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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the interim committee structure of the
Legislature. (BDR 17-1045)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 the Legislature; providing for the creation of Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature; specifying the powers and duties of the Joint Interim Standing Committees; repealing various statutory committees; repealing the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice and the subcommittee of the Advisory Commission; reassigning certain powers and duties of repealed statutory committees and the Advisory Commission to the Joint Interim Standing Committees; reassigning the powers and duties of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; revising provisions governing requests for legislative measures by certain statutory committees; making various other changes relating to legislative activity during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature; requiring the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing to submit a biennial report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law establishes various committees on which Legislators serve
- 2 throughout the biennium. (Chapter 218E of NRS, NRS 209.4817, 439B.200,
- 3 459.0085, 482.367004) Existing law also creates the Advisory Commission on the



4 Administration of Justice and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information
5 Sharing. (NRS 176.0123, 176.01248) This bill repeals several of those committees,
6 the Advisory Commission and its subcommittee and creates Joint Interim Standing
7 Committees that parallel the standing committees established by the Legislature
8 during its regular biennial sessions. **Section 6** of this bill creates the following Joint
9 Interim Standing Committees: (1) Commerce and Labor; (2) Education; (3)
10 Government Affairs; (4) Growth and Infrastructure; (5) Health and Human
11 Services; (6) Judiciary; (7) Legislative Operations and Elections; (8) Natural
12 Resources; and (9) Revenue. **Section 6** also prescribes the manner of appointing the
13 regular members and the alternate members to the Joint Interim Standing
14 Committees after the adjournment of each regular session of the Legislature.
15 **Section 7** of this bill provides for meetings of the Committees and the
16 compensation of the members. **Section 6** requires the Legislative Commission to
17 select a Chair and Vice Chair of each Committee. **Section 8** of this bill authorizes
18 the Committees to review matters within the jurisdictions of their corresponding
19 standing committees from the preceding regular session of the Legislature and to
20 conduct studies directed by the Legislature and the Legislative Commission, and
21 requires the Committees to report to each regular session of the Legislature.
22 **Section 8** also: (1) requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and
23 Human Services, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a
24 subcommittee, to evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare; (2) requires
25 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary, either as part of its regular
26 work or through appointment of a subcommittee, to evaluate and review issues
27 relating to juvenile justice; and (3) authorizes the Joint Interim Standing Committee
28 on Legislative Operations and Elections to evaluate and review issues relating to
29 governmental purchasing. **Section 9** of this bill makes the sections of existing law
30 governing the supplemental powers of interim committees applicable to the Joint
31 Interim Standing Committees. (NRS 218E.110) **Section 47** of this bill transfers the
32 responsibilities of the Legislative Committee on Health Care to the Joint Interim
33 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. (NRS 439B.227) **Section 50**
34 of this bill revises the designated members of this State to serve on the cooperating
35 committee established by the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement to
36 include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on
37 Growth and Infrastructure. (NRS 481A.020) **Section 51** of this bill modifies the
38 composition of the Commission on Special License Plates to include the members
39 of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, with the
40 three nonvoting members remaining on the Commission. (NRS 482.367004)

41 Existing law establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Lands and
42 prescribes the membership, duties and powers of the Committee. (NRS 218E.500-
43 218E.525) **Section 13.5** of this bill replaces the Committee with the Subcommittee
44 on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources,
45 consisting of members appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing
46 Committee. **Sections 13-15** of this bill transfer the existing powers and duties of the
47 Legislative Committee on Public Lands to the Subcommittee on Public Lands.
48 **Section 51.5** of this bill makes conforming changes to Assembly Bill No. 95 of this
49 session.

50 Existing law authorizes various statutory, interim and other committees to
51 request the drafting of a certain number of legislative measures for a regular
52 session. (NRS 218D.160) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes a Joint Interim Standing
53 Committee, other than the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human
54 Services, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint
55 Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, to request the drafting of not
56 more than 10 legislative measures. **Section 4** also authorizes: (1)
57 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to request the
58 drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures, at least 5 of which must relate to



59 matters relating to child welfare; (2) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the
60 Judiciary to request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures, at least 5
61 of which must relate to matters relating to juvenile justice; and (3) the Joint Interim
62 Standing Committee on Natural Resources to request the drafting of not more than
63 14 legislative measures, at least 4 of which must relate to matters relating to public
64 lands based on the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Public Lands. Finally,
65 **section 4** reduces the number of legislative measures that the Legislative
66 Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs is
67 authorized to request from 10 measures to 6 measures.

68 Existing law: (1) prescribes the membership of the Commission to Study
69 Governmental Purchasing; (2) requires the Commission to meet not less than
70 quarterly to study practices in governmental purchasing and laws relating thereto;
71 and (3) requires the Commission to make recommendations to the Legislature with
72 respect to those laws. (NRS 332.215) **Section 31.5** of this bill requires the
73 Commission to submit a biennial report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on
74 Legislative Operations and Elections that includes any recommendations of the
75 Commission for legislation relating to governmental purchasing.

76 **Section 55** of this bill repeals the Advisory Commission on the Administration of
77 Justice, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information Sharing of the Advisory
78 Commission, the Committee on Industrial Programs, the Legislative Commission's
79 standing committee to consult with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,
80 the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare
81 and Juvenile Justice, the Legislative Committee on Energy, the Legislative
82 Committee on Health Care and the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste.

83 **Section 51.7** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Legislative Fund for the
84 costs related to supporting the work of interim studies during the 2021-2022
85 interim.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 218A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***“Joint Interim Standing Committee” means a Joint Interim***
4 ***Standing Committee created pursuant to section 6 of this act.***

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 218A.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 218A.003 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
7 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 218A.006 to
8 218A.090, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** have the meanings
9 ascribed to them in those sections.

10 **Sec. 3.** NRS 218D.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 218D.130 1. On July 1 preceding each regular session, and
12 each week thereafter until the adjournment of the Legislature sine
13 die, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare a list of all requests
14 received by the Legislative Counsel for the drafting of legislative
15 measures for the regular session.

16 2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make copies of the list
17 available to the public for a reasonable sum fixed by the Director.

18 3. In preparing the list:



1 (a) The requests must be listed numerically by a unique serial
2 number which must be assigned to the legislative measures by the
3 Legislative Counsel for the purposes of identification in the order
4 that the Legislative Counsel received the requests.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the list must
6 only contain the name of each requester, the date and a brief
7 summary of the request.

8 (c) If a standing or special committee of the Legislature ,
9 *including, without limitation, a Joint Interim Standing Committee,*
10 requests a legislative measure on behalf of a Legislator or
11 organization, the list must include:

12 (1) The name of the ~~[standing or special]~~ committee; and

13 (2) The name of the Legislator or organization on whose
14 behalf the legislative measure was originally requested.

15 4. Upon the request of a Legislator who has requested the
16 drafting of a legislative measure, the Legislative Counsel shall add
17 the name of one or more other Legislators from either or both
18 Houses as joint requesters of the legislative measure. The
19 Legislative Counsel:

20 (a) Shall not add the name of a joint requester to the list until the
21 Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the joint request
22 from the primary requester of the legislative measure and from the
23 Legislator to be added as a joint requester.

24 (b) Shall remove the name of a joint requester upon receipt of a
25 request to do so made by the primary requester or the joint
26 requester.

27 (c) Shall cause the names to appear on the list in the order in
28 which the names were received by the Legislative Counsel
29 beginning with the primary requester.

30 (d) Shall not act upon the direction of a joint requester to
31 withdraw the requested legislative measure or modify its substance
32 until the Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the
33 withdrawal or modification from the primary requester.

34 5. If the primary requester of a legislative measure will not be
35 returning to the Legislature for the regular session in which the
36 legislative measure is to be considered:

37 (a) The primary requester may authorize a Legislator who will
38 be serving during that regular session to become the primary
39 sponsor of the legislative measure, either individually or as the chair
40 on behalf of a standing committee.

41 (b) A Legislator who agrees to become or have the committee
42 become the primary sponsor of the legislative measure shall notify
43 the Legislative Counsel of that fact.



1 (c) Upon receipt of such notification, the Legislative Counsel
2 shall list the name of that Legislator or the name of the committee as
3 the primary requester of the legislative measure on the list.

