## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 119–COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

## PREFILED FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Creates the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee. (BDR 38-311)

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

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

AN ACT relating to adult maltreatment; creating the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee; providing for the review of deaths resulting from or relating to adult maltreatment; requiring the Committee to perform certain other duties relating to the investigation and prevention of adult maltreatment; providing access for the Committee to certain documents; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law makes it a crime to abuse, neglect, isolate, abandon or exploit an 2345678 older person or a vulnerable person. (NRS 200.5099) Section 3 of this bill defines the term "adult maltreatment" to refer to such crimes. Sections 4-7 of this bill define certain other terms. Section 8 of this bill creates the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services and prescribes the membership of the Committee. Section 8 also prescribes certain rules governing the operation of the Committee. Section 8 immunizes the members, employees, agents and consultants of the Committee from civil liability for acts 9 performed in good faith and within the scope of duties of the Committee. Section 8 10 authorizes the Director of the Department to: (1) apply for and accept gifts, grants 11 and donations to support the activities of the Committee; and (2) adopt regulations 12 governing the activities of the Committee.

**Section 9** of this bill requires the Committee to review each death in this State that is known or suspected to have been caused by or be related to adult maltreatment and is referred to the Committee by certain governmental entities or relatives of the decedent. **Section 9** additionally authorizes the Committee to





17 review any other death that the Committee reasonably believes may have been 18 caused by or related to adult maltreatment. Section 10 of this bill prescribes other 19 duties of the Committee relating to the investigation and prevention of adult 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 maltreatment. Section 10 requires the Committee to biennially: (1) publish on an Internet website maintained by the Department a report that consists of data concerning adult maltreatment in this State; and (2) submit to the Legislature a separate report containing certain information and recommendations about adult maltreatment. Section 11 of this bill authorizes the Committee to take certain measures necessary to perform its duties, including consulting with experts and other interested persons and entering into contracts. Section 12 of this bill entitles the Committee to access certain records it determines necessary to perform its duties and authorizes the Committee to petition the district court for a subpoena to compel the production of such records. Section 12 also provides that information acquired by and records of the Committee are confidential and not subject to 31 subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal 32 33 34 proceeding. Sections 12 and 14 of this bill provide that such records are not public records. Sections 12 and 15 of this bill provide that meetings of the Committee are closed to the public.

35 Existing law creates in the Office of the Attorney General the Unit for the 36 Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Older Persons or Vulnerable 37 Persons. (NRS 228.265) Existing law authorizes the Unit to investigate and 38 prosecute deaths resulting from adult maltreatment. (NRS 228.270) Section 10 39 requires the Committee to refer a case of suspected adult maltreatment to the Unit 40 for investigation and prosecution where appropriate. Section 12 authorizes the 41 Committee to meet and share information with the Unit and certain entities that 42 investigate domestic violence. Section 13 of this bill requires the Unit to compile a 43 report of the outcome of and findings regarding each case referred by the 44 Committee to the Unit.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by 2 adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, 3 of this act.

4 Sec. 2. As used in sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act, 5 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined 6 in sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed 7 to them in those sections.

8 Sec. 3. "Adult maltreatment" means the abuse, neglect, 9 exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or a 10 vulnerable person in violation of NRS 200.5099.

11 Sec. 4. "Committee" means the Vulnerable Adult Fatality 12 Review Committee established by section 8 of this act.

13 Sec. 5. "Facility or service provider" means:

14 1. Any facility or other entity licensed or certified pursuant to 15 chapter 435 or 449 of NRS.

2. A provider of emergency medical services.

3. A facility for long-term rehabilitation.



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4. Any unlicensed establishment that provides food, shelter, 1 2 assistance and limited supervision to an older person or a 3 vulnerable person. Sec. 6. "Older person" has the meaning ascribed to it in 4 5 NRS 228.255. Sec. 7. 6 "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it 7 in NRS 228.262. 8 Sec. 8. 1. The Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee 9 is hereby established within the Department.

