

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 278—ASSEMBLYMAN ORENTLICHER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Public Employees’ Retirement Board to consider certain Nevada-based investments. (BDR 23-731)

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.

AN ACT relating to the Public Employees’ Retirement System; requiring the Public Employees’ Retirement Board to consider certain Nevada-based investments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Public Employees’ Retirement Board is required to  
2 meet at least monthly to consider investments and acknowledge and process  
3 investment suggestions forwarded to it by members of the Public Employees’  
4 Retirement System. (NRS 286.287) This bill requires the Board to hear and  
5 consider each calendar quarter at least 10 proposals from members of the Nevada  
6 startup investment class. This bill further requires the Board to submit a written  
7 report to the Legislature on or before September 1 of each year detailing the  
8 proposals heard by the Board, whether the Board invested in each such proposal  
9 and the reasons why the Board did or did not invest in each such proposal.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 286.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 286.287 ***1.*** The Board shall meet at least monthly to consider  
3 investments. At each of its meetings it shall:  
4 ~~H-1~~ ***(a)*** Review, and if appropriate direct changes in, the  
5 investment portfolio of the System.  
6 ~~F-2~~ ***(b)*** Recommend any appropriate changes in the investment  
7 objectives and policies.



~~[3.]~~ (c) Acknowledge and process investment suggestions forwarded to it by members of the System.

~~[4.]~~ (d) Provide for investment practice explanations to all members of the System when such explanations seem appropriate.

2. *The Board shall:*

(a) *Each calendar quarter, hear and consider at least 10 proposals from members of the Nevada startup investment class; and*

(b) *On or before September 1 of each year, prepare and submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative Commission, which sets forth:*

(1) *Each proposal heard by the Board pursuant to paragraph (a);*

(2) *Whether the Board invested in each such proposal; and*

(3) *The reasons for the decision of the Board to invest or not invest in each such proposal.*

3. *As used in this section, the "Nevada startup investment class" means:*

(a) *A venture capital fund;*

(b) *Angel investor groups representing investments of not less than \$50,000 but not more than \$2,500,000 per investment round company in early-stage fundraising rounds; or*

(c) *Other early-stage startup C-corporations that are eligible to issue qualified small business stock with a valuation or valuation cap of not more than \$25,000,000,*

*↪ which has its principal place of business located in this State or which has a significant portion of its staff or operations located in this State.*

**Sec. 2.** 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.

