SENATE BILL NO. 220-SENATOR LANGE

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Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development

SUMMARY—Enacts the Nevada Film Infrastructure, Workforce Development. Education **Economic** and Diversification Act. (BDR S-18)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to economic development; enacting the Nevada Film Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Education and Economic Diversification Act; requiring the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement to establish certain criteria for the development of infrastructure for the production of motion pictures and other qualified productions; establishing requirements for a production company located at such a development to be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the development; providing for the calculation of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits; revising provisions governing noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion pictures and other qualified productions produced in this State; authorizing an additional amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; establishing the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training and a board to approve distributions from the Account; providing for the distribution of money in the Account; 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, rental or lease 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 Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Education and Economic Diversification Act to authorize film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the Nevada Studios Project at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park, which is owned by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Research Foundation.

Sections 1-18 of this bill enact the Nevada Film Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Education and Economic Diversification Act, which provides for film infrastructure transferable tax credits to be issued to production companies that produce qualified productions, in whole or in part, at the Nevada Studios Project, as defined in section 8. Section 10 requires the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with the lead participant for the Project and to establish certain criteria that the Project is required to satisfy in exchange for production companies located at the Project to be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 12: (1) authorizes a production company located at the Project that has obtained the written approval of the lead participant under section 11 to apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced, in whole or in part, at the Project; and (2) 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. Section 13 establishes the qualified direct production expenditures which are the basis for calculating the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits, including, without limitation, purchases, leases and rentals of property or services from a Nevada business, wages and fringe benefits paid to employees who are Nevada residents for services on the qualified production, certain fees paid to producers and amounts paid to certain corporations or companies for the services of certain persons on the qualified production. Section 14 provides that the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits is the sum of: (1) 35 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures paid to Nevada residents for services in connection with the qualified production; and (2) 30 percent of the amount of all other qualified direct production expenditures. Under section 14: (1) the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for which a production company is eligible is reduced by specified percentages if, after certain periods, the number of Nevada residents who are below-the-line personnel of the qualified production is less than certain percentages; (2) film infrastructure transferable tax credits may be reduced by the amount of any damages incurred by the State or a political subdivision of this State as a result of a qualified production; and (3) film infrastructure transferable tax credits may be withheld for certain violations of law. Section 15: (1) establishes the maximum amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that may be issued pursuant to sections 1-18 during each 12-month period of the development period and for each fiscal year thereafter; (2) authorizes 50 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that are authorized for the development period or for a fiscal year following the development period, but are not approved, to be carried forward and made available for approval in subsequent fiscal years; and (3) prohibits the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for a fiscal year that begins more than 15 years after the Project receives its first certificate of occupancy. Section 16 establishes the time within which a production company that produces a qualified production is required to submit to the Office and the Department of Taxation any audits or other information required to determine the eligibility of the production company for film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 17 requires a production company to repay film infrastructure transferable tax credits under



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certain circumstances. Section 18 requires certain reports to be made to the Governor and the Legislature concerning film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

Sections 19-24 of this bill make various changes to the existing law governing the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion picture and other qualified productions. (NRS 360.758-360.7598) Section 19: (1) provides that digital media productions are qualified productions for the purposes of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits and noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; and (2) clarifies that media productions solely produced for social media are not eligible for such transferable tax credits. Section 20 revises certain criteria for a qualified production to be eligible for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 21 increases the base amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for an application submitted in each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, and ending before July 1, 2043, from 15 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures to the sum of: (1) 35 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures paid to Nevada residents for services in connection with the qualified production; and (2) 30 percent of the amount of all other qualified direct production expenditures. Section 21 also requires reductions to that base amount under certain circumstances. Section 22 temporarily increases from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 the total amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits 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, 2028, until June 30, 2043. Section 23 makes conforming changes to update a reference that was renumbered in section 20 and to consistently refer to the existing program of transferable tax credits as noninfrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 24 makes conforming changes so that the information required to be reported by the Office concerning noninfrastructure transferable tax credits is similar to the information required to be reported by the Office concerning film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

Sections 25-32 of this bill establish a program to pay certain costs related to the Nevada Media and Technology Lab and to provide grants to certain organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce development for the production of motion picture and other qualified productions. Section 30 creates the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training for the purpose of paying certain costs related to the Nevada Media and Technology Lab and to make grants to certain entities and organizations that provide education and vocational training for such workforce development. Sections 12 and 20 require a production company that is issued transferable tax credits for a qualified production to pay to the Office an amount of money equal to 10 percent of the amount of transferable tax credits issued to the qualified production, and require the Office to deposit that money with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account. Section 31 creates 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 requires the Board to: (1) establish the procedures for a person or entity to apply for a grant of money from the Account, the criteria to be used to determine whether to approve an application for a grant from the Account to an applicant and the requirements for reports by recipients of such grants concerning the use of the grants; (2) prohibits the making of a grant from the Account unless the Board approves the application for the grant; and (3) requires a recipient of a grant from the Account to adopt and implement a community benefits program that satisfies certain requirements.