4 6. For the purposes of all limitations on the number of
5 legislative measures that may be requested by a Legislator:

6 (a) A legislative measure with joint requesters must only be
7 counted as a request of the primary requester.

8 (b) A legislative measure for which a Legislator or standing
9 committee becomes the primary sponsor pursuant to subsection 5
10 must be counted as a request of that Legislator or committee.

11 **Sec. 4.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may
13 request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before
14 the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Legislative
15 Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its
16 employees, including legislative measures requested by the
17 legislative staff.

18 2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request
19 the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first
20 day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee, which
21 relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

22 3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute ~~[]~~ or a
23 joint rule or concurrent resolution ~~[]~~ of the Legislature:

24 (a) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d),*
25 *a Joint Interim Standing Committee may request the drafting of*
26 *not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters*
27 *within the scope of the Committee.*

28 (b) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and*
29 *Human Services may request the drafting of not more than 15*
30 *legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the*
31 *Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to*
32 *child welfare.*

33 (c) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary*
34 *may request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures*
35 *which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least*
36 *5 of which must relate to matters relating to juvenile justice.*

37 (d) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural*
38 *Resources may request the drafting of not more than 14 legislative*
39 *measures which relate to matters within the scope of the*
40 *Committee, at least 4 of which must relate to matters relating to*
41 *public lands based on the recommendations for legislation*
42 *submitted by the Subcommittee on Public Lands pursuant to*
43 *NRS 218E.525.*

44 (e) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than *the*
45 *Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults*



1 *with Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 or* an interim
2 legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more than 10
3 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the
4 committee.

5 ~~(f)~~ *(f) The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens,*
6 *Veterans and Adults with Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750*
7 *may request the drafting of not more than 6 legislative measures*
8 *which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.*

9 *(g)* Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of
10 the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request
11 the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to
12 matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that
13 such a committee or subcommittee may request the drafting of
14 additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission
15 approves each additional request by a majority vote.

16 ~~(e)~~ *(h)* Any other committee established by the Legislature
17 which conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may
18 request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which
19 relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation.

20 ↪ The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be
21 submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1
22 preceding a regular session unless the Legislative Commission
23 authorizes submitting a request after that date.

24 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a
25 form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

26 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
27 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act.

28 **Sec. 6. 1.** *There are hereby created the following Joint*
29 *Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:*

- 30 *(a) Commerce and Labor;*
- 31 *(b) Education;*
- 32 *(c) Government Affairs;*
- 33 *(d) Growth and Infrastructure;*
- 34 *(e) Health and Human Services;*
- 35 *(f) Judiciary;*
- 36 *(g) Legislative Operations and Elections;*
- 37 *(h) Natural Resources; and*
- 38 *(i) Revenue.*

39 **2.** *Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight*
40 *regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is*
41 *practicable after the adjournment of each regular session of the*
42 *Legislature:*

43 *(a) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members*
44 *of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and two*



1 *members of the Assembly as alternate members of each*
2 *Committee.*

3 *(b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint two*
4 *members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee*
5 *and one member of the Assembly as an alternate member of each*
6 *Committee.*

7 *(c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two*
8 *Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator*
9 *as an alternate member of each Committee.*

10 *(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one*
11 *Senator as a regular member of each Committee and one Senator*
12 *as an alternate member of each Committee.*

13 **3.** *Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker*
14 *of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the*
15 *Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that,*
16 *to the extent practicable:*

17 *(a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each*
18 *Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding*
19 *standing committee or committees during the preceding regular*
20 *session of the Legislature.*

21 *(b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to*
22 *each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same*
23 *political party.*

24 **4.** *The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and*
25 *Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among*
26 *the members of the Committee. The Chair must be appointed from*
27 *one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other*
28 *House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium*
29 *between the Houses of the Legislature. Each of those officers*
30 *holds the position until a successor is appointed after the next*
31 *regular session of the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the*
32 *position of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in*
33 *the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the*
34 *unexpired term.*

35 **5.** *The membership of any member of a Joint Interim*
36 *Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for*
37 *reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day*
38 *next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the*
39 *Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as*
40 *the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the*
41 *remainder of the unexpired term.*

42 **6.** *Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be*
43 *filled in the same manner as original appointments.*

44 **Sec. 7. 1.** *Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative*
45 *Commission, the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee*



1 *shall meet not earlier than November 1 of each odd-numbered*
2 *year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered*
3 *year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a*
4 *majority of the Committee.*

5 *2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or*
6 *her designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of*
7 *each Joint Interim Standing Committee.*

8 *3. Five members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee*
9 *constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power*
10 *and authority conferred on the Committee, except that any*
11 *recommended legislation proposed by a Committee must be*
12 *approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a*
13 *majority of the members of the Assembly serving on the*
14 *Committee.*

15 *4. Except during a regular or special session of the*
16 *Legislature, for each day or portion of a day during which a*
17 *member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee attends a meeting*
18 *of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the work of the*
19 *Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:*

20 *(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of*
21 *the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular*
22 *session;*

23 *(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and*
24 *employees generally; and*

25 *(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.*

26 *↳ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of*
27 *the members of a Committee must be paid from the Legislative*
28 *Fund.*

29 **Sec. 8. 1. A Joint Interim Standing Committee may:**

30 *(a) Evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the*
31 *corresponding standing committee or committees from the*
32 *preceding regular session of the Legislature;*

33 *(b) Exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS*
34 *218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive; and*

35 *(c) Within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct*
36 *studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.*

37 **2. In addition to the authorized scope of issues set forth in**
38 **paragraph (a) of subsection 1:**

39 *(a) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and*
40 *Human Services shall, either as part of its regular work or*
41 *through appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review*
42 *issues relating to child welfare.*

43 *(b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary*
44 *shall, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of*



1 *a subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating to juvenile*
2 *justice.*

3 *(c) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative*
4 *Operations and Elections may evaluate and review issues relating*
5 *to governmental purchasing, including, without limitation,*
6 *recommendations submitted to the Joint Interim Standing*
7 *Committee by the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing*
8 *pursuant to NRS 332.215.*

9 *3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the*
10 *budget and work program of each Joint Interim Standing*
11 *Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.*

12 *4. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a*
13 *comprehensive report of the Committee's activities in the interim*
14 *and its findings and any recommendations for proposed*
15 *legislation. The report must be submitted to the Director of the*
16 *Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the next regular*
17 *session of the Legislature.*

18 **Sec. 9.** NRS 218E.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 218E.110 1. "Committee" means the Legislative
20 Commission, *a Joint Interim Standing Committee* and any other
21 legislative committee or subcommittee created by a specific statute,
22 concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission to
23 conduct studies or investigations or perform any other legislative
24 business during the legislative interim.

25 2. The term does not include any legislative committee or
26 subcommittee appointed by the Legislature or either House to
27 conduct or perform legislative business during a regular or special
28 session, including, without limitation, any joint, standing,
29 temporary, special or select committee or committee of the whole.

30 **Sec. 10.** NRS 218E.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 218E.185 1. In the discharge of any duty imposed or power
32 conferred by this title or any law or resolution, the Legislative
33 Commission may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth
34 in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.

35 2. The Legislative Commission may delegate its authority
36 pursuant to subsection 1 to a subcommittee or interim or special
37 committee established pursuant to NRS 218E.200 ~~or~~ *or to a Joint*
38 *Interim Standing Committee created pursuant to section 6 of this*
39 *act.*

40 **Sec. 11.** NRS 218E.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 218E.200 1. The Legislative Commission may conduct
42 studies or investigations concerning governmental problems,
43 important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest
44 ~~or~~ *or may assign such studies or investigations to a Joint Interim*
45 *Standing Committee.*



1 2. The Legislative Commission may establish subcommittees
2 and interim or special committees as official agencies of the
3 Legislative Counsel Bureau to conduct such studies or
4 investigations or otherwise to deal with such governmental
5 problems, important issues of public policy or questions of
6 statewide interest ~~{the}~~ *or may assign such matters to a Joint Interim*
7 *Standing Committee*. The subcommittees and interim or special
8 committees may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in
9 NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.

