SENATE BILL NO. 103–COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Sentencing Commission within the Department of Sentencing Policy. (BDR 14-308)

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 criminal justice; revising the membership, powers and duties of the Nevada Sentencing Commission; establishing the Subcommittee on Misdemeanors of the Sentencing Commission; prescribing the membership, powers and duties of the Subcommittee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Nevada Sentencing Commission within the Department of Sentencing Policy, prescribes the membership of the Sentencing 234567 Commission and sets forth various powers and duties of the Sentencing Commission. (NRS 176.0133, 176.0134) Section 2 of this bill revises the membership of the Sentencing Commission to remove a member appointed by the Governor and add: (1) a member who is an attorney and whose practice primarily consists of representing criminal defendants in a county whose population is less 8 than 55,000 (currently counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties and Carson 9 City); (2) a member who is a district attorney; (3) a member who is a representative 10 of the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History; and (4) a 11 member who is a faculty member of the Nevada System of Higher Education who teaches criminal justice. Section 2 also: (1) prescribes certain additional requirements relating to members of the Sentencing Commission who are district 12 13 14 attorneys; and (2) authorizes the Sentencing Commission to establish working 15 groups, task forces and similar entities to assist in its work.

Section 3 of this bill removes certain specific requirements relating to recommendations of the Sentencing Commission. Section 3 also removes requirements that the Sentencing Commission: (1) provide certain training





19 regarding sentencing; (2) act as a sentencing policy resource for this State; and (3) propose and recommend statutory sentencing guidelines. Section 1.9 of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the duties of the Sentencing Commission.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 Section 1.5 of this bill creates the Subcommittee on Misdemeanors of the Sentencing Commission and sets forth its membership and duties. Section 1.7 of this bill authorizes the Chair of the Subcommittee to appoint working groups to aid in the work of the Subcommittee. Section 1.7 provides that all information and materials received or prepared by a working group are confidential. Section 4.5 of this bill makes a conforming change relating to the information and materials made confidential pursuant to section 1.7. Section 1.3 of this bill defines the term "subcommittee" for purposes of the provisions of sections 1.5 and 1.7. Section 1.8 30 of this bill makes a conforming change to indicate the proper placement of sections 31 **1.3-1.7** in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 176 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.3, 1.5 and 1.7 of this 3 act.

Sec. 1.3. "Subcommittee" means the Subcommittee on 4 5 Misdemeanors of the Sentencing Commission.

Sec. 1.5. 1. There is hereby created the Subcommittee on 6 Misdemeanors of the Sentencing Commission, consisting of members appointed by the Chair of the Sentencing Commission, 7 8 9 who must include, without limitation:

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(a) One member who has expertise in:

(1) **Policies** regarding misdemeanor 11 and practices 12 sentencing implemented in this State and other states; and

13 (2) Administrative assessments, fines and fees related to the criminal justice system in this State and other states; 14

(b) One member who is a city attorney;

(c) One member who is an attorney, experienced in defending 16 17 criminal actions; and

18 (d) One member who serves as a court administrator for a 19 *justice or municipal court.*

The Chair of the Sentencing Commission shall designate 20 2. one of the members of the Subcommittee to serve as the Chair of 21 22 the Subcommittee.

23 3. The Subcommittee shall meet at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair. A majority of the members of the 24 Subcommittee constitutes a quorum, and a quorum may exercise 25 26 all the power or authority conferred on the Subcommittee. 27 Members of the Subcommittee shall serve without compensation. 28 4. The Subcommittee shall:

(a) Study existing laws, policies and practices relating to 29 misdemeanor offenses in this State and other states, including, 30





1 without limitation, the sentences imposed for misdemeanor 2 offenses in this State and other states; and

3 (b) Submit a biennial report describing the findings, 4 conclusions and recommendations of the subcommittee to the 5 Sentencing Commission.

6 Sec. 1.7. 1. The Chair of the Subcommittee may appoint 7 working groups composed of persons with subject matter 8 expertise, including, without limitation, representations of 9 criminal justice agencies in this State to aid in the work of the 10 Subcommittee.