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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the Nevada Film Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Education and Economic Diversification Act.

Sec. 2. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) The Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is the largest metropolitan area in this State and has a need to improve the education and training of the workforce in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area and to diversify the economy of the Area, as indicated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Area. The Harry Reid Research and Technology Park has been identified as a location in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area for a project that can address the needs of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area for workforce education and training and economic diversification.
- (b) Land at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park will be allocated for an educational and vocational training center, to be known as the Nevada Media and Technology Lab, which will provide workforce development, education and economic diversification by providing career pathways in film, video game publishing, defense, health care and other industries identified by the UNLV Research Foundation through the Creative Technology Initiative at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the Video Game Publishing Design Program Initiative at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- (c) Land at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park will also be allocated for large-scale facilities for the location of companies that produce motion pictures and other qualified productions in this State, which will create high-paying jobs in that industry and diversify the economy of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area and this State as a whole.
- (d) Because the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area and the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park is the only area in this State that is appropriate and suitable for the Nevada Media and Technology Lab and the development of large-scale projects to develop large-scale facilities for the location of companies that produce motion pictures and 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.





- (e) Therefore, given that a law of local and special application is necessary 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 within this State, and given that such a law is necessary to benefit the residents of that local and special area, a general law cannot be made applicable to the purposes, objects, powers, rights, privileges, immunities, liabilities, duties and disabilities set forth in the Nevada Film Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Education and Economic Diversification Act.
- 2. The Legislature further finds and declares that as a result of the 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 benefits of such productions in this State, the enactment of the Act will achieve a bona fide social or economic purpose and the economic benefits of the issuance of the transferable tax credits to encourage the location of large-scale facilities for the production of motion pictures and other qualified productions in this State are expected to exceed any adverse effect of the transferable tax credits on the revenue raised for the provision of services to the public by the State or a local government.
- **Sec. 3.** As used in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined NRS 360.7581 to 360.7586, inclusive, as amended by section 19 of this act, 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 lead participant in the Nevada Studios Project only in connection with the acquisition of land, including, without limitation, the right to the possession of land through a ground lease, and the design, construction, financing, installation and equipping of the infrastructure, at the Project for the development of the Nevada Media and Technology Lab and large-scale facilities for the location of companies that produce qualified productions at the Project. The amount of capital investment made in connection with the acquisition of a right to possess land through a ground lease must be the cost equivalent of the land.
- **Sec. 5.** "Lead participant" means the person or entity designated by the owner of the Nevada Studios Project as the lead participant for the Project, or the designee or subcontractor of such a person or entity who is authorized to operate or provide specialized equipment, technical support or other production services at the Project on an exclusive or nonexclusive basis.





- **Sec. 6.** "Lead supplier" means the person or entity who has the expertise, capability and resources to support the expansion and retention of production companies who will produce qualified productions in this State through the provision of specialized equipment, technical support and other production services and who is designated by the lead participant to sell or lease services or equipment to production companies applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for use in the production of qualified productions.
- "Nevada Media and Technology Lab" means a site Sec. 7. within the Nevada Studios Project at which the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the College of Southern Nevada, the Nevada State University, the Clark County School District and any other educational organization, may offer programs of education and vocational training that will connect the Project with organizations in this State that provide education and vocational training for the development of a trained workforce capable of being above-the-line personnel and below-the-line personnel for the production of qualified productions in this State. The educational organizations participating in the Nevada Media and Technology Lab may include, without limitation, universities, colleges, community colleges, school districts, private schools, charter schools, secondary schools, elementary schools, media-related vocational school defense industry programs, health care industry programs, hospitality workers, veterans organizations and other entities, organizations and persons that seek or provide vocational training and education that will diversify the economy of this State.
- **Sec. 8.** "Nevada Studios Project" means a real estate development and infrastructure project undertaken by a business or group of businesses that:
- 1. Is located on land at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park, which is owned by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Research Foundation and acquired by, or leased under a ground lease to, a participant in the Project, and any land adjacent, kitty-corner or immediately contiguous to the land that is acquired by, or leased under a ground lease to, the lead participant in the Project, even if such land is separated by a public street, the general description of which is land north of West Sunset Road, west of South Cimarron Road, south of West Patrick Lane, east of South Durango Drive and north of West Post Road; and
- 2. Consists of a development that integrates at one site various components for the production of qualified productions, including, without limitation, film and television production studios with multiple soundstages and support facilities and services, sites for the





creation of content for qualified productions and the Nevada Media and Technology Lab.