10 3. The membership of ~~{the}~~ *any* subcommittees and interim or
11 special committees ~~{}~~ *established pursuant to subsection 2:*

12 (a) Must be designated by the Legislative Commission; and

13 (b) May consist of members of the Legislative Commission and
14 Legislators other than members of the Legislative Commission,
15 employees of the State of Nevada or citizens of the State of Nevada.

16 4. For each day or portion of a day during which *the* members
17 of ~~{the}~~ *any* subcommittees and interim or special committees
18 *established pursuant to subsection 2* who are not Legislators attend
19 meetings or are otherwise engaged in the business of the
20 subcommittees and interim or special committees, the members:

21 (a) Shall serve without salary.

22 (b) Are entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund the per
23 diem allowances and travel expenses provided for state officers and
24 employees generally.

25 5. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or
26 portion of a day during which *the* members of ~~{the}~~ *any*
27 subcommittees and interim or special committees *established*
28 *pursuant to subsection 2* who are Legislators attend meetings of the
29 subcommittees and interim or special committees or are otherwise
30 engaged in the business of the subcommittees and interim or special
31 committees, the members are entitled to receive out of the
32 Legislative Fund:

33 (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators
34 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

35 (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and
36 employees generally; and

37 (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

38 **Sec. 12.** NRS 218E.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 218E.205 1. Between regular sessions, the Legislative
40 Commission:

41 (a) Shall fix the work priority of all studies and investigations
42 assigned to it by a statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an
43 order of the Legislative Commission ~~{}~~ *or conducted by a Joint*
44 *Interim Standing Committee or subcommittee thereof*, within the
45 limits of available time, money and staff.



1 (b) Shall not make studies or investigations directed by a
2 resolution of only one House or studies or investigations proposed
3 but not approved during the preceding regular session.

4 2. All requests for the drafting of legislative measures to be
5 recommended as the result of a study or investigation must be made
6 in accordance with NRS 218D.160.

7 3. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 218E.210, between
8 regular sessions, a study or investigation may not be initiated or
9 continued by the Fiscal Analysts, the Legislative Auditor, the
10 Legislative Counsel or the Research Director and their staffs, except
11 studies and investigations which have been specifically authorized
12 by ~~[a statute, concurrent resolution]~~ *the Legislature* or ~~[order of]~~ the
13 Legislative Commission.

14 4. A study or investigation may not be carried over from one
15 regular session to the next without additional authorization by a
16 statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative
17 Commission, except audits in progress whose carryover has been
18 approved by the Legislative Commission.

19 5. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, the staff
20 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not serve as primary
21 administrative or professional staff for a committee established by a
22 statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative
23 Commission to conduct a study or investigation, unless the chair of
24 the committee is required by the statute, concurrent resolution or
25 order of the Legislative Commission to be a Legislator.

26 6. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
27 budget and work program and any changes to the budget or work
28 program for each study or investigation conducted by the
29 Legislative Commission or a committee or subcommittee
30 established by the Legislative Commission.

31 ~~[7. A committee or subcommittee established to conduct a
32 study or investigation assigned to the Legislative Commission by a
33 statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an order of the
34 Legislative Commission must, unless otherwise ordered by
35 the Legislative Commission, meet not earlier than January 1 of the
36 even numbered year and not later than June 30 of that year.]~~

37 **Sec. 13.** NRS 218E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 218E.500 The Legislature finds and declares that:

39 1. Policies and issues relating to public lands and state
40 sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land are matters of
41 continuing concern to this State.

42 2. This concern necessarily includes an awareness that all
43 federal statutes, policies and regulations which affect the
44 management of public lands are likely to have extensive effects



1 within the State and must not be ignored or automatically dismissed
2 as beyond the reach of the state's policymakers.

3 3. Experience with federal regulations relating to public lands
4 has demonstrated that the State of Nevada and its citizens are
5 subjected to regulations which sometimes are unreasonable,
6 arbitrary, beyond the intent of the Congress or the scope of the
7 authority of the agency adopting them and that as a result these
8 regulations should be subjected to legislative review and comment,
9 and judicially tested where appropriate, to protect the rights and
10 interests of the State and its citizens.

11 4. Other western states where public lands comprise a large
12 proportion of the total area have shown an interest in matters
13 relating to public lands and those states, along with Nevada, have
14 been actively participating in cooperative efforts to acquire, evaluate
15 and share information and promote greater understanding of the
16 issues. Since Nevada can both contribute to and benefit from such
17 interstate activities, it is appropriate that a ~~committee~~
18 *subcommittee* on matters relating to public lands be assigned
19 primary responsibility for participating in them.

20 **Sec. 13.3.** NRS 218E.505 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 218E.505 As used in NRS 218E.500 to 218E.525, inclusive,
23 unless the context otherwise requires, ~~“Committee”~~
24 *“Subcommittee”* means the ~~Legislative Committee~~ *Subcommittee*
25 on Public Lands ~~of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on~~
26 *Natural Resources.*

27 **Sec. 13.5.** NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as
28 follows:

29 218E.510 1. There is hereby ~~established a Legislative~~
30 ~~Committee~~ *created the Subcommittee* on Public Lands *of the Joint*
31 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources*, consisting of
32 ~~four~~ members ~~of the Senate, four members of the Assembly and~~
33 ~~one~~ *appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing*
34 *Committee on Natural Resources, who must include:*

35 (a) *Two members of the Senate who are members of the Joint*
36 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;*

37 (b) *Two members of the Assembly who are members of the*
38 *Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; and*

39 (c) *One* elected officer representing the governing body of a
40 local political subdivision, appointed ~~by the Legislative~~
41 ~~Commission~~ with appropriate regard for his or her experience with
42 and knowledge of matters relating to public lands.

43 2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to
44 provide representation from the various geographical regions of the
45 State.



1 ~~[2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the~~
2 ~~budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the~~
3 ~~budget or work program.]~~

4 3. The ~~[members]~~ *Chair* of the *Joint Interim Standing*
5 *Committee on Natural Resources* shall ~~[select]~~ *appoint* a *Chair of*
6 *the Subcommittee* from one House and a *Vice Chair of the*
7 *Subcommittee* from the other House. Each *Chair* and *Vice Chair*
8 holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each
9 odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of *Chair* or
10 *Vice Chair*, the ~~[members of the Committee shall select a~~
11 ~~replacement]~~ *vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the*
12 *original appointment* for the remainder of the unexpired term.

13 4. Any member of the ~~[Committee]~~ *Subcommittee* who is not a
14 candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues
15 to serve after the general election until the next regular or special
16 session convenes.

17 5. Vacancies on the ~~[Committee]~~ *Subcommittee* must be filled
18 in the same manner as original appointments.

19 6. The ~~[Legislative Commission]~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim*
20 *Standing Committee on Natural Resources* may appoint alternates
21 for members of the ~~[Committee.]~~ *Subcommittee*. The *Chair of the*
22 ~~[Committee.]~~ *Subcommittee*:

23 (a) May designate an alternate appointed by the ~~[Legislative~~
24 ~~Commission]~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
25 *Natural Resources* to serve in place of a regular member who is
26 unable to attend a meeting; and

27 (b) Shall ~~[appoint]~~ , *for a member who is a Legislator,*
28 *designate* an alternate *appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim*
29 *Standing Committee on Natural Resources* who is a member of the
30 same House and political party as the regular member to serve in
31 place of the regular member if one is available.

32 **Sec. 13.7.** NRS 218E.515 is hereby amended to read as
33 follows:

34 218E.515 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative
35 Commission, the members of the ~~[Committee]~~ *Subcommittee* shall
36 meet not earlier than ~~[September]~~ *November* 1 of each odd-
37 numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-
38 numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the
39 *Chair of the Subcommittee* or a majority of the ~~[Committee.]~~
40 *Subcommittee*.

41 2. The Research Director or the Research Director's designee
42 shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

43 3. The ~~[Committee]~~ *Subcommittee* shall prescribe rules for its
44 own management and government.