11 2. The Chair of the Subcommittee may appoint any person 12 the Chair deems appropriate to serve on a working group, which 13 may include, without limitation, representatives of criminal justice 14 agencies within this State.

3. All information and materials received or prepared by a
working group are confidential and not public record for purposes
of chapter 239 of NRS.

18 4. The members of a working group serve without 19 compensation.

20 Sec. 1.8. NRS 176.01313 is hereby amended to read as 21 follows:

176.01313 As used in NRS 176.0131 to 176.014, inclusive,
and sections 1.3, 1.5 and 1.7 of this act, unless the context
otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 176.01315,
176.01317 and 176.0132 and section 1.3 of this act have the
meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

27 Sec. 1.9. NRS 176.01327 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.01327 The Executive Director appointed pursuant to NRS176.01323 shall:

31 1. Oversee all of the functions of the Department.

32 2. Serve as Executive Secretary of the Sentencing Commission33 without additional compensation.

34 3. Report to the Sentencing Commission on sentencing and 35 related issues regarding the functions of the Department and provide 36 such information to the Sentencing Commission as requested.

4. Assist the Sentencing Commission in determining necessary
 and appropriate recommendations to assist in carrying out the
 responsibilities of the Department.

40 5. Establish the budget for the Department.

41 6. Facilitate the collection and aggregation of data from the 42 courts, Department of Corrections, Division of Parole and Probation

43 of the Department of Public Safety and any other agency of criminal
 44 institute

44 justice.





7. Identify variables or sets of data concerning criminal justice
 that are not currently collected or shared across agencies of criminal
 justice within this State.

4 8. Assist in preparing and submitting the comprehensive report 5 required to be prepared by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to 6 subsection [11] 5 of NRS 176.0134.

9. Assist the Sentencing Commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 176.01347 relating to the calculation of the costs avoided by this State for the immediately preceding fiscal year because of the enactment of chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, and in preparing a report containing the projected amount of such costs for the next biennium and recommendations for the reinvestment of the amount of the costs.

14 10. Take any other actions necessary to carry out the powers 15 and duties of the Sentencing Commission pursuant to NRS 16 176.0131 to 176.014, inclusive.

17 Sec. 2. NRS 176.0133 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 176.0133 1. The Nevada Sentencing Commission is hereby 19 created within the Department. The Sentencing Commission 20 consists of:

(a) One member [appointed by the Governor;] who is an
attorney and whose practice primarily consists of representing
criminal defendants in a county whose population is less than
55,000, appointed by the Executive Director of the Department of
Indigent Defense Services or his or her designee;

(b) One member who is a justice of the Supreme Court of
Nevada or a retired justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada,
appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada;

(c) Two members who are judges appointed by the Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court of Nevada;

(d) One member who is a representative of the Administrative
Office of the Courts appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court of Nevada;

34 (e) The Director of the Department of Corrections;

(f) One member who is a representative of the Office of theAttorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;

37 (g) [One member who is a district attorney,] Two members 38 appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys 39 Association [;], one of whom must be a district attorney in a 40 county whose population is 100,000 or more and one of whom 41 must be a district attorney in a county whose population is less 42 than 100,000;

(h) One member who is a representative of the Office of the
Clark County Public Defender, appointed by the head of the Office
of the Clark County Public Defender;





(i) One member who is a representative of the Office of the
 Washoe County Public Defender, appointed by the head of the
 Office of the Washoe County Public Defender;

4 (j) One member who is an attorney in private practice, 5 experienced in defending criminal actions, appointed by the 6 governing body of the State Bar of Nevada;

7 (k) One member who has been a victim of a crime or is a 8 representative of an organization supporting the rights of victims of 9 crime, appointed by the Governor;

10 (1) One member who is a member of the State Board of Parole 11 Commissioners, appointed by the State Board of Parole 12 Commissioners;

(m) One member who is a representative of the Division of
Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety, appointed
by the Governor;