10 2. The Director shall appoint to the Committee at least 6 but 11 not more than 12 members who:

12 (a) Are providers of health care, representatives of nonprofit 13 organizations whose work is related to adult maltreatment, issues 14 of older persons or issues of vulnerable persons, representatives of 15 agencies involved in vital statistics and law enforcement and other 16 persons interested in adult maltreatment or the welfare of older 17 persons and vulnerable persons; and

18 (b) Represent the racial, ethnic, linguistic and geographic 19 diversity of this State.

20 21 3. The members of the Committee serve:

(a) At the pleasure of the Director; and

(b) Without compensation but are entitled to receive the per
 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and
 employees generally.

4. A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a
quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a
quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action
taken by the Committee.

A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee 29 5. 30 of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to 31 32 prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee in the 33 most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political 34 subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee 35 who is a member of the Committee to: 36

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry
out his or her duties as a member of the Committee; or

39 (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

40 6. At the first meeting of the Committee and annually 41 thereafter:

42 (a) The Director shall appoint a Chair of the Committee;

43 (b) The Committee shall elect a Secretary from among its 44 members; and





1 (c) The Committee shall adopt rules for its own management 2 and government.

7. The Committee shall meet at least twice each year and may
4 meet at such further times as determined necessary by the Chair.

5 8. A member of the Committee or an employee, agent or 6 consultant of the Committee is not liable in a civil action for any 7 act performed in good faith and within the scope of the duties of 8 the Committee. For the purposes of this subsection, any act which 9 violates a provision of law concerning the privacy of information 10 shall be deemed to be outside the scope of the duties of the 11 Committee.

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9. The Director may:

(a) Apply for and accept gifts, grants or donations from any
 source for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 2
 to 12, inclusive, of this act; and

(b) Adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions
of sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

18 Sec. 9. 1. The Committee:

(a) Shall review each death in this State that is known or
suspected to have been caused by or be related to adult
maltreatment and is referred to the Committee by the Division, a
law enforcement agency or an adult related to the decedent within
the third degree of consanguinity; and

(b) May, within the limits of available resources, review any
other death that the Committee reasonably believes may have been
caused by or related to adult maltreatment.

27 2. A review pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without 28 limitation, and to the extent that such records exist, a review of 29 relevant medical records, death certificates, records of an 30 autopsy, records created by a facility or provider, records of the 31 Division, records of a social services agency, mental health 32 records and records of a law enforcement agency described in 33 section 12 of this act.

34 Sec. 10. 1. In addition to conducting reviews pursuant to 35 section 9 of this act, the Committee shall:

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(a) Within the limits of available resources:

(1) Cross-reference databases maintained by the Division
with databases maintained by coroners and medical examiners in
this State to identify deaths that may have been caused by or
related to adult maltreatment and review such deaths in
accordance with section 9 of this act.

42 (2) Review incidents and trends in adult maltreatment in 43 this State.

44 (3) Identify and review disparities in the incidence of adult
 45 maltreatment in this State by analyzing:





(I) The race, ethnicity and age of persons who 1 2 experience adult maltreatment:

(II) The geographic region of the residence of persons 3 4 who experience adult maltreatment; and 5

(III) Any other variables identified by the Committee.

(b) Refer a case of suspected adult maltreatment to the Unit 6 7 for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Older 8 Persons or Vulnerable Persons in the Office of the Attorney General created by NRS 228.265 for further investigation and 9 prosecution where appropriate. 10

11 (c) Based on the reviews conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) 12 and section 9 of this act, develop findings and recommendations to prevent adult maltreatment and address the needs of victims of 13 14 adult maltreatment.

15 (d) Disseminate the findings and recommendations developed 16 pursuant to paragraph (c) to the Division, providers of health care, 17 agencies and organizations that provide social services, facilities 18 or service providers, law enforcement agencies, organizations that provide services to victims of adult maltreatment, other interested 19 20 persons and entities and the public.