- **Sec. 9.** "Office" means the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor.
- **Sec. 10.** 1. Not later than 120 days after July 1, 2025, the Office shall enter into a development agreement with the lead participant for the Nevada Studios Project. The development agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, must require the lead participant for the Project to make a total new capital investment in this State of:
 - (1) At least \$150,000,000 by December 31, 2028; and
- (2) At least a cumulative total, including the amount described in subparagraph (1), of \$300,000,000 by December 31, 2029:
- (b) Must establish the minimum number of soundstages at the Project to be used for the various components of the production of qualified productions and require the Project to include the Nevada Media and Technology Lab;
- (c) May include such other provisions, not inconsistent with law, to carry out the provisions of the Act concerning the development of the Project and the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, as agreed to by the Office and the lead participant; and
- (d) Must not include any requirements for the development of the Project, other than the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) or any requirements to qualify for the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits.
- 2. As the Executive Director of the Office deems necessary or advisable, the Executive Director may modify the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 only by extending the date by which the capital investment required by that paragraph must be made.
- 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 18, inclusive, of this act or noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive, for the Nevada Studios Project if the lead participant has entered into a development agreement with the Office pursuant to this section.
- **Sec. 11.** A production company must obtain the written approval of the lead participant before submitting an application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act. Not later than 10 business days after receiving from a production company a written request for approval to apply for film





infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act, the lead participant shall approve or deny the request and notify the production company, in writing, of the approval or denial of the request.

- **Sec. 12.** 1. Beginning on the date on which the lead participant executes a development agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act, a production company that produces, in whole or in part, a qualified production in this State, may apply to the Office 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).
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 15 of this act, the Executive Director of the Office shall approve an application for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the Office finds that the production company qualifies for the film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 3. If the Office approves an application for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits, the Office shall calculate the estimated amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of this act.
- 3. To be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this section, the production company must:
- (a) Submit an application that meets the requirements of subsection 4:
- (b) Submit to the Office the written approval from the lead participant stating that the lead participant has approved the production company to apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for the qualified production for which the application is submitted;
- (c) Provide proof to the Office that 70 percent or more of the funding for the qualified production has been obtained;
 - (d) Provide proof to the Office that:
- (1) At least 50 percent of the total number of days of principal photography on which a stage is used, and at least 30 percent of the total number of days of second-unit filming on which a stage is used, will occur at the Nevada Studios Project; or
- (2) At least \$500,000 of qualified direct production expenditures will be incurred at the site of the Project;
 - (e) Provide proof to the Office that:





- (1) The production company has in place a diversity plan for hiring minority persons and women in all areas of the production of the qualified production, including, without limitation, production crew and staff, entry-level positions, management positions and talent-related positions, and for using vendors that are minority-owned business enterprises or women-owned business enterprises;
- (2) The diversity plan establishes goals for hiring persons, and using vendors, that reflect the racial and gender demographics of this State and that are stated in terms of wages paid to minority persons and women and prices paid to vendors that are minority-owned business enterprises or women-owned business enterprises; and
- (3) The diversity plan describes strategies that the applicant will use to achieve the goals established in the diversity plan, which may include, without limitation, the participation of the production company in programs of training, education and recruitment that are organized in cooperation with public colleges and universities in this State, labor organizations and the motion picture industry and that are designed to promote and encourage the training and hiring of residents of this State who represent the diversity of the population of this State: and
- (4) The diversity plan indicates actions that the production company will take to ensure equal opportunities for minority persons and women in recruitment, selection, appointment, promotion, training and other related aspects of employment, which may include, without limitation, advertising, recruitment and opportunities for internships;
- (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:
- (1) A report on the extent to which the applicant has met the diversity goals established in the diversity plan described in paragraph (e); and
- (2) An audit of the qualified production that is performed by an independent certified public accountant in this State who is approved by the Office and that includes an itemized report of qualified direct production expenditures and that shows that the qualified production satisfied the requirements of paragraph (d);
- (g) Pay the cost of the audit required by subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f);
- (h) Enter into a written agreement with the Office that requires the production company, except when prohibited by law or when the





qualified production for which film infrastructure transferable tax credits are issued is not distributed, to include:

- (1) An on-screen acknowledgment of the State of Nevada and the Nevada Studios Project, the language of which may be chosen by the applicant if the language is approved by the Office; or
- (2) If the qualified production does not have end screen credits, an acknowledgment of the State of Nevada and the Nevada Studios Project, which is approved by the Office and the production company, in the final version of the qualified production; and

(i) Enter into an agreement with the Office that requires the production company to provide to each loan-out company engaged by the production company to provide services in this State in

connection with the qualified production a notice stating:

(1) That this State imposes a tax pursuant to chapters 363A and 363B of NRS on the wages paid by certain employers and a commerce tax pursuant to chapter 363C of NRS on business entities engaging in business in this State; and

- (2) Instructions for obtaining additional information from the Department of Taxation regarding the imposition, collection and remittance of those taxes.
- 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 and, if known, the proposed producer, director and 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, for the period beginning not earlier than 90 days before the submission of the application through the completion of postproduction;
- (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;
- (f) An acknowledgment that the application and any documentation submitted to the Office in relation to the application are public records unless the Office approves a request submitted by the production company pursuant to NRS 231.069 to keep confidential the application and any information submitted in relation to the application;
- (g) An affirmation that, before beginning the production of the qualified production, the production company will obtain a policy of general liability insurance in an amount of at least \$1,000,000 and will provide satisfactory proof of such a policy to the Office;