1 4. ~~{Five}~~ *A majority of the* members of the ~~{Committee~~
2 ~~constitute}~~ *Subcommittee constitutes* a quorum, and a quorum may
3 exercise all the power and authority conferred on the ~~{Committee.}~~
4 *Subcommittee.*

5 5. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or
6 portion of a day during which members of the ~~{Committee}~~
7 *Subcommittee* who are Legislators attend a meeting of the
8 ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* or are otherwise engaged in the
9 business of the ~~{Committee.}~~ *Subcommittee*, the members are
10 entitled to receive:

11 (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators
12 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

13 (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and
14 employees generally; and

15 (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

16 6. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel
17 expenses *of the members of the Subcommittee who are Legislators*
18 must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

19 7. The member of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* who
20 represents a local political subdivision is entitled to receive the
21 subsistence allowances and travel expenses provided by law for his
22 or her position for each day of attendance at a meeting of the
23 ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* and while engaged in the business of
24 the ~~{Committee.}~~ *Subcommittee*, to be paid by the local political
25 subdivision.

26 **Sec. 14.** NRS 218E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 218E.520 1. The ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* may:

28 (a) Review and comment on any administrative policy, rule or
29 regulation of the:

30 (1) Secretary of the Interior which pertains to policy
31 concerning or management of public lands under the control of the
32 Federal Government; and

33 (2) Secretary of Agriculture which pertains to policy
34 concerning or management of national forests;

35 (b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with
36 its review, including, but not limited to, investigating the effect on
37 the State, its citizens, political subdivisions, businesses and
38 industries of those policies, rules, regulations and related laws, and
39 exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105
40 to 218E.140, inclusive;

41 (c) Consult with and advise the State Land Use Planning
42 Agency on matters concerning federal land use, policies and
43 activities in this State;

44 (d) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its
45 research, investigations, review and comment;



1 (e) Recommend to the Legislature as a result of its review any
2 appropriate state legislation or corrective federal legislation;

3 (f) Advise the Attorney General if it believes that any federal
4 policy, rule or regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the
5 sovereignty respecting land or water or their use which has been
6 reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution of the United
7 States;

8 (g) Enter into a contract for consulting services for land
9 planning and any other related activities, including, but not limited
10 to:

11 (1) Advising the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* and the State
12 Land Use Planning Agency concerning the revision of the plans
13 pursuant to NRS 321.7355;

14 (2) Assisting local governments in the identification of lands
15 administered by the Federal Government in this State which are
16 needed for residential or economic development or any other
17 purpose; and

18 (3) Assisting local governments in the acquisition of federal
19 lands in this State;

20 (h) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or
21 donations to assist the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* in carrying out
22 its duties; and

23 (i) Review and comment on any other matter relating to the
24 preservation, conservation, use, management or disposal of public
25 lands deemed appropriate by the Chair of the ~~{Committee}~~
26 *Subcommittee* or by a majority of the members of the ~~{Committee.}~~
27 *Subcommittee.*

28 2. Any reference in this section to federal policies, rules,
29 regulations and related federal laws includes those which are
30 proposed as well as those which are enacted or adopted.

31 **Sec. 15.** NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:
32 218E.525 1. The ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* shall:

33 (a) Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in
34 the western states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as
35 impaired by federal ownership of land.

36 (b) Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and
37 national forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public
38 lands.

39 (c) Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in
40 the management of public lands and will increase the disposal of
41 public lands.

42 2. The ~~{Committee.}~~ *Subcommittee:*

43 (a) Shall review the programs and activities of:

44 (1) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;



1 (2) All public water authorities, districts and systems in the
2 State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada
3 Water Authority, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin
4 Valley Water District, the Carson Water Subconservancy District,
5 the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the Truckee-Carson
6 Irrigation District; and

7 (3) All other public or private entities with which any county
8 in the State has an agreement regarding the planning, development
9 or distribution of water resources, or any combination thereof;

10 (b) *Shall submit recommendations for legislation to the Joint*
11 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;*

12 (c) Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year,
13 submit to the ~~{Director}~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
14 *Natural Resources* for transmittal to the Legislature a report
15 concerning the review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and

16 ~~{(e)}~~ (d) May review and comment on other issues relating to
17 water resources in this State, including, without limitation:

18 (1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use,
19 allocation and management of water in this State; and

20 (2) The status of existing information and studies relating to
21 water use, surface water resources and groundwater resources in this
22 State.

23 **Sec. 16.** NRS 218E.615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 218E.615 The *Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
25 *Education* may:

26 1. Evaluate, review and comment upon issues related to
27 education within this State, including, but not limited to:

28 (a) Programs to enhance accountability in education;

29 (b) Legislative measures regarding education;

30 (c) The progress made by this State, the school districts and the
31 public schools in this State in satisfying the goals and objectives of
32 the statewide system of accountability for public schools;

33 (d) Methods of financing public education;

34 (e) The condition of public education in the elementary and
35 secondary schools;

36 (f) The program to reduce the ratio of pupils per class per
37 licensed teacher prescribed in NRS 388.700, 388.710 and 388.720;

38 (g) The development of any programs to automate the receipt,
39 storage and retrieval of the educational records of pupils; and

40 (h) Any other matters that, in the determination of the
41 Committee, affect the education of pupils within this State.

42 2. Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with
43 its duties pursuant to this section . ~~{and exercise any of the~~
44 ~~investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,~~
45 ~~inclusive.}~~



1 3. Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the
2 research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.

3 4. Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the
4 manner in which public education may be improved.

5 **Sec. 17.** NRS 218E.625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 218E.625 1. The Legislative Bureau of Educational
7 Accountability and Program Evaluation is hereby created within the
8 Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysts shall appoint to the
9 Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program
10 Evaluation a Chief and such other personnel as the Fiscal Analysts
11 determine are necessary for the Bureau to carry out its duties
12 pursuant to this section.

13 2. The Bureau shall, as the Fiscal Analysts determine is
14 necessary or at the request of the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee
15 **[H] on Education:**

16 (a) Collect and analyze data and issue written reports
17 concerning:

18 (1) The effectiveness of the provisions of chapter 385A of
19 NRS in improving the accountability of the schools of this State;

20 (2) The statewide program to reduce the ratio of pupils per
21 class per licensed teacher prescribed in NRS 388.700, 388.710 and
22 388.720;

23 (3) The statewide program to educate persons with
24 disabilities that is set forth in NRS 388.5223 to 388.5243, inclusive;

25 (4) The results of the examinations of the National
26 Assessment of Educational Progress that are administered pursuant
27 to NRS 390.830; and

28 (5) Any program or legislative measure, the purpose of
29 which is to reform the system of education within this State.

30 (b) Conduct studies and analyses to evaluate the performance
31 and progress of the system of public education within this State.
32 Such studies and analyses may be conducted:

33 (1) As the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary; or

34 (2) At the request of the Legislature.

35 ➔ This paragraph does not prohibit the Bureau from contracting
36 with a person or entity to conduct studies and analyses on behalf of
37 the Bureau.

38 (c) On or before October 1 of each even-numbered year, submit
39 a written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to
40 the Director for transmission to the next regular session. The Bureau
41 shall, on or before October 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a
42 written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to
43 the Director for transmission to the Legislative Commission and to
44 the **[Legislative] Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education.



1 3. The Bureau may, pursuant to NRS 218F.620, require a
2 school, a school district, the Nevada System of Higher Education or
3 the Department of Education to submit to the Bureau books, papers,
4 records and other information that the Chief of the Bureau
5 determines are necessary to carry out the duties of the Bureau
6 pursuant to this section. An entity whom the Bureau requests to
7 produce records or other information shall provide the records or
8 other information in any readily available format specified by the
9 Bureau.

10 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
11 239.0115, any information obtained by the Bureau pursuant to this
12 section shall be deemed a work product that is confidential pursuant
13 to NRS 218F.150. The Bureau may, at the discretion of the Chief
14 and after submission to the Legislature or Legislative Commission,
15 as appropriate, publish reports of its findings pursuant to paragraphs
16 (a) and (b) of subsection 2.

17 5. This section does not prohibit the Department of Education
18 or the State Board of Education from conducting analyses,
19 submitting reports or otherwise reviewing educational programs in
20 this State.

