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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to training for  
Legislators. (BDR 17-438)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to the Legislature; revising provisions relating to  
the training required for newly elected Legislators; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires newly elected Legislators to attend certain training before  
2 the beginning of their first legislative session, including training regarding  
3 legislative procedure and protocol, the state budget and major policy issues. (NRS  
4 218A.285) This bill requires that such training also include a discussion of local  
5 governments in this State, which must include overviews of: (1) the structure and  
6 authority of local governments; (2) the financial administration of local  
7 governments; and (3) the services provided by local governments.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218A.285 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 218A.285 1. A Legislator who is elected to the Assembly or  
4 the Senate and who has not previously served in either House shall  
5 attend the training required pursuant to this section unless his or her  
6 attendance is excused pursuant to subsection 6.

7 2. A member of the Assembly who is required to attend  
8 training pursuant to this section shall attend each training session



1 designated as mandatory by the Speaker of the Assembly. A  
2 member of the Senate who is required to attend training pursuant to  
3 this section shall attend each training session designated as  
4 mandatory by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

5 3. The training required pursuant to this section must include:

6 (a) Legislative procedure and protocol;

7 (b) Overviews of the state budget and the budgetary process;

8 (c) Discussion of major policy issues that are likely to be  
9 considered during the ensuing regular session; ~~and~~

10 (d) *Discussion of local governments in this State, including,*  
11 *without limitation, overviews of:*

12 (1) *The structure and authority of local governments;*

13 (2) *The financial administration of local governments,*  
14 *including, without limitation, the budgets and budgetary process*  
15 *of local governments; and*

16 (3) *The services provided by local governments; and*

17 (e) Such other matters as are deemed appropriate by the Speaker  
18 of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority  
19 Leader of the Assembly and the Minority Leader of the Senate for  
20 their respective Houses.

21 4. The Director shall provide staff support for the training  
22 required pursuant to this section.

23 5. The training required pursuant to this section must not  
24 exceed a total of 10 days and must be conducted between the day  
25 next after the general election and the commencement of the  
26 ensuing regular session. The dates for the training must be:

27 (a) Determined by the Speaker of the Assembly and the  
28 Majority Leader of the Senate;

29 (b) Posted on the public website of the Legislature on the  
30 Internet; and

31 (c) Communicated in writing by the Director to the candidates  
32 for election to the Assembly and the Senate for the ensuing regular  
33 session,

34 ➤ not later than 90 days before the first day on which training will  
35 be conducted.

36 6. The Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the  
37 Senate may excuse a Legislator from attending a training session  
38 otherwise required pursuant to this section in case of illness, injury,  
39 emergency, employment or other good cause as determined by the  
40 Speaker or Majority Leader.

41 7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Director  
42 shall provide an electronic copy of a training session and a form for  
43 attesting completion of the training session to any Legislator who  
44 was unable to attend the training session. If any training session is  
45 conducted in a manner that the Director determines cannot



1 reasonably be recorded in an electronic format, the Director may  
2 provide for an alternate means of recording the information  
3 provided during that training session. To successfully complete the  
4 training required pursuant to this section, a Legislator who was  
5 unable to attend a training session shall complete that session in the  
6 manner prescribed by the Director and submit the attestation to the  
7 Director.

8 8. The Director shall issue a "Certificate of Graduation from  
9 the Legislative Training Academy" to each Legislator who  
10 successfully completes the training required pursuant to this section.

11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2022.