- (h) The business address of the production company;
- (i) The diversity plan of the production company, which must be submitted to the Office not later than 14 days before the commencement of principal photography in this State, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Office;
- (j) The written approval of the lead participant for the production company to be issued film infrastructure transferable tax credits for the qualified production for which the application is submitted:
- (k) Proof that the qualified production meets any applicable requirements relating to workers' compensation insurance before beginning production of the qualified production; and
- (l) 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.
- 5. 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 tax credits available pursuant to section 14 of this act to:
 - (a) The applicant;

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- (b) The lead participant;
- (c) The Department of Taxation; and
- (d) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.
- Within 45 business days after receipt of an audit provided by a production company pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f) of subsection 3 and any other accountings or 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 infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. If the Office certifies the audit, determines that all other requirements for the film infrastructure transferable tax credits have been met and determines that a certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued, the Office shall notify the production company that the film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. Within 30 days after the receipt of the notice, the production company shall make an irrevocable declaration of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that will be applied to each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, thereby accounting for all of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the declaration, the Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits in the amount approved by the Office for the fees or taxes included in the declaration of the production company. The production company shall notify the Office upon transferring any of the film infrastructure transferable





tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department of Taxation and the Nevada Gaming Control Board of all film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued, segregated by each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, and the amount of any film infrastructure transferable tax credits transferred.

- 7. Within 30 days after the issuance of a certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 6, the production company shall pay to the Office an amount of money equal to 10 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to the production company pursuant to subsection 6. The Office shall deposit any money received pursuant to this subsection with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act. A payment made pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be a payment made from film infrastructure transferable tax credits which would have been authorized and approved for the production company if a payment pursuant to this subsection were not required.
- 8. 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 3.
 - 9. The Office:

- (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;
- (3) That a qualified production for which records are required to be maintained by 18 U.S.C. § 2257, with respect to any performer in such qualified production engaging in sexually explicit conduct, is not eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits:
- (4) The requirements for providing notice pursuant to section 16 of this act that information is incomplete; and
- (5) Any necessary provisions to ensure compliance with the requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 3 relating to diversity plans and that are necessary to require that the diversity plan of an applicant reflects the racial and gender diversity of this State.
- (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to ensure that the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act are carried out in a manner that is reasonable and customary within the industry for the production of qualified productions.





- 10. 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 18, inclusive, of this act.
 - **Sec. 13.** 1. Qualified direct production expenditures must be for purchases, rentals or leases of tangible personal property or services from a Nevada business during the period in which a qualified production is produced, must be customary 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, locations, equipment and vehicles;
- (f) Food, lodging and transportation, including, without limitation, airfares for flights to or from this State that are purchased through a Nevada business;
- (g) Editing, sound mixing, special effects, visual effects and other postproduction services;
- (h) The payroll for Nevada residents or other personnel who provided services in this State, whether as above-the-line personnel or below-the-line personnel, including, without limitation, wages, fringe benefits and living expenses paid in connection with services rendered in this State;
- (i) Payments for goods or services provided by a Nevada business or the lead supplier;
- (j) The design, construction, improvement or repair of property, infrastructure, equipment or a production or postproduction facility;
- (k) Charges for services that are necessary to complete a sale, lease or rental of any tangible personal property described in this subsection, to the extent not included as part of another cost reported pursuant to this section;
- (1) State and local government taxes to the extent not included as part of another cost reported pursuant to this section; and
- (m) Any other transaction, service or activity authorized in regulations adopted by the Office pursuant to section 12 of this act.
- 2. In addition to the qualified direct production expenditures listed in subsection 1, payments to a qualified entity for services performed in Nevada by a qualified individual are qualified direct production expenditures.
 - 3. Expenditures and costs:
 - (a) Related to:





- (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 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f) of 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, which may be established by considering the amount paid for the purchase, rental or lease of comparable property or services from the joint venturer, parent, subsidiary or other affiliate by a person, other than the production company, in another state or country;
- (d) Which are paid to another person for the purpose of subcontracting or passing through any purchase, rental or lease of tangible personal property or services used or consumed for the qualified production; or
- (e) Which have been previously claimed as a basis for film infrastructure transferable tax credits or noninfrastructure 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.
- 4. If any tangible personal property is acquired by a Nevada business, other than the lead supplier, from a vendor outside this State for immediate resale, rental or lease to a production company that produces a qualified production, expenditures incurred by the production company for the purchase, rental or lease of the property are qualified direct production expenditures if:
- (a) The Nevada business regularly deals in property of that kind; and
- (b) The expenditures are otherwise qualified direct production expenditures under the provisions of this section.
- 5. If any tangible personal property is acquired by the production company as an asset, the calculation of the costs of the tangible personal property that constitute a qualified direct production expenditure must be performed in the manner prescribed by the Office by regulation.