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(e) On or before December 31 of each even-numbered year:

22 (1) Compile and publish on an Internet website maintained 23 by the Department a report that consists of data concerning adult 24 maltreatment in this State during the immediately preceding 24 25 months. Such data must be aggregated and presented in a manner 26 that does not allow for the identification of any person.

27 (2) In collaboration with the Division, develop and submit 28 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal 29 to the next regular session of the Legislature a report that 30 includes. without limitation:

31 (I) A description of the deaths resulting from adult 32 maltreatment and other incidents of adult maltreatment reviewed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 and section 9 of this act. 33 respectively, during the immediately preceding 24 months, 34 provided in a manner that does not allow for the identification of 35 36 any person:

37 (II) A summary of the disparities identified and reviewed pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1; 38

(III) Plans for corrective action to reduce adult 39 maltreatment in this State; and 40

(IV) Recommendations for any legislation or other 41 42 changes to policy to reduce adult maltreatment or otherwise 43 improve the well-being of older persons and vulnerable persons in 44 this State.





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1 2. The Committee may, within the limits of available 2 resources:

3 (a) Conduct any other research into issues relating to adult maltreatment or the well-being of older persons and vulnerable 4 5 persons in this State:

6 (b) Promote changes in policy in the public and private sectors 7 to reduce adult maltreatment or address the effects of adult 8 *maltreatment*:

9 (c) Take measures to improve the services provided to victims of adult maltreatment, including, without limitation, identifying 10 gaps in services provided to victims of adult maltreatment and 11 12 reducing barriers to service for victims of adult maltreatment; and 13 (d) Engage in activities to increase public awareness regarding 14 adult maltreatment.

Sec. 11. 15 The Committee may take any action necessary to 16 carry out its duties, including, without limitation:

17 1. Consulting with experts and other interested persons to 18 ensure the data collected is of the highest quality;

19 2. Entering into a contract or other agreement with any 20 person or entity, including, without limitation, a college or 21 university. to:

(a) Assist the Committee with its organization and meetings:

(b) Collect, analyze and disseminate information; or

(c) Assist in carrying out any other duty of the Committee;

25 Establishing subcommittees consisting of members of the 3. 26 Committee: and

27 4. Employing such persons as it deems necessary to carry out 28 its duties. 29

Sec. 12. 1. The Committee is entitled to access to:

(a) All final investigative information of law enforcement 30 agencies regarding a death that may have been caused by or 31 32 related to adult maltreatment or other incident of adult 33 maltreatment being investigated by the Committee for which the investigation by the law enforcement agency has been closed; 34

35 (b) Any autopsy and coroner's investigative records relating to a death of an older person or a vulnerable person that may have 36 37 been caused by or related to adult maltreatment;

38 (c) Any medical or mental health records of a decedent or 39 other victim of adult maltreatment;

(d) Any records of the Division or any other agency which has 40 provided services to a decedent or other victim of adult 41 42 maltreatment; and

43 (e) Any other records determined by the Committee to be necessary to perform its duties, except for records of a law 44 45 enforcement agency not described in paragraph (a).



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1 2. The Committee may, if appropriate, meet and share 2 information with:

3 (a) A multidisciplinary team to review the death of the victim 4 of a crime that constitutes domestic violence organized or 5 sponsored pursuant to NRS 217.475;

6 (b) The Committee on Domestic Violence appointed pursuant 7 to NRS 228.470; or

8 (c) The Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes
9 Against Older Persons or Vulnerable Persons in the Office of the
10 Attorney General created by NRS 228.265.

The Committee may petition the district court for the 11 *3*. 12 issuance of, and the district court may issue, a subpoena to compel 13 the production of any books, records or papers described in subsection 1 that are relevant to the cause of any death or incident 14 15 of adult maltreatment being investigated by the Committee. Except 16 as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, any books, records or 17 papers received by the Committee pursuant to a subpoena issued pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed confidential and 18 19 privileged and not subject to disclosure.

