsection shall coordinate to ensure that 18 both the public and private sectors are represented on the Board.

19 The members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c) and (e) of 3. 20 subsection 1 must be appointed to an initial term of 2 years commencing on 21 January 1, 2024, and the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (d) 22 of subsection 1 must be appointed to an initial term of 4 years commencing on 23 January 1, 2024. The Governor shall appoint the member appointed pursuant to 24 paragraph (f) of subsection 1 who was nominated by the lead participant of the 25 Las Vegas Media Campus Project to an initial term of 4 years commencing on 26 January 1, 2024, and the initial term of member appointed pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 who was nominated by the Summerlin Production Studios 27 Project must be 2 years commencing on January 1, 2024. After the initial terms, 28 29 each member shall serve a term of 4 years. Each member serves at the pleasure of the person appointing that member pursuant to subsection 1. If, for any reason, a 30 31 vacancy occurs during the term of an appointed member, the person who is 32 responsible for making the appointment pursuant to subsection 1 shall appoint a 33 replacement qualified pursuant to that subsection to serve for the remainder of 34 the unexpired term. Each member may serve not more than two consecutive full 35 terms.

36 4. At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Board shall elect from among 37 its members a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Executive Director of the Office of 38 Economic Development shall serve as the nonvoting Secretary of the Board.

5. A majority of the voting members of the Board constitutes a quorum, and 39 40 the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Board is required 41 to exercise any power conferred on the Board.

42 6. The Board shall meet at least twice each calendar year but may meet 43 more often at the call of the Chair or a majority of the voting members of the 44 Board.

The members of the Board serve without compensation but are entitled to 45 7. 46 receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged in the official business of the Board. 47

48 8. A member of the Board who is an officer or employee of this State or a 49 political subdivision of this State must be relieved from duties without loss of regular compensation so that the officer or employee may prepare for and attend 50 51 meetings of the Board and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Board in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political 52 53 subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member

of the Board to make up the time the officer or employee is absent from work to 1 2 carry out duties as a member of the Board or use annual vacation or 3 compensatory time for the absence. 9. As used in this section, "Summerlin Production Studios Project" has the 4 5 meaning ascribed to it in section 9 of this act. 6 Sec. 32. 1. The Board shall establish: 7 (a) The procedures for a person or entity to apply for a grant of money from 8 the Account: 9 (b) The criteria to be used to determine whether to approve an application for 10 a grant from the Account to an applicant; and 11 (c) The requirements for reports by recipients of grants from the Account concerning the expenditures made from the grant, the outcomes of the programs 12 13 supported by the grant and any other information deemed necessary by the 14 Board. 15 2. The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development may 16 provide advice and recommendations regarding the procedures, criteria and 17 requirements established by the Board pursuant to subsection 1. 18 3. The Office shall not make a grant of money from the Account unless the 19 Board has approved the application for the grant. 20 4. A recipient of a grant must adopt and implement a community benefits 21 program, which must include, without limitation: 22 (a) A commitment to workforce diversity, inclusiveness, access and equality, 23 including, without limitation, for underserved communities, minority groups and 24 veterans: 25 (b) An explanation of the actions that will be taken and strategies that will be 26 implemented to promote workforce diversity; and 27 (c) The goals and performance measures which will be used to measure the 28 success of the program in achieving those goals. 29 Sec. 33. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to 30 any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to 31 the Legislature. 32 Sec. 34. The Legislative Counsel shall: 33 1. In preparing the Nevada Revised Statutes, use the authority set forth in 34 10 of NRS 220.120 to substitute appropriately the term subsection "noninfrastructure transferable tax credits" in NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive, 35 for the term "transferable tax credits" as previously used in those sections. 36 37 2. In preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, substitute 38 appropriately the term "noninfrastructure transferable tax credits" in NAC 360.800 39 to 360.865, inclusive, for the term "transferable tax credits" as previously used in 40 those sections. 41 Sec. 35. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a 42 committee may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for 43 the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from 44 and after May 10, 2023. Sec. 36. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023, and expires by limitation 45 46 on : 47 June 30 of the year that is at least  $\frac{261}{261}$  30 years after the date on which the 48 Las Vegas Media Campus Project, as defined in section 5 of this act, satisfies the 49 criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of 50 subsection 1 of section 10 of this act [+]; or 2. June 30, 2058, if the Las Vegas Media Campus Project did not satisfy 51 the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of 52 53 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.