6. As used in this section:

- (a) "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.
- (b) "Nevada business" means a business that is registered with the Secretary of State to do business in this State and has an ongoing physical presence in this State, which must be evidenced by a business address in the name of the business that is located in this State and that is not a post office box.
- (c) "Qualified entity" means a payroll services corporation or loan-out company:
- (1) That is a corporation organized pursuant to chapter 78 of NRS, a foreign corporation required to file an initial or annual list with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 80 of NRS, a limited-liability company organized pursuant to chapter 86 of NRS or a foreign limited-liability company registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to chapter 86 of NRS;
- (2) That receives payment for services performed by a qualified individual who would otherwise be directly employed by the production company producing a qualified production; and
- (3) Of which at least 50 percent of the ownership interest is owned directly or indirectly by the qualified individual performing services for the qualified production.
- (d) "Qualified individual" means a natural person who performs services during the production period in an activity related to the production of a qualified production, including, without limitation, the preproduction, production and postproduction phases of the production of a qualified production. The term does not include:
- (1) A natural person related, in any manner set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 51(i)(1)(A), (B) or (C), to the production company or an employee of the production company; or
- (2) Any 5-percent owner, as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 416(i)(1)(B)(i), of the production company.
- **Sec. 14.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 4 and section 15 of this act, the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to an eligible production company pursuant to section 12 of this act must equal:
- (a) Thirty-five percent of the qualified direct production expenditures paid to Nevada residents in connection with services rendered in this State, including, without limitation, fringe benefits, as defined in section 13 of this act, and handling fees paid to such persons.





(b) Thirty percent of the qualified direct production expenditures other than the qualified direct production expenditures described in paragraph (a).

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4 and section 15 of this act, for an application for a certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved by the

Office:

- (a) Not less than 60 months, but less than 85 months, after the date on which the 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 5 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that would otherwise be issued, if less than 40 percent of the below-the-line personnel of the qualified production are Nevada residents.
- (b) Eighty-five months or more after the date on which the 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 10 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits that would otherwise be issued, if less than 60 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 paid pursuant to subsection 7 of section 12 of this act to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act.
 - 3. For the purposes of subsection 2:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), 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. 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 knowingly submitted any false statement, representation or certification in any document submitted for the purpose of obtaining film infrastructure transferable tax credits.
- 5. For an employee to be considered a resident of Nevada for the purposes of this section, the production company must maintain the following documents in the personnel file of the employee:
 - (a) A statement signed by the employee that the employee:
- (1) Was a bona-fide resident of this State for at least 120 days before the commencement of the period during which the employee renders services for the production of the qualified production; and
- (2) Has been a bona-fide resident of this State continuously throughout the period during which the employee renders services for the production of the qualified production;
- (b) A copy of the current and valid Nevada driver's license of the employee or a current and valid identification card for the employee issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and, if applicable, a copy of the most recently expired Nevada driver's license of the employee or the most recently expired identification card for the employee issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; and
- (c) A copy of a utility bill containing the name of the employee or a copy of a voter registration card issued to the employee.
- The production company shall maintain the documentation required by this subsection in the personnel file of the employee until the Office makes a final determination concerning the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for the qualified production on which the employee rendered services and shall, upon request, make the documentation available to the Office or any person performing the audit of the qualified production as required by subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f) of subsection 3 of section 12 of this act.
- **Sec. 15.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Executive Director of the Office shall not approve any application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to section 12 of this act if:
- (a) Approval of the application would cause the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to section 12 of this act:
- (1) To exceed \$48,000,000 during the first 12-month period of the development period.





- (2) To exceed \$48,000,000 during the second 12-month period of the development period.
- (3) To exceed \$63,000,000 during the third 12-month period of the development period.
- (4) To exceed \$58,100,000 for each fiscal year commencing after:

(I) The end of the development period; and

- (II) The lead participant has made the capital investment required pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act but before the lead participant has made the capital investment required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.
- (5) To exceed \$83,000,000 for each fiscal year commencing after:
 - (I) The end of the development period; and
- (II) The lead participant has made the capital investment required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.
- (b) The application is submitted by a production company in a fiscal year that begins more than 15 years after the Nevada Studios Project receives its first certificate of occupancy.
- 2. If a production company satisfies all requirements for the approval of an application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits and the approval of the application would cause the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved during the current fiscal year to exceed the amount authorized to be approved for the current fiscal year, the Executive Director of the Office shall approve the application and reduce the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits authorized to be approved pursuant to subsection 1 in the next fiscal year by the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved during the current fiscal year in excess of the amount authorized to be approved during the current fiscal year. Any film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved during the development period in excess of the amount authorized by subsection 1 to be approved during the development period may not be taken against any allowable fee or tax before the first fiscal year after the end of the development period.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, 50 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits authorized for the development period and any fiscal year beginning after the end of the development period that are not approved for the development period or the fiscal year, as applicable, may be carried forward and made available for approval:





(a) If the credits being carried forward are authorized to be approved during the development period, for the first fiscal year beginning after the end of the development period.

(b) If the credits being carried forward are authorized to be approved for a fiscal year beginning after the end of the

development period, for the next fiscal year.

For any fiscal year to which film infrastructure transferable tax credits are carried forward from the immediately preceding fiscal year pursuant to this subsection, the film infrastructure transferable tax credits that have been carried forward must be deemed to be the first film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued until the total amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits from the immediately preceding fiscal year have been issued.

