

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 235—ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

MARCH 1, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring. (BDR 34-149)

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

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

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the membership of the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring; eliminating the requirement for the appointment of a Mentorship Advisory Council; requiring the Commission and the Department of Education to work in consultation to provide direction to the coordinator for mentorship programs in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring for the
2 purpose of supporting and facilitating mentorship programs in this State. (NRS
3 385.760, 385.780) **Section 1** of this bill increases the membership of the
4 Commission from 13 members to 15 members to include: (1) one member of the
5 Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; and (2) one member of
6 the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate. **Section 1** requires all
7 other members appointed by the Speaker or Minority Leader of the Assembly or the
8 Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the Senate to not be legislators. **Section 1**
9 also reduces the term of office for a member of the Commission from 4 years to 2
10 years and prohibits a member from serving more than two consecutive terms.
11 **Section 1** requires the removal of a member who fails to attend two consecutive
12 meetings. **Section 4** of this bill provides that the terms of office for members
13 serving on the Commission as of July 1, 2019, expire on that date and requires that
14 new members be appointed with initial terms of 1 or 2 years to provide for
15 staggered terms of the 15 members of the Commission.

16 **Section 2** of this bill eliminates the requirement that the Commission appoint a
17 Mentorship Advisory Council consisting of members who represent organizations
18 which provide mentorship programs in this State.

19 Existing law requires the Commission to employ a coordinator for mentorship
20 programs in this State. (NRS 385.780) **Section 3** of this bill requires the



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21 22 Commission to work in consultation with the Department of Education to provide
direction and guidance for such coordinator.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 385.760 1. The Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring
3 is hereby created. The Commission consists of the following ~~13~~ 15
4 members:

5 (a) One member appointed by the Governor who is a
6 representative of business and industry with a vested interest in
7 supporting mentorship programs in this State.

8 (b) One member appointed by the Governor who represents an
9 employment and training organization located in this State.

10 (c) One member appointed by the Governor who is a resident of
11 a county whose population is less than 100,000.

12 (d) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in
13 a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

14 (e) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in
15 a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than
16 700,000.

17 (f) *One member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of
18 the Assembly.*

19 (g) *One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority
20 Leader of the Senate.*

21 (h) One member, *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by the
22 Majority Leader of the Senate.

23 ~~(i)~~ (i) One member, *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by
24 the Speaker of the Assembly.

25 ~~(j)~~ (j) One member, *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by
26 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

27 ~~(k)~~ (k) One member, *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by
28 the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

29 ~~(l)~~ (l) Four members appointed to the Commission pursuant to
30 subsection 2.

31 2. The members of the Commission appointed pursuant to
32 paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (k), inclusive, of subsection 1 shall, at the
33 first meeting of the Commission, appoint to the Commission four
34 additional voting members:

35 (a) One of whom must be a member of the state advisory group
36 appointed by the Governor pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 11133 and
37 operating in this State as the Juvenile Justice Commission under the
38 Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health
39 and Human Services;



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(b) One of whom must be a representative of business and industry with a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in this State; and

(c) Two members between the ages of 16 years and 24 years who have a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in this State.

3. After the initial terms, each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 serves a term of ~~4~~ 2 years. A member of the Commission may be reappointed ~~1~~, except that no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

4. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve as a member of the Commission for the remainder of the original term of appointment.

5. If a member of the Commission fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Commission, the Commission shall, within 5 days after the second consecutive meeting that the member fails to attend, provide notice of that fact, in writing, to the appointing authority who appointed that member. Upon receipt of the notice, the appointing authority shall appoint a person to replace the member in the same manner as filling a vacancy on the Commission pursuant to subsection 4.

6. Each member of the Commission:

(a) Serves without compensation; and

(b) While engaged in the business of the Commission, is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 2. NRS 385.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.770 1. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Commission shall elect from its members a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary and shall adopt the rules and procedures of the Commission.

2. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of its members.

3. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a quorum may exercise any power or authority conferred on the Commission.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 385.780, the Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Commission prescribed by that section:

(a) Appoint committees from its members.

(b) Engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants without compensation.



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1 (c) Enter into a public-private partnership with any business,
2 for-profit organization or nonprofit organization.

3 (d) Apply for and receive gifts, grants, donations, contributions
4 or other money from any source.