21 **Sec. 18.** NRS 218E.815 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 218E.815 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee *on*
23 *Growth and Infrastructure* may:

24 (a) Evaluate, review and comment upon matters related to
25 energy policy within this State, including, without limitation:

26 (1) Policies, plans or programs relating to the production,
27 consumption or use of energy in this State;

28 (2) Legislative measures regarding energy policy;

29 (3) The progress made by this State in satisfying the goals
30 and objectives of Senate Bill No. 123 of the 77th Session of the
31 Nevada Legislature;

32 (4) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on
33 rates or rate payers;

34 (5) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on
35 economic development in this State;

36 (6) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on
37 the environment;

38 (7) Any contracts or requests for proposals relating to the
39 purchase of capacity;

40 (8) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation
41 which provides for the construction or acquisition of facilities for
42 the generation of electricity;

43 (9) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on
44 the development of a market in this State for electricity generated
45 from renewable energy;



1 (10) The infrastructure and transmission requirements of any
2 policy, plan, program or legislation; and

3 (11) Any other matters or topics that, in the determination of
4 the Committee, affect energy policy in this State.

5 (b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with
6 its duties pursuant to this section . ~~and exercise any of the~~
7 ~~investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,~~
8 ~~inclusive.]~~

9 (c) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the
10 research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.

11 (d) Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the
12 manner in which energy policy may be implemented or improved.

13 2. As used in this section, "renewable energy" has the meaning
14 ascribed to it in NRS 701.070.

15 **Sec. 19.** NRS 62H.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 62H.320 1. The Director of the Department of Health and
17 Human Services shall establish within the Department a program to
18 compile and analyze data concerning juvenile sex offenders. The
19 program must be designed to:

20 (a) Provide statistical data relating to the recidivism of juvenile
21 sex offenders; and

22 (b) Use the data provided by the Division of Child and Family
23 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant
24 to NRS 62H.220 to assess the effectiveness of programs for the
25 treatment of juvenile sex offenders.

26 2. The Director of the Department of Health and Human
27 Services shall report the statistical data and findings from the
28 program to:

29 (a) The Legislature at the beginning of each regular session.

30 (b) The ~~Advisory Commission on the Administration of~~
31 ~~Justice] Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary~~ on or
32 before January 31 of each even-numbered year.

33 3. The data acquired pursuant to this section is confidential and
34 must be used only for the purpose of research. The data and findings
35 generated pursuant to this section must not contain information that
36 may reveal the identity of a juvenile sex offender or the identity of
37 an individual victim of a crime.

38 **Sec. 20.** NRS 176.0127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 176.0127 1. The Department of Corrections shall:

40 (a) Provide the ~~Commission] Joint Interim Standing~~
41 ~~Committee on the Judiciary~~ with any available statistical
42 information or research requested by the ~~Commission] Committee~~
43 and assist the ~~Commission] Committee~~ in the compilation and
44 development of information requested by the ~~Commission,]~~
45 ~~Committee,~~ including, but not limited to, information or research



1 concerning the facilities and institutions of the Department of
2 Corrections, the offenders who are or were within those facilities or
3 institutions, rates of recidivism, the effectiveness of educational and
4 vocational programs and the sentences which are being served or
5 were served by those offenders;

6 ~~[(b) If requested by the Commission, make available to the~~
7 ~~Commission the use of the computers and programs which are~~
8 ~~owned by the Department of Corrections;]~~ and

9 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Provide the independent contractor retained pursuant to
10 NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested
11 by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the
12 projections required by NRS 176.0129.

13 2. The Division shall:

14 (a) Provide the ~~[Commission]~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
15 *Committee on the Judiciary* with any available statistical
16 information or research requested by the ~~[Commission]~~ *Committee*
17 and assist the ~~[Commission]~~ *Committee* in the compilation and
18 development of information concerning sentencing, probation,
19 parole and any offenders who are or were subject to supervision by
20 the Division;

21 ~~[(b) If requested by the Commission, make available to the~~
22 ~~Commission the use of the computers and programs which are~~
23 ~~owned by the Division;]~~ and

24 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Provide the independent contractor retained pursuant to
25 NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested
26 by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the
27 projections required by NRS 176.0129.

28 **Sec. 21.** NRS 176.0128 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 176.0128 The Central Repository for Nevada Records of
30 Criminal History shall:

31 1. Facilitate the collection of statistical data in the manner
32 approved by the Director of the Department of Public Safety and
33 coordinate the exchange of such data with agencies of criminal
34 justice within this State, including:

- 35 (a) State and local law enforcement agencies;
36 (b) The Office of the Attorney General;
37 (c) The Court Administrator;
38 (d) The Department of Corrections; and
39 (e) The Division.

40 2. Provide the ~~[Commission]~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
41 *Committee on the Judiciary* with available statistical data and
42 information requested by the ~~[Commission.]~~ *Committee.*



1 **Sec. 22.** NRS 176.0129 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 176.0129 The Office of Finance shall, on an annual basis,
3 contract for the services of an independent contractor, in accordance
4 with the provisions of NRS 333.700, to ~~f~~:

5 ~~1. Review~~ *review* sentences imposed in this State and the
6 practices of the State Board of Parole Commissioners and project
7 annually the number of persons who will be:

8 ~~{(a)}~~ 1. In a facility or institution of the Department of
9 Corrections;

10 ~~{(b)}~~ 2. On probation;

11 ~~{(e)}~~ 3. On parole; and

12 ~~{(d)}~~ 4. Serving a term of residential confinement,

13 ↪ during the 10 years immediately following the date of the
14 projection. ~~f; and~~

15 ~~2. Review preliminary proposals and information provided by~~
16 ~~the Commission and project annually the number of persons who~~
17 ~~will be:~~

18 ~~(a) In a facility or institution of the Department of Corrections;~~

19 ~~(b) On probation;~~

20 ~~(c) On parole; and~~

21 ~~(d) Serving a term of residential confinement,~~

22 ↪ ~~during the 10 years immediately following the date of the~~
23 ~~projection, assuming the preliminary proposals were recommended~~
24 ~~by the Commission and enacted by the Legislature.]~~

25 **Sec. 23.** NRS 200.3788 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 200.3788 1. A statewide program to track sexual assault
27 forensic evidence kits must be established in this State. The
28 Attorney General shall, pursuant to the recommendation of the
29 Sexual Assault Kit Working Group, designate a department or
30 division of the Executive Department of State Government to
31 establish the program. The designated department or division may
32 contract with any appropriate public or private agency, organization
33 or institution to carry out the provisions of this section.

34 2. The program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits
35 must:

36 (a) Track the location and status of sexual assault forensic
37 evidence kits, including, without limitation, the initial forensic
38 medical examination, receipt by a law enforcement agency and
39 receipt and genetic marker analysis at a forensic laboratory.

40 (b) Allow providers of health care who perform forensic medical
41 examinations, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, forensic
42 laboratories and any other entities having sexual assault forensic
43 evidence kits in their custody to track the status and location of
44 sexual assault forensic evidence kits.



1 (c) Allow a victim of sexual assault to anonymously track or
2 receive, by telephone or on an Internet website, updates regarding
3 the status and location of his or her sexual assault forensic evidence
4 kit.

5 3. The department or division designated pursuant to
6 subsection 1 shall, on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year,
7 submit to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
8 Bureau for transmittal to the ~~Advisory Commission on the~~
9 ~~Administration of Justice~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
10 *the Judiciary* and post on the Internet website maintained by the
11 department or division a report concerning the statewide program to
12 track sexual assault forensic evidence kits. The report must include:

13 (a) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits in the
14 program in each county.

15 (b) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits for
16 which genetic marker analysis has been completed for each county
17 for the last 6 months.

18 (c) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits added to
19 the program in each county during the last 6 months.

20 (d) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits for
21 which genetic marker analysis has been requested but not completed
22 for each county.

23 (e) For this State as a whole and each county, the average and
24 median time between a forensic medical examination and receipt of
25 a sexual assault forensic evidence kit by a forensic laboratory for
26 genetic marker analysis, overall and for the last 6 months.

27 (f) For this State as a whole and each county, the average and
28 median time between receipt of a sexual assault forensic evidence
29 kit by a forensic laboratory and genetic marker analysis, overall and
30 for the last 6 months.

31 (g) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits in each
32 county awaiting genetic marker analysis for more than 1 year and 6
33 months after forensic medical examination.