- 4. If the Executive Director of the Office approves an application for a certificate of eligibility pursuant to section 12 of this act, the amount of any film infrastructure transferable tax credits that:
- (a) For any reason, are not issued to the production company that submitted the application must be considered to be unused and available to be used or carried forward in the manner set forth in this section.
- (b) Are issued but unused, as evidenced by the return to the Office of the certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits, must be considered to be unused and available to be used or carried forward in the manner set forth in this section.
- 5. Film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to a production company for a qualified production pursuant to section 12 of this act expire at the end of the fiscal year that is 7 years after the date on which the film infrastructure transferable tax credits are issued to the production company.
- 6. For the purposes of this section, the "development period" is the period beginning on the date on which the Office and the lead participant execute a development agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act and ending 36 months after that date.
- **Sec. 16.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3 to 18, 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.
- 2. A production company that produces a qualified production shall submit the audit required by subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f) of subsection 3 of 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 subsection 3 of section 12 of this





act. If the Office or the Department determines that information submitted pursuant to this subsection is incomplete, the production company shall, not later than 30 days after receiving notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the Office or the Department, as applicable, all additional information required by the Office or the Department.

- **Sec. 17.** 1. A production company that is found to have knowingly submitted any false statement, representation or certification in any document submitted for the purpose of obtaining film infrastructure transferable tax credits or who otherwise becomes ineligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits after receiving the film 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, any portion of the film infrastructure transferable tax credits to which the production company is not entitled.
- 2. Film infrastructure transferable tax credits purchased in good faith are not subject to forfeiture or repayment by the transferee unless the transferee submitted fraudulent information in connection with the purchase.
- **Sec. 18.** The Office shall, on or before October 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature an annual report which includes, for the immediately preceding fiscal year:
- 1. The number of applications submitted for film infrastructure transferable 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;
- 6. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits taken against 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, the amount of wages paid to those persons and any demographic information concerning those persons that has been voluntarily provided by those persons;





- 9. The period during which each qualified production was in Nevada and employed persons in Nevada;
 - 10. The number of qualified productions produced by persons affiliated with the Nevada Studios Project and the number of qualified productions that were produced by persons not affiliated with the Project;
 - 11. Demographic information concerning persons who participate in a program of vocational training and education offered at the Nevada Media and Technology Lab that is voluntarily provided by those persons; and
 - 12. Recommendations for improving the operation of the program for the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits, including, without limitation, methods to promote and encourage the development and establishment of production companies in this State that are either affiliated with the Nevada Studios Project or not affiliated with the Project.
 - **Sec. 19.** NRS 360.7586 is hereby amended to read as follows: 360.7586 1. "Qualified production" includes preproduction, production and 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.
- (e) A television, Internet or other media series, including, without limitation, a comedy, drama, miniseries, soap opera, talk show, game show or telenovela, or an episode of such a series.
 - (f) A reality show.

- (g) A national or regional commercial or series of commercials.
- (h) An infomercial.
- (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.
- 36 (b) A production that is primarily produced for industrial, 37 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. 20.** 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 funding for the qualified production has been obtained;
- [(d)] (c) Provide proof [satisfactory] to the Office that at least 60 percent of the direct production expenditures for:
 - (1) Preproduction;
 - (2) Production; and
- (3) If any direct production expenditures for postproduction will be incurred in this State, postproduction,
- → of the qualified production will be incurred in this State as qualified direct production expenditures;
- [(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
- [(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]:
- (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) If the qualified production was produced at the Nevada Studios Project, an acknowledgment of the Project; 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 Nevada 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
- (j) Any other information required by regulations adopted by the Office pursuant to subsection 8.1
- 5. If the Office approves an application for a certificate of eligibility for *noninfrastructure* 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 NRS 360.7592 to:
 - (a) The applicant;

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- (b) The Department; and
- (c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.
- Within 60 business days after receipt of an audit provided by a production company pursuant to paragraph $\frac{(e)}{(d)}$ of subsection 3 and any other accountings or other information required by the Office, the Office shall determine whether to certify the audit and make final determination ofwhether a certificate noninfrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. If the Office certifies the audit, determines that all other requirements for the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits have been met and determines that a certificate of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued, the Office shall notify the production 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 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 for all of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the declaration, the Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits in the amount approved by the Office for the fees or taxes included in the declaration of the production company. The production company shall notify the Office upon transferring any of the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department and the Nevada Gaming Control Board of all *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued, segregated by each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, and the amount of any *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits transferred.
- 7. Within 30 days after the issuance of a certificate of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 6, if the application for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits was submitted on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1,





2043, the production company shall pay to the Office an amount of money equal to 10 percent of the amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits issued to the production company pursuant to subsection 6. The Office shall deposit any money received pursuant to this subsection with the State Treasurer for credit to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act. A payment made pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be a payment made from noninfrastructure transferable tax credits which would have been authorized and approved for the production company if a payment pursuant to this subsection were not reauired.