(n) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Sheriffs'
and Chiefs' Association, appointed by the Nevada Sheriffs' and
Chiefs' Association;

(o) One member who is a representative of the Las Vegas
Metropolitan Police Department, appointed by the Sheriff of Clark
County;

(p) One member who is a representative of the Division of
Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and
Human Services;

(q) One member who is a representative of an organization thatadvocates on behalf of inmates, appointed by the Governor;

(r) Two members who are Senators, one of whom is appointed
by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed
by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

30 (s) Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of 31 whom is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of 32 whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

(t) The Director of the Department of Employment, Training
 and Rehabilitation; [and]

(u) One member who is a representative of an organization that
works with offenders upon release from incarceration to assist in
reentry into the community appointed by the Chair of the
Legislative Commission [-];

39 (v) One member who is a representative of the Central 40 Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, appointed by 41 the Director of the Department of Public Safety; and

42 (w) One member who is a faculty member of the Nevada 43 System of Higher Education who teaches criminal justice, 44 appointed by the Governor.





1 2. The Executive Director shall serve as the Executive 2 Secretary of the Sentencing Commission.

3 If any organization listed in subsection 1 ceases to exist, the 3. 4 appointment required pursuant to that subsection must be made by 5 the association's successor in interest, or, if there is no successor in 6 interest, by the Governor.

7 Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members 4. 8 may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same 9 manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Sentencing Commission must be filled in the 10 11 same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after 12 the vacancy occurs.

13 5. The Legislators who are members of the Sentencing 14 Commission are entitled to receive the salary provided for a 15 majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days 16 of the preceding session for each day's attendance at a meeting of 17 the Sentencing Commission.

18 At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year, the 6. 19 members of the Sentencing Commission shall elect a Chair by 20 majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair is elected. 21

The Sentencing Commission shall: 7.

22 (a) Hold its first meeting on or before September 1 of each odd-23 numbered year; and

24 (b) Meet at least once every 3 months and may meet at such 25 further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.

26 A member of the Sentencing Commission may designate a 8. 27 nonvoting alternate to attend a meeting in his or her place.

28 A majority of the members of the Sentencing Commission 9. 29 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority 30 of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Sentencing Commission. A nonvoting 31 32 alternate designated by a member pursuant to subsection 8 who 33 attends a meeting of the Sentencing Commission for which the alternate is designated shall be deemed to be a member of the 34 35 Sentencing Commission for the purpose of determining whether a 36 quorum exists.

37 10. While engaged in the business of the Sentencing 38 Commission, to the extent of legislative appropriation, each member of the Sentencing Commission is entitled to receive the per diem 39 40 allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and 41 employees generally.

42 *11*. The Sentencing Commission may establish such working 43 groups, task forces and similar entities from within or outside its 44 membership as necessary to address specific issues or otherwise to assist in its work. 45





1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 176.0134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 176.0134 The Sentencing Commission shall: 3 [Advise the Legislature on proposed legislation and make 1. 4 recommendations with respect to all matters relating to the elements 5 of this State's system of criminal justice which affect the sentences imposed for felonies and gross misdemeanors. 6 7 <u>-2.</u> Evaluate *and study* the effectiveness and fiscal impact of 8 various policies and practices regarding sentencing which are employed in this State and other states, including, without 9 limitation, the use of plea bargaining, probation, programs of 10 11 enhanced supervision, programs of regimental discipline, 12 sentencing recommendations, mandatory imprisonment. and 13 minimum sentencing, mandatory sentencing for crimes involving 14 the possession, manufacture and distribution of controlled 15 substances, enhanced penalties for habitual criminals, parole, credits 16 against sentences, residential confinement and alternatives to 17 incarceration. 18 [3.] 2. Recommend changes in the structure of sentencing in 19 this State which [, to]: 20 (a) Are consistent with the public policy set forth in NRS 21 176.0131; and 22 (b) To the extent practicable and with consideration for their 23 fiscal impact, incorporate general objectives and goals for 24 sentencing. [, including, without limitation, the following: 25 (a) Offenders must receive sentences that increase in direct 26 proportion to the severity of their crimes and their histories of 27 criminality. 28 (b) Offenders who have extensive histories of criminality or 29 who have exhibited a propensity to commit crimes of a predatory or 30 violent nature must receive sentences which reflect the need to 31 ensure the safety and protection of the public and which allow for 32 the imprisonment for life of such offenders. 33 - (c) Offenders who have committed offenses that do not include 34 acts of violence and who have limited histories of criminality must 35 receive sentences which reflect the need to conserve scarce 36 economic resources through the use of various alternatives to 37 traditional forms of incarceration. 38 (d) Offenders with similar histories of criminality who are 39 convicted of similar crimes must receive sentences that are generally 40 similar. 41 (e) Offenders sentenced to imprisonment must receive sentences 42 which do not confuse or mislead the public as to the actual time 43 those offenders must serve while incarcerated or before being 44 released from confinement or supervision.