5 5. ~~The Commission shall appoint a Mentorship Advisory~~
6 ~~Council consisting of five members who represent organizations~~
7 ~~which provide mentorship programs in this State. The members of~~
8 ~~the Council serve at the pleasure of the Commission. If a member of~~
9 ~~the Council is removed or if the position of a member otherwise~~
10 ~~becomes vacant, the Commission shall appoint a new member to fill~~
11 ~~the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the~~
12 ~~Commission. The Council shall advise the Commission on matters~~
13 ~~of importance relating to mentoring and mentorship programs in this~~
14 ~~State.~~

15 6.] The Commission shall, on or before February 1 of each
16 year, prepare and submit a report outlining the activities and
17 recommendations of the Commission to:

18 (a) The Governor; and

19 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
20 transmittal to the Legislature or to the Legislative Commission if the
21 Legislature is not in regular session.

22 **Sec. 3.** NRS 385.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 385.780 1. The Commission shall, within the scope of its
24 duties, support and facilitate mentorship programs in this State for
25 the purpose of addressing issues relating to education, health,
26 criminal justice and employment with respect to children who reside
27 in this State. The Commission shall:

28 (a) Establish model guidelines and parameters for existing
29 mentorship programs, including, without limitation:

30 (1) The development of a model management plan setting
31 forth guidelines for the operation of mentorship programs and
32 strategic goals and benchmarks to measure the success of a
33 mentorship program.

34 (2) The process for identifying children in need of
35 mentorship and geographic areas of need within this State. Such a
36 process must include, without limitation, consideration of children
37 who:

38 (I) Are disproportionately at risk of being deprived of the
39 opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the
40 economy.

41 (II) Are disproportionately at risk of failing to make
42 adequate yearly progress in a school in this State.

43 (III) Have been involved with the system of juvenile
44 justice in this State, either as a victim or as an offender.



(IV) Have been involved with the criminal justice system,
either as a victim or as an offender.

3 (V) Are in the child welfare system.

4 (b) Develop a model financial plan that provides for the
5 sustainability and financial stability of mentorship programs,
6 including, without limitation:

(1) The development of a resource plan to provide for diversified fundraising.

(4) The development, in coordination with the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration of a plan for seeking gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of carrying out a mentorship program.

(5) The identification of potential strategic private partners to assist in the implementation and continuation of mentorship programs.

(6) The development of public relations and marketing campaigns for the purpose of increasing public awareness regarding existing mentorship programs and the value of mentorship programs.

(c) Develop model protocols for the recruitment, screening, training, matching, monitoring and support of mentors.

(d) Develop model protocols for the effective management of mentors, mentees and matches under mentorship programs, including, without limitation, protocols for the introduction of a mentor to a mentee and closure of the relationship between a mentor and a mentee.

34 (e) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, employ a
35 coordinator for mentorship programs in this State. ***The Commission***
36 ***shall work in consultation with the Department of Education to***
37 ***provide direction and guidance for the coordinator.***

38 (f) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, develop a
39 competitive grants program to award grants of money to mentorship
40 programs in this State. In coordination with the Office of Grant
41 Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of
42 Administration, the Commission shall:

43 (1) Administer the grants program;

44 (2) Establish guidelines for the submission and review of
45 applications to receive grants from the program; and



(3) Consider and approve or disapprove applications for grants from the program.

3 2. As used in this section, "child" means a person 24 years of
4 age or younger.

5 **Sec. 4.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 385.760,
6 the terms of all members of the Nevada Advisory Commission on
7 Mentoring created by NRS 385.760 who are serving on
8 July 1, 2019, expire on that date.

9 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2019, but not later than
10 October 1, 2019, the appointing authorities set forth in paragraphs
11 (a) to (k), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 385.760, as amended by
12 section 1 of this act, shall appoint members to the Commission.

13 3. The members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (f) and (g)
14 of subsection 1 of NRS 385.760, as amended by section 1 of this
15 act, serve initial terms of 2 years.

4. At the first meeting of the Commission on or after October 1, 2019, and after the appointment of 4 voting members to the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.760, as amended by section 1 of this act, the members other than the members described in subsection 3 shall choose their term of office by lot, in the following manner:

- (a) Seven members for terms of 1 year; and
- (b) Six members for terms of 2 years.

24 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

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