8. An applicant for *noninfrastructure* 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 3.

[8.] 9. The Office:

- (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing:
- (1) [Any additional requirements to receive transferable tax eredits:
- (2)] Any additional qualified expenditures or production costs that may serve as the basis for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.7591;
- [(3) Any additional information that must be included with an application pursuant to subsection 4;
 - (4)] (2) The application review process;
 - [(5) Any type of]
- (3) That a qualified production [which, due to obscene or sexually explicit material,] for which records are required to be maintained by 18 U.S.C. § 2257, with respect to any performer in such qualified production engaging in sexually explicit conduct, is not eligible for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; and
- [(6)] (4) The requirements for notice pursuant to NRS 360.7595; and
- (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to **[earry out] ensure that** the provisions of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive **[**.
- 9.], are carried out in a manner that is reasonable and customary within the industry for the production of qualified productions.
- 10. The Nevada Tax Commission and the Nevada Gaming Commission:
- (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be administered.





- (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive.
- 11. As used in this section, "Nevada Studios Project" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 8 of this act.
 - **Sec. 21.** NRS 360.7592 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 360.7592 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4] 5 and NRS 360.7593 and 360.7594, the base amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to an eligible production company pursuant to NRS 360.759:
- (a) For an eligible production company that submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits before July 1, 2025, or on or after July 1, 2043, must equal 15 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures.
- (b) For an eligible production company that submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2043, must equal:
- (1) Thirty-five percent of the qualified direct production expenditures paid to Nevada residents in connection with services rendered in this State, including, without limitation, fringe benefits, as defined in NRS 360.7593, and handling fees paid to such persons.
- (2) Thirty percent of the qualified direct production expenditures other than the qualified direct production expenditures described in subparagraph (1).
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections [3] 4 and [4] 5 and NRS 360.7594, if the eligible production company submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759 before July 1, 2025, or on or after July 1, 2043, in addition to the base amount calculated pursuant to paragraph (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.





- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and NRS 360.7594, if the eligible production company submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759 on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2043, the base amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits calculated pursuant to paragraph (b) of 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 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this subsection must not reduce the amount of money transferred pursuant to subsection 7 of NRS 360.759 to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act.
- 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.
 - (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 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits.
 - Sec. 22. NRS 360.7594 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 360.7594 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Office of Economic Development shall not approve any application for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to NRS 360.759 if approval of the application would cause





the total amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits approved pursuant to NRS 360.759 for each [fiscal]:

- (a) Fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2028, or on or after July 1, 2043, to exceed the sum of \$10,000,000. Any portion of the \$10,000,000 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.
- (b) Fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2028, 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] at the end of the calendar year that is 6 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 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. 23.** NRS 360.7595 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 360.7595 1. If the Office of Economic Development receives an application for *noninfrastructure* 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;
 - (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.
- (b) May extend by not more than 90 days the period otherwise prescribed by this subsection.
- 5. A production company that produces a qualified production shall submit the audit required by NRS 360.759 and all other required information to the Office and the Department within the time required by paragraph [(e)] (d) of subsection 3 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 or the Department determines that information submitted pursuant to this subsection is incomplete, the production company shall, not later than 30 days after receiving notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the Office or the Department, as applicable, all additional information required by the Office or the Department.
- 6. The Office shall give priority to the approval and processing of an application relating to a qualified production that promotes tourism in the State of Nevada.
 - **Sec. 24.** NRS 360.7598 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 360.7598 The Office of Economic Development shall, on or before October 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature an annual report which includes, for the immediately preceding fiscal year:
- 1. The number of applications submitted for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759;
- 2. The number of qualified productions for which *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits were approved;
- 42 3. The amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits approved;
 - 4. The amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits used;





- 5. The amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits transferred:
- 6. The amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits taken against 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 any demographic information concerning those persons that has been voluntarily provided by those persons; and
- 9. The period during which each qualified production was in Nevada and employed persons in Nevada.
- **Sec. 25.** Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 26. As used in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 27, 28 and 29 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- Sec. 27. "Account" means the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of this act.
- Sec. 28. "Board" means the Board for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 31 of this act.
- Sec. 29. "Nevada Studios Project" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 8 of this act.
- Sec. 30. 1. The Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Executive Director, at the direction of the Board, shall administer the Account.
- 2. The Executive Director may apply for and accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations from any source for deposit in the Account.
 - 3. The Account consists of:
- (a) Money deposited for credit to the Account pursuant to NRS 360.759 and section 12 of this act.
 - (b) Any direct legislative appropriations to the Account.
- (c) Any gifts, grants, bequests and donations made to the Account.
 - (d) Interest and income earned on money in the Account.