4. The Committee may use data collected concerning a death that is known or suspected to have been caused by or be related to adult maltreatment for the purpose of research or to prevent future adult maltreatment if the data is aggregated and does not allow for the identification of any person.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, information
acquired by, and the records of, the Committee are confidential,
are not public records, must not be disclosed and are not subject to
subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or
criminal proceeding.

30 6. The meetings of the Committee are closed to the public.

Sec. 13. NRS 228.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 228.270 1. The Unit may investigate and prosecute any 33 alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an 34 older person or vulnerable person in violation of NRS 200.5099 or 35 200.50995 and any failure to report such a violation pursuant to 36 NRS 200.5093:

(a) At the request of the district attorney of the county in whichthe violation occurred;

(b) If the district attorney of the county in which the violationoccurred fails, neglects or refuses to prosecute the violation; or

41 (c) Jointly with the district attorney of the county in which the 42 violation occurred.

43 2. The Unit may organize or sponsor one or more
44 multidisciplinary teams to review any allegations of abuse, neglect,
45 exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or



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vulnerable person or the death of an older person or vulnerable
person that is alleged to be from abuse, neglect, isolation or
abandonment. A multidisciplinary team may include, without
limitation, the following members:

(a) A representative of the Unit;

6 (b) Any law enforcement agency that is involved with the case 7 under review;

8 (c) The district attorney's office in the county where the case is 9 under review;

10 (d) The Aging and Disability Services Division of the 11 Department of Health and Human Services or the county's office of 12 protective services, if one exists in the county where the case is 13 under review;

14 (e) A representative of the coroner's office; and

15 (f) Any other medical professional or financial professional that 16 the Attorney General deems appropriate for the review.

17 3. Each organization represented on a multidisciplinary team 18 may share with other members of the team information in its 19 possession concerning the older person or vulnerable person who is the subject of the review or any person who was in contact with the 20 21 older person or vulnerable person and any other information deemed 22 by the organization to be pertinent to the review. Any information 23 shared by an organization with other members of a team is 24 confidential.

25 4. The organizing or sponsoring of a multidisciplinary team pursuant to subsection 2 does not grant the Unit supervisory 26 27 authority over, or restrict or impair the statutory authority of, any 28 state or local agency responsible for the investigation or prosecution 29 of allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or 30 abandonment of an older person or vulnerable person or the death of 31 an older person or vulnerable person that is alleged to be the result 32 of abuse, neglect, isolation or abandonment.

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5. On or before February 1 of each year, the Unit shall:

(a) Compile a report of the outcome of and findings regarding
each case referred to the Unit by the Vulnerable Adult Fatality
Review Committee pursuant to section 10 of this act; and

37 (b) Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
38 Bureau for transmittal to:

39 (1) In odd-numbered years, the next regular session of the 40 Legislature; and

41 (2) In even-numbered years, the Joint Interim Standing 42 Committee on the Judiciary.

43 Sec. 14. NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and 45 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.0397, 41.071, 49.095,