34 4. Each law enforcement agency, prosecutor, forensic
35 laboratory and provider of health care who performs forensic
36 medical examinations in this State shall participate in the statewide
37 program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits for the
38 purpose of tracking the status of any sexual assault forensic
39 evidence kits in the custody of the agency, prosecutor, laboratory or
40 provider, or a third party under contract with such agency,
41 prosecutor, laboratory or provider.

42 5. Any agency or person who acts pursuant to this section in
43 good faith and without gross negligence is immune from civil
44 liability for those acts.



1 6. The department or division designated pursuant to
2 subsection 1 may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest,
3 grant or other source of money to carry out the provisions of this
4 section.

5 7. As used in this section, "Sexual Assault Kit Working
6 Group" means the statewide working group led by the Office of the
7 Attorney General to create policies and procedures to address the
8 backlog of sexual assault forensic evidence kits that have not been
9 tested.

10 **Sec. 24.** NRS 209.192 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 209.192 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
12 Fund for New Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries as a
13 capital projects fund. The Director shall deposit in the Fund the
14 deductions made pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 or
15 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 209.463. The money in the
16 Fund must only be expended:

17 (a) To house new industries or expand existing industries in the
18 industrial program to provide additional employment of offenders;

19 (b) To relocate, expand, upgrade or modify an existing industry
20 in the industrial program to enhance or improve operations or
21 security or to provide additional employment or training of
22 offenders;

23 (c) To purchase or lease equipment to be used for the training of
24 offenders or in the operations of prison industries;

25 (d) To pay or fund the operations of prison industries, including,
26 without limitation, paying the salaries of staff and wages of
27 offenders if the cash balance in the Fund for Prison Industries is
28 below the average monthly expenses for the operation of prison
29 industries;

30 (e) To advertise and promote the goods produced and services
31 provided by prison industries; or

32 (f) For any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

33 2. Before money in the Fund may be expended:

34 (a) As described in paragraphs (b) to (e), inclusive, of subsection
35 1, the Director shall submit a proposal for the expenditure to the
36 *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~[Industrial Programs]~~ *the*
37 *Judiciary* and the State Board of Examiners.

38 (b) For construction, the Director shall submit a proposal for the
39 expenditure to the State Board of Examiners.

40 3. Upon making a determination that the proposed expenditure
41 is appropriate and necessary, the State Board of Examiners shall
42 recommend to the Interim Finance Committee, or the Senate
43 Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing
44 Committee on Ways and Means when the Legislature is in general
45 session, that the expenditure be approved. Upon approval of the



1 appropriate committee or committees, the money may be so
2 expended.

3 4. If any money in the Fund is used as described in paragraph
4 (d) of subsection 1, the Director shall repay the amount used as soon
5 as sufficient money is available in the Fund for Prison Industries.

6 5. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,
7 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
8 Fund.

9 6. As used in this section, "Fund" means Fund for New
10 Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries.

11 **Sec. 25.** NRS 209.459 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 209.459 1. The Director shall:

13 (a) Submit a report to the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
14 ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* identifying the potential impacts
15 of any new program for the employment of offenders on private
16 employers and labor in this State. In preparing such a report, the
17 Director shall include any information required pursuant to
18 paragraph (b) of subsection 7 of NRS 209.461 and must perform
19 due diligence in obtaining such information from:

20 (1) The Department of Employment, Training and
21 Rehabilitation;

22 (2) The Department of Business and Industry;

23 (3) The Office of Economic Development; and

24 (4) Representatives of organized labor in this State.

25 (b) Seek and present the recommendations of the *Joint Interim*
26 *Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* to the
27 Board of State Prison Commissioners and, with the approval of the
28 Board of State Prison Commissioners, establish and carry out a
29 program for the employment of offenders in services and
30 manufacturing conducted by institutions of the Department or by
31 private employers.

32 2. Before any new program for the employment of offenders is
33 established pursuant to this section, the Director shall submit any
34 contract related to the employment of such offenders to the State
35 Board of Examiners for approval.

36 **Sec. 26.** NRS 209.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 209.461 1. The Director shall:

38 (a) To the greatest extent possible, approximate the normal
39 conditions of training and employment in the community.

40 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, to the extent
41 practicable, require each offender, except those whose behavior is
42 found by the Director to preclude participation, to spend 40 hours
43 each week in vocational training or employment, unless excused for
44 a medical reason or to attend educational classes in accordance with
45 NRS 209.396. The Director shall require as a condition of



1 employment that an offender sign an authorization for the
2 deductions from his or her wages made pursuant to NRS 209.463.
3 Authorization to make the deductions pursuant to NRS 209.463 is
4 implied from the employment of an offender and a signed
5 authorization from the offender is not required for the Director to
6 make the deductions pursuant to NRS 209.463.

7 (c) Use the earnings from services and manufacturing conducted
8 by the institutions and the money paid by private employers who
9 employ the offenders to offset the costs of operating the prison
10 system and to provide wages for the offenders being trained or
11 employed.

12 (d) Provide equipment, space and management for services and
13 manufacturing by offenders.

14 (e) Employ craftsmen and other personnel to supervise and
15 instruct offenders.

16 (f) Contract with governmental agencies and private employers
17 for the employment of offenders, including their employment on
18 public works projects under contracts with the State and with local
19 governments.

20 (g) Contract for the use of offenders' services and for the sale of
21 goods manufactured by offenders.

22 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, and every 5 years thereafter,
23 submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
24 distribution to the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial~~
25 ~~Programs.]~~ *the Judiciary*. The report must include, without
26 limitation, an analysis of existing contracts with private employers
27 for the employment of offenders and the potential impact of those
28 contracts on private industry in this State.

29 (i) Submit a report to each meeting of the Interim Finance
30 Committee identifying any accounts receivable related to a program
31 for the employment of offenders.

32 2. Every program for the employment of offenders established
33 by the Director must:

34 (a) Employ the maximum number of offenders possible;

35 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 209.192, provide for
36 the use of money produced by the program to reduce the cost of
37 maintaining the offenders in the institutions;

38 (c) Have an insignificant effect on the number of jobs available
39 to the residents of this State; and

40 (d) Provide occupational training for offenders.

41 3. An offender may not engage in vocational training,
42 employment or a business that requires or permits the offender to:

43 (a) Telemarket or conduct opinion polls by telephone; or

44 (b) Acquire, review, use or have control over or access to
45 personal information concerning any person who is not incarcerated.



1 4. Each fiscal year, the cumulative profits and losses, if any, of
2 the programs for the employment of offenders established by the
3 Director must result in a profit for the Department. The following
4 must not be included in determining whether there is a profit for the
5 Department:

6 (a) Fees credited to the Fund for Prison Industries pursuant to
7 NRS 482.268, any revenue collected by the Department for the
8 leasing of space, facilities or equipment within the institutions or
9 facilities of the Department, and any interest or income earned on
10 the money in the Fund for Prison Industries.

11 (b) The selling expenses of the Central Administrative Office of
12 the programs for the employment of offenders. As used in this
13 paragraph, "selling expenses" means delivery expenses, salaries of
14 sales personnel and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs of
15 advertising and the costs of display models.

16 (c) The general and administrative expenses of the Central
17 Administrative Office of the programs for the employment of
18 offenders. As used in this paragraph, "general and administrative
19 expenses" means the salary of the Deputy Director of Industrial
20 Programs and the salaries of any other personnel of the Central
21 Administrative Office and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs
22 of telephone usage, and the costs of office supplies used and postage
23 used.

24 5. If any state-sponsored program incurs a net loss for 2
25 consecutive fiscal years, the Director shall appear before the *Joint*
26 *Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the*
27 *Judiciary* to explain the reasons for the net loss and provide a plan
28 for the generation of a profit in the next fiscal year. If the program
29 does not generate a profit in the third fiscal year, the Director shall
30 take appropriate steps to resolve the issue.

31 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Director
32 may, with the approval of the Board:

33 (a) Lease spaces and facilities within any institution of the
34 Department to private employers to be used for the vocational
35 training and employment of offenders.

36 (b) Grant to reliable offenders the privilege of leaving
37 institutions or facilities of the Department at certain times for the
38 purpose of vocational training or employment.