(f) Offenders must not receive disparate sentences based upon
 factors such as race, gender or economic status.

3 (g) Offenders must receive sentences which are based upon the

4 specific circumstances and facts of their offenses, including the

5 nature of the offense and any aggravating factors, the savagery of

6 the offense, as evidenced by the extent of any injury to the victim,

7 and the degree of criminal sophistication demonstrated by the

8 offender's acts before, during and after commission of the offense.

9 <u>4.]</u> **3.** Facilitate the development and maintenance of a 10 statewide sentencing database in collaboration with state and local 11 agencies, using existing databases or resources where appropriate.

12 [5. Provide training regarding sentencing and related issues,
 13 policies and practices, and act as a sentencing policy resource for
 14 this State.

15 <u>6. Evaluate the impact of pretrial, sentencing diversion,</u>
 16 incarceration and postrelease supervision programs.

17 - 7. Identify potential areas of sentencing disparity related to
 18 race, gender and economic status.

19 8. Propose and recommend statutory sentencing guidelines,

20 based on reasonable offense and offender characteristics which aim

21 to preserve judicial discretion and provide for individualized

22 sentencing, for the use of the district courts. If such guidelines are 23 enacted by the Legislature, the Sentencing Commission shall review

24 and propose any recommended changes.

25 <u>9. Evaluate whether sentencing guidelines recommended</u>
 26 pursuant to subsection 8 should be mandatory and if judicial

20 pursuant to subsection of should be inductory and in judicial
 27 findings should be required for any departures from the sentencing
 28 guidelines.

29 10.] 4. Provide recommendations and advice to the Executive
 30 Director concerning the administration of the Department,
 31 including, without limitation:

(a) Receiving reports from the Executive Director and providing
 advice to the Executive Director concerning measures to be taken by
 the Department to ensure compliance with the duties of the
 Sentencing Commission.

36 (b) Reviewing information from the Department regarding37 sentencing of offenders in this State.

(c) Requesting any audit, investigation or review the Sentencing
Commission deems necessary to carry out the duties of the
Sentencing Commission.

(d) Coordinating with the Executive Director regarding the
procedures for the identification and collection of data concerning
the sentencing of offenders in this State.

(e) Advising the Executive Director concerning any requiredreports and reviewing drafts of such reports.





1 (f) Making recommendations to the Executive Director 2 concerning the budget for the Department, improvements to the 3 criminal justice system and legislation related to the duties of the 4 Sentencing Commission.

5 (g) Providing advice and recommendations to the Executive 6 Director on any other matter.