49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 1 2 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 3 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 4 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 5 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 6 116B.880. 119.280. 7 119A.280, 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.640, 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 8 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 9 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, 176.015, 10 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 11 178.5691, 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 200.3771, 12 13 200.3772, 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392. 209.3925. 209.419, 209.429, 209.521, 211A.140, 14 209.3923. 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 15 16 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 224.240, 226.300, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 17 231.1473, 232.1369, 233.190, 237.300. 239.0105, 18 231.069. 239.0113, 239.014, 239B.026, 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 19 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 239C.420, 20 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 21 247.540, 247.550, 247.560, 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 22 268.095, 268.0978, 268.490, 268.910, 269.174, 271A.105, 281.195, 23 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 24 281A.780, 284.4068, 284.4086, 286.110, 286.118, 287.0438, 25 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503, 26 293.504, 293.558, 293.5757, 293.870, 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 27 28 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 29 338.070, 338.1379, 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.775, 353.205, 353A.049, 353A.085, 353A.100, 30 349.597. 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247, 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.2242, 31 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180, 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 32 33 378.290. 378.300. 379.0075, 379.008, 379.1495, 385A.830. 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455, 388.259, 388.501, 388.503, 34 388A.247, 388A.249, 391.033, 35 388.513. 388.750, 391.035. 391.0365, 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147, 392.264, 392.271, 36 392.315, 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335, 392.850, 393.045, 37 394.16975, 394.1698, 394.447, 394.460, 394.167, 38 394.465. 396.1415, 396.1425, 396.143, 396.159, 396.3295, 396.405, 396.525, 39 396.535, 396.9685, 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 40 412.153, 416.070, 422.2749, 41 408.5484, 414.280, 422.305, 42 422A.342, 422A.350, 425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 43 432.205, 432B.175, 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.4018, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902, 432C.140, 432C.150, 433.534, 44 433A.360, 439.4941, 439.4988, 439.840, 439.914, 439A.116, 45



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1 any person, and may be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum 2 may be prepared from those public books and public records. Any 3 such copies, abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the 4 general public with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or 5 may be used in any other way to the advantage of the governmental 6 entity or of the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, 7 diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any 8 9 written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

10 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record 11 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

12 A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a 3. 13 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to 14 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains 15 16 information that is confidential if the governmental entity can 17 redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation, electronically, the confidential information from the information 18 19 included in the public book or record that is not otherwise 20 confidential.

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

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(a) The public record:(1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and

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

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

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(1) Give access to proprietary software; or

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

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

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

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





**Sec. 15.** NRS 241.016 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 241.016 1. The meetings of a public body that are quasi-3 judicial in nature are subject to the provisions of this chapter.

4 2. The following are exempt from the requirements of this 5 chapter:

6 (a) The Legislature of the State of Nevada.

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7 (b) Judicial proceedings, including, without limitation, 8 proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Selection and, 9 except as otherwise provided in NRS 1.4687, the Commission on 10 Judicial Discipline.

11 (c) Meetings of the State Board of Parole Commissioners when 12 acting to grant, deny, continue or revoke the parole of a prisoner or 13 to establish or modify the terms of the parole of a prisoner.

14 3. Any provision of law, including, without limitation, NRS 239C.140, 15 91.270, 219A.210, 228.495, 239C.420, 241.028, 16 281A.350, 281A.690, 281A.735, 281A.760, 284.3629, 286.150, 17 287.0415, 287.04345, 287.338, 288.220, 288.590, 289.387, 295.121, 315.98425, 360.247, 388.261, 388.385, 388A.495, 388C.150, 18 388D.355, 388G.710, 388G.730, 392.147, 392.466, 19 392.467, 20 392.4671, 394.1699, 396.1415, 396.3295, 414.270, 422.405. 21 433.534, 435.610, 442.774, 463.110, 480.545, 622.320, 622.340, 22 630.311, 630.336, 631.3635, 639.050, 642.518, 642.557, 686B.170, 23 696B.550, 703.196 and 706.1725, and section 12 of this act, which:

(a) Provides that any meeting, hearing or other proceeding is notsubject to the provisions of this chapter; or

(b) Otherwise authorizes or requires a closed meeting, hearingor proceeding,

28  $\rightarrow$  prevails over the general provisions of this chapter.

4. The exceptions provided to this chapter, and electronic communication, must not be used to circumvent the spirit or letter of this chapter to deliberate or act, outside of an open and public meeting, upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory powers.

**Sec. 16.** Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, the first reports required by subparagraphs (1) and (2) of that paragraph must be published on an Internet website maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services or submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, as applicable, on or before December 31, 2026.

40 Sec. 17. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do 41 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a 42 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

43 Sec. 18. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.





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