- 4. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.
- 5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
- 6. Money deposited in the Account pursuant to NRS 360.759 and section 12 of this act must be accounted for separately and used by the Office to pay costs for the operation of the Nevada Media and Technology Lab in the following order of priority:
 - (a) Base rent;

 (b) The costs of employing an administrative officer for the Nevada Media and Technology Lab, and any costs related to such employment, in the amount of \$300,000 per fiscal year;

(c) Any unpaid rent and interest on such unpaid rent at the

rate of 8 percent per year;

(d) Maintenance of a reserve in the amount of \$1,000,000 for

the payment of base rent;

(e) Payment to the Video Game Publishing Design Program Initiative of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in the amount of \$500,000 per fiscal year, or until a total of \$2,500,000 is paid;

- (f) Payment to the Creative Technology Initiative of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in the amount of \$1,000,000 per fiscal year for 10 fiscal years, or until a total of \$10,000,000 is paid; and
- (g) A reserve in the amount of \$200,000 per fiscal year for the replacement of shared equipment and furniture, fixtures and other equipment.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, all money in the Account must be used by the Office to make grants approved by the Board to any institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education, a state or local agency, a school district, a vocational trade school, a nonprofit organization, a labor organization or a private postsecondary educational institution that provides a program of workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State. In addition to being used for making grants pursuant to this subsection, money transferred to the Account pursuant to NRS 360.759 and section 12 of this act may be used to pay costs associated to employ personnel to assist with the operation of the Nevada Media and Technology Lab.
- 8. If, on June 30, 2048, this section is scheduled to expire by limitation on June 30, 2049, the unamortized balance of the specialized tenant improvements within the Nevada Media and





Technology Lab must be paid to the owner of the building in which the Nevada Media and Technology Lab is located, and such money must be reserved to pay the costs described in paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of subsection 6 and to make grants pursuant to subsection 7.

9. As used in this section:

- (a) "Nevada Media and Technology Lab" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 7 of this act.
- (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 Related Technology Education and Vocational Training within the Office of Economic Development in the Office of the Governor, consisting of the following voting members:
- (a) One member appointed by the Governor, from a nominee selected by the lead participant for the Nevada Studios Project;
- (b) One member appointed by the Governor, from a nominee selected by the lead supplier for the Nevada Studios Project;
- (c) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- (d) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
- (e) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (f) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;
- (g) One member appointed by the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, or the designee of the President;
- (h) The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development or his or her designee; and
- (i) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation or his or her designee.
- 2. In appointing members to the Board pursuant to subsection 1, the appointing authorities set forth in that subsection shall coordinate to ensure that both the public and private sectors are represented on the Board.
- 3. The members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e) and (g) of subsection 1 must be appointed to an initial term of 4 years commencing on January 1, 2026, and the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection 1 must be appointed to an initial term of 2 years commencing on January 1, 2026. After the initial terms, each member shall serve a term of 4 years. Each appointed member serves at the pleasure of the person appointing that member pursuant to subsection 1, except for the member appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of





subsection 1. If, for any reason, a vacancy occurs during the term of an appointed member, the person who is responsible for making the appointment pursuant to subsection 1 shall appoint a replacement member qualified pursuant to that subsection to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. Except for the member appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, each member may serve not more than two consecutive full terms.

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

Board.

- 5. A majority of the voting members of the Board constitutes a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Board is required to exercise any power conferred on the Board.
- 6. The Board shall meet quarterly during the calendar years 2026, 2027 and 2028 and, thereafter, at least twice each calendar year, but the Board may meet more often at the call of the Chair or a majority of the voting members of the Board.
- 7. The members of the Board serve without compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged in the official business of the Board.
- 8. A member of the Board who is an officer or employee of this State or a 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 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 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 carry out duties as a member of the Board or use annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.
 - Sec. 32. 1. The Board shall establish:
- (a) The procedures for a person or entity to apply for a grant of money from the Account;
- (b) The criteria to be used to determine whether to approve an application for a grant from the Account to an applicant; and
- (c) The requirements for reports by recipients of grants from the Account concerning the expenditures made from the grant, the outcomes of the programs supported by the grant and any other information deemed necessary by the Board.





- 2. The Executive Director may provide advice and recommendations regarding the procedures, criteria and requirements established by the Board pursuant to subsection 1.
- 3. The Office shall not make a grant of money from the Account unless the Board has approved the application for the grant.
- 4. A recipient of a grant must adopt and implement a community benefits program, which must include, without limitation:
- (a) A commitment to workforce diversity, inclusiveness, access and equality, including, without limitation, for underserved communities, minority groups and veterans;
- (b) An explanation of the actions that will be taken and strategies that will be implemented to promote workforce diversity; and
- (c) The goals and performance measures which will be used to measure the success of the program in achieving those goals.
- **Sec. 33.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.
 - **Sec. 34.** The Legislative Counsel shall:
- 1. In preparing the Nevada Revised Statutes, use the authority set forth in subsection 10 of NRS 220.120 to substitute appropriately the term "noninfrastructure transferable tax credits" in NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive, for the term "transferable tax credits" as previously used in those sections.
- 2. In preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, substitute appropriately the term "noninfrastructure transferable tax credits" in NAC 360.800 to 360.865, inclusive, for the term "transferable tax credits" as previously used in those sections.
- Sec. 35. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025, and expires by limitation on June 30, 2050.