39 7. Before entering into any contract with a private employer for
40 the employment of offenders pursuant to subsection 1, the Director
41 shall obtain from the private employer:

42 (a) A personal guarantee to secure an amount fixed by the
43 Director of:

44 (1) For a contract that does not relate to construction, not less
45 than 25 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract but



1 not more than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the
2 contract, a surety bond made payable to the State of Nevada in an
3 amount fixed by the Director of not less than 25 percent of the
4 prorated annual amount of the contract but not more than 100
5 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract and
6 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in
7 accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract; or

8 (2) For a contract that relates to construction, not less than
9 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract, a surety
10 bond made payable to the State of Nevada in an amount fixed by the
11 Director of not less than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount
12 of the contract and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the
13 contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract,
14 ➤ or a security agreement to secure any debt, obligation or other
15 liability of the private employer under the contract, including,
16 without limitation, lease payments, wages earned by offenders and
17 compensation earned by personnel of the Department. The Director
18 shall appear before the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
19 ~~[Industrial Programs]~~ *the Judiciary* to explain the reasons for the
20 amount fixed by the Director for any personal guarantee or surety
21 bond.

22 (b) A detailed written analysis on the estimated impact of the
23 contract on private industry in this State. The written analysis must
24 include, without limitation:

25 (1) The number of private companies in this State currently
26 providing the types of products and services offered in the proposed
27 contract.

28 (2) The number of residents of this State currently employed
29 by such private companies.

30 (3) The number of offenders that would be employed under
31 the contract.

32 (4) The skills that the offenders would acquire under the
33 contract.

34 8. The provisions of this chapter do not create a right on behalf
35 of the offender to employment or to receive the federal or state
36 minimum wage for any employment and do not establish a basis for
37 any cause of action against the State or its officers or employees for
38 employment of an offender or for payment of the federal or state
39 minimum wage to an offender.

40 9. As used in this section, "state-sponsored program" means a
41 program for the vocational training or employment of offenders
42 which does not include a contract of employment with a private
43 employer.



1 **Sec. 27.** NRS 209.4818 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 209.4818 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
3 ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* shall:

4 (a) Be informed on issues and developments relating to
5 industrial programs for correctional institutions;

6 (b) Submit a semiannual report to the Interim Finance
7 Committee before July 1 and December 1 of each year on the status
8 of current and proposed industrial programs for correctional
9 institutions;

10 (c) Report to the Legislature on any other matter relating to
11 industrial programs for correctional institutions that it deems
12 appropriate;

13 (d) ~~Meet at least quarterly and at the call of the Chair to review~~
14 ~~the operation of current and proposed industrial programs;~~

15 —(e)— Recommend three persons to the Director for appointment
16 as the Deputy Director for Industrial Programs whenever a vacancy
17 exists;

18 ~~((f))~~ (e) Before any new industrial program is established by the
19 Director, review the proposed program for compliance with the
20 requirements of subsections 2, 3, 4 and 7 of NRS 209.461 and
21 submit to the Director its recommendations concerning the proposed
22 program; and

23 ~~((g))~~ (f) Review each state-sponsored industry program
24 established pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 209.461 to determine
25 whether the program is operating profitably. If the Committee
26 determines that a program has incurred a net loss in 3 consecutive
27 fiscal years, the Committee shall report its finding to the Director
28 with a recommendation regarding whether the program should be
29 continued or terminated. If the Director does not accept the
30 recommendation of the Committee, the Director shall submit a
31 written report to the Committee setting forth his or her reasons for
32 rejecting the recommendation.

33 2. Upon the request of the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee
34 on ~~Industrial Programs,~~ *the Judiciary*, the Director and the Deputy
35 Director for Industrial Programs shall provide to the Committee any
36 information that the Committee determines is relevant to the
37 performance of the duties of the Committee.

38 3. As used in this section, “state-sponsored industry program”
39 means a program for the vocational training or employment of
40 offenders which does not include a contract of employment with a
41 private employer.

42 **Sec. 28.** NRS 233B.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 233B.063 1. An agency that intends to adopt, amend or
44 repeal a permanent regulation must deliver to the Legislative
45 Counsel a copy of the proposed regulation. The Legislative Counsel



1 shall examine and if appropriate revise the language submitted so
2 that it is clear, concise and suitable for incorporation in the Nevada
3 Administrative Code, but shall not alter the meaning or effect
4 without the consent of the agency.

5 2. Unless the proposed regulation is submitted to the
6 Legislative Counsel between July 1 of an even-numbered year and
7 July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year, the Legislative
8 Counsel shall deliver the approved or revised text of the regulation
9 within 30 days after it is submitted to the Legislative Counsel. If the
10 proposed or revised text of a regulation is changed before adoption,
11 the agency shall submit the changed text to the Legislative Counsel,
12 who shall examine and revise it if appropriate pursuant to the
13 standards of subsection 1. Unless it is submitted between July 1 of
14 an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered
15 year, the Legislative Counsel shall return it with any appropriate
16 revisions within 30 days. If the agency is a licensing board as
17 defined in NRS 439B.225 and the proposed regulation relates to
18 standards for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits or
19 certificates of registration issued to a person or facility regulated by
20 the agency, the Legislative Counsel shall also deliver one copy of
21 the approved or revised text of the regulation to the ~~Legislative~~
22 *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human
23 *Services*.

24 3. An agency may adopt a temporary regulation between
25 August 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding
26 odd-numbered year without following the procedure required by this
27 section and NRS 233B.064, but any such regulation expires by
28 limitation on November 1 of the odd-numbered year. A
29 substantively identical permanent regulation may be subsequently
30 adopted.

31 4. An agency may amend or suspend a permanent regulation
32 between August 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the
33 succeeding odd-numbered year by adopting a temporary regulation
34 in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as prescribed
35 in subsection 3.

36 **Sec. 29.** NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 233B.070 1. A permanent regulation becomes effective when
38 the Legislative Counsel files with the Secretary of State the original
39 of the final draft or revision of a regulation, except as otherwise
40 provided in NRS 293.247 or where a later date is specified in the
41 regulation.

42 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233B.0633, an agency
43 that has adopted a temporary regulation may not file the temporary
44 regulation with the Secretary of State until 35 days after the date on
45 which the temporary regulation was adopted by the agency. A



1 temporary regulation becomes effective when the agency files with
2 the Secretary of State the original of the final draft or revision of the
3 regulation, together with the informational statement prepared
4 pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the
5 temporary regulation with the Legislative Counsel, together with the
6 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

7 3. An emergency regulation becomes effective when the
8 agency files with the Secretary of State the original of the final draft
9 or revision of an emergency regulation, together with the
10 informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066. The
11 agency shall also file a copy of the emergency regulation with the
12 Legislative Counsel, together with the informational statement
13 prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

14 4. The Secretary of State shall maintain the original of the final
15 draft or revision of each regulation in a permanent file to be used
16 only for the preparation of official copies.

17 5. The Secretary of State shall file, with the original of each
18 agency's rules of practice, the current statement of the agency
19 concerning the date and results of its most recent review of those
20 rules.

21 6. Immediately after each permanent or temporary regulation is
22 filed, the agency shall deliver one copy of the final draft or revision,
23 bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State indicating that it has
24 been filed, including material adopted by reference which is not
25 already filed with the State Library, Archives and Public Records
26 Administrator, to the State Library, Archives and Public Records
27 Administrator for use by the public. If the agency is a licensing
28 board as defined in NRS 439B.225 and it has adopted a permanent
29 regulation relating to standards for the issuance or renewal of
30 licenses, permits or certificates of registration issued to a person or
31 facility regulated by the agency, the agency shall also deliver one
32 copy of the regulation, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State,
33 to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health
34 ~~Care~~ *and Human Services* within 10 days after the regulation is
35 filed with the Secretary of State.

36 7. Each agency shall furnish a copy of all or part of that part of
37 the Nevada Administrative Code which contains its regulations, to
38 any person who requests a copy, and may charge a reasonable fee
39 for the copy based on the cost of reproduction if it does not have
40 money appropriated or authorized for that purpose.

41 8. An agency which publishes any regulations included in the
42 Nevada Administrative Code shall use the exact text of the
43 regulation as it appears in the Nevada Administrative Code,
44 including the leadlines and numbers of the sections. Any other
45 material which an agency includes in a publication with its



1 regulations must be presented in a form which clearly distinguishes
2 that material from the regulations.