7 [11.] 5. For each regular session of the Legislature, with the 8 assistance of the Department, prepare a comprehensive report 9 including the Sentencing Commission's:

10 (a) Recommended changes pertaining to sentencing;

11 (b) Findings;

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(c) Recommendations for proposed legislation;

13 (d) Identification of outcomes resulting from the enactment of 14 chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, that were tracked and 15 assessed as required pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of 16 subsection 1 of NRS 176.01343;

17 (e) Identification of trends observed after the enactment of 18 chapter 633, Statutes of Nevada 2019, that were tracked and 19 assessed as required pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of 20 NRS 176.01343;

(f) Identification of gaps in the State's data tracking capabilities
related to the criminal justice system and recommendations for
filling any such gaps as required pursuant to paragraph (e) of
subsection 1 of NRS 176.01343;

(g) Recommendations for improvements, changes and budgetaryadjustments; and

(h) Additional recommendations for future legislation and
 policy options to enhance public safety and control corrections
 costs.

30 [12.] 6. Submit the report prepared pursuant to subsection [11]
31 5 not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year to:

32 (a) The Office of the Governor;

(b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau fordistribution to the Legislature; and

35 (c) The Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court.

36 Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

37 Sec. 4.5. NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. 38 239.010 Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.0397, 41.071, 49.095, 39 40 49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 41 42 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413. 43 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 44 45 116B.880. 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280.





119A.280, 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.640, 1 2 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 3 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, 176.015, 4 5 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691, 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 200.3771, 6 7 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 200.3772, 8 209.3923. 209.3925, 209.419, 209.429, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 9 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 10 218G.350, 224.240, 226.300, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 11 12 231.069. 231.1473, 232.1369, 233.190, 237.300. 239.0105, 13 239.0113, 239.014, 239B.026, 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 239C.420, 14 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 15 247.540, 247.550, 247.560, 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 16 268.095, 268.0978, 268.490, 268.910, 269.174, 271A.105, 281.195, 17 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 18 281A.780, 284.4068, 284.4086, 286.110, 286.118, 287.0438, 19 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503, 20 293.504, 293.558, 293.5757, 293.870, 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 21 22 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 23 338.1379, 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 338.070. 349.775, 353.205, 353A.049, 353A.085, 353A.100, 24 349.597. 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247, 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.2242, 25 26 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180, 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 27 378.290. 378.300, 379.0075, 379.008, 379.1495, 385A.830. 28 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455, 388.259, 388.501, 388.503, 29 388.513, 388.750, 388A.247, 388A.249, 391.033, 391.035. 391.0365, 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147, 392.264, 392.271, 30 392.315, 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335, 392.850, 393.045, 31 394.16975, 394.1698, 394.447, 394.460, 32 394.167, 394.465. 396.1415, 396.1425, 396.143, 396.159, 396.3295, 396.405, 396.525, 33 396.535, 396.9685, 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 34 35 408.5484, 412.153. 414.280, 416.070. 422.2749, 422.305, 422A.342, 422A.350, 425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 36 37 432.205, 432B.175, 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.4018, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902, 432C.140, 432C.150, 433.534, 38 433A.360, 439.4941, 439.4988, 439.840, 439.914, 439A.116, 39 439A.124, 439B.420, 439B.754, 439B.760, 439B.845, 440.170, 40 441A.195, 441A.220, 441A.230, 442.330, 442.395, 442.735, 41 42 442.774, 445A.665, 445B.570, 445B.7773, 447.345, 449.209, 43 449.245, 449.4315, 449A.112, 450.140, 450B.188, 450B.805, 453.164, 453.720, 458.055, 458.280, 459.050, 459.3866, 459.555, 44 45 459.7056, 459.846, 463.120, 463.15993, 463.240, 463.3403,



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any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge,
 diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any
 written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

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4 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record 5 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

6 A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a 3. 7 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to 8 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or 9 record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity can 10 redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation, 11 12 electronically, the confidential information from the information 13 included in the public book or record that is not otherwise 14 confidential.

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

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

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

(a) The public record:

(b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or bymeans of an electronic medium would:

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(1) Give access to proprietary software; or

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

5. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity whohas legal custody or control of a public record:

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

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

39 Sec. 5. 1. This section becomes effective on passage and 40 approval.

41 2. Sections 1 to 4.5, inclusive, of this act become effective:

42 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing
43 any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out
44 the provisions of this act; and





1 (b) On July 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

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