3 **Sec. 30.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
5 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.293,
6 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170,
7 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113,
8 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200,
9 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345,
10 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880,
11 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280, 119A.280,
12 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.690, 125.130,
13 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057,
14 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 130.712, 136.050,
15 159.044, 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, ~~176.01249,~~ 176.015,
16 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715,
17 178.5691, 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 200.3771,
18 200.3772, 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392,
19 209.3923, 209.3925, 209.419, 209.429, 209.521, 211A.140,
20 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464,
21 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240,
22 218G.350, 226.300, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 231.069,
23 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300, 239.0105, 239.0113, 239.014,
24 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230,
25 239C.250, 239C.270, 239C.420, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030,
26 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 247.540, 247.550, 247.560,
27 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 268.095, 268.0978, 268.490,
28 268.910, 269.174, 271A.105, 281.195, 281.805, 281A.350,
29 281A.680, 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 281A.780, 284.4068,
30 286.110, 286.118, 287.0438, 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830,
31 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503, 293.504, 293.558, 293.5757, 293.870,
32 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061,
33 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379, 338.1593, 338.1725,
34 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205, 353A.049,
35 353A.085, 353A.100, 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247, 360.255,
36 360.755, 361.044, 361.2242, 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180,
37 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300, 379.0075, 379.008,
38 379.1495, 385A.830, 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455,
39 388.259, 388.501, 388.503, 388.513, 388.750, 388A.247, 388A.249,
40 391.033, 391.035, 391.0365, 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147,
41 392.264, 392.271, 392.315, 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335,
42 392.850, 393.045, 394.167, 394.16975, 394.1698, 394.447, 394.460,
43 394.465, 396.3295, 396.405, 396.525, 396.535, 396.9685,
44 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 408.5484, 412.153,
45 414.280, 416.070, 422.2749, 422.305, 422A.342, 422A.350,



1 425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 432.205, 432B.175,
2 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902,
3 432C.140, 432C.150, 433.534, 433A.360, 437.145, 437.207,
4 439.4941, 439.840, 439.914, 439B.420, 439B.754, 439B.760,
5 440.170, 441A.195, 441A.220, 441A.230, 442.330, 442.395,
6 442.735, 442.774, 445A.665, 445B.570, 445B.7773, 447.345,
7 449.209, 449.245, 449.4315, 449A.112, 450.140, 450B.188,
8 453.164, 453.720, 453A.610, 453A.700, 458.055, 458.280, 459.050,
9 459.3866, 459.555, 459.7056, 459.846, 463.120, 463.15993,
10 463.240, 463.3403, 463.3407, 463.790, 467.1005, 480.535, 480.545,
11 480.935, 480.940, 481.063, 481.091, 481.093, 482.170, 482.5536,
12 483.340, 483.363, 483.575, 483.659, 483.800, 484A.469, 484E.070,
13 485.316, 501.344, 503.452, 522.040, 534A.031, 561.285, 571.160,
14 584.655, 587.877, 598.0964, 598.098, 598A.110, 599B.090,
15 603.070, 603A.210, 604A.303, 604A.710, 612.265, 616B.012,
16 616B.015, 616B.315, 616B.350, 618.341, 618.425, 622.238,
17 622.310, 623.131, 623A.137, 624.110, 624.265, 624.327, 625.425,
18 625A.185, 628.418, 628B.230, 628B.760, 629.047, 629.069,
19 630.133, 630.2673, 630.30665, 630.336, 630A.555, 631.368,
20 632.121, 632.125, 632.3415, 632.405, 633.283, 633.301, 633.4715,
21 633.524, 634.055, 634.214, 634A.185, 635.158, 636.107, 637.085,
22 637B.288, 638.087, 638.089, 639.2485, 639.570, 640.075,
23 640A.220, 640B.730, 640C.580, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745,
24 640C.760, 640D.190, 640E.340, 641.090, 641.221, 641.325,
25 641A.191, 641A.262, 641A.289, 641B.170, 641B.282, 641B.460,
26 641C.760, 641C.800, 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870, 645.180,
27 645.625, 645A.050, 645A.082, 645B.060, 645B.092, 645C.220,
28 645C.225, 645D.130, 645D.135, 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330,
29 647.0945, 647.0947, 648.033, 648.197, 649.065, 649.067, 652.228,
30 653.900, 654.110, 656.105, 657A.510, 661.115, 665.130, 665.133,
31 669.275, 669.285, 669A.310, 671.170, 673.450, 673.480, 675.380,
32 676A.340, 676A.370, 677.243, 678A.470, 678C.710, 678C.800,
33 679B.122, 679B.124, 679B.152, 679B.159, 679B.190, 679B.285,
34 679B.690, 680A.270, 681A.440, 681B.260, 681B.410, 681B.540,
35 683A.0873, 685A.077, 686A.289, 686B.170, 686C.306, 687A.110,
36 687A.115, 687C.010, 688C.230, 688C.480, 688C.490, 689A.696,
37 692A.117, 692C.190, 692C.3507, 692C.3536, 692C.3538,
38 692C.354, 692C.420, 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550, 696C.120,
39 703.196, 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159, 711.600,
40 sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of Nevada 2011 and
41 section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013 and unless
42 otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public books and
43 public records of a governmental entity must be open at all times
44 during office hours to inspection by any person, and may be fully
45 copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared from those



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

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

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

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

25 (a) The public record:

26 (1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and

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

28 (b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or by
29 means of an electronic medium would:

30 (1) Give access to proprietary software; or

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

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

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

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



1 **Sec. 31.** NRS 321.7355 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 321.7355 1. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall
3 prepare, in cooperation with appropriate federal and state agencies
4 and local governments throughout the State, plans or statements of
5 policy concerning the acquisition and use of lands in the State of
6 Nevada that are under federal management.

7 2. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall, in preparing the
8 plans and statements of policy, identify lands which are suitable for
9 acquisition for:

10 (a) Commercial, industrial or residential development;

11 (b) The expansion of the property tax base, including the
12 potential for an increase in revenue by the lease and sale of those
13 lands; or

14 (c) Accommodating increases in the population of this State.

15 ➔ The plans or statements of policy must not include matters
16 concerning zoning or the division of land and must be consistent
17 with local plans and regulations concerning the use of private
18 property.

19 3. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall:

20 (a) Encourage public comment upon the various matters treated
21 in a proposed plan or statement of policy throughout its preparation
22 and incorporate such comments into the proposed plan or statement
23 of policy as are appropriate;

24 (b) Submit its work on a plan or statement of policy periodically
25 for review and comment by the Land Use Planning Advisory
26 Council and ~~any committees of the Legislature or subcommittees of~~
27 ~~the Legislative Commission that deal with matters concerning the~~
28 ~~public lands;] the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint~~
29 ~~Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; and~~

30 (c) Provide written responses to written comments received
31 from a county or city upon the various matters treated in a proposed
32 plan or statement of policy.

33 4. Whenever the State Land Use Planning Agency prepares
34 plans or statements of policy pursuant to subsection 1 and submits
35 those plans or policy statements to the Governor, *the* Legislature ,
36 *the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing*
37 *Committee on Natural Resources* or an agency of the Federal
38 Government, the State Land Use Planning Agency shall include
39 with each plan or statement of policy the comments and
40 recommendations of:

41 (a) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council; and

42 (b) ~~[Any committees of the Legislature or subcommittees of the~~
43 ~~Legislative Commission that deal with matters concerning the~~
44 ~~public lands.] The Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint~~
45 ~~Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources.~~



1 5. A plan or statement of policy must be approved by the
2 governing bodies of the county and cities affected by it before it is
3 put into effect.

4 **Sec. 31.5.** NRS 332.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 332.215 1. Each county of this state whose population is
6 100,000 or more, must be a member of the Commission to Study
7 Governmental Purchasing which is composed of all purchasing
8 agents of the local governments within those counties. Each county
9 whose population is less than 100,000 may participate as a voting
10 member of the Commission. The members shall select a Chair from
11 among their number.

12 2. The Commission shall meet no less than quarterly or at the
13 call of the Chair to study practices in governmental purchasing and
14 laws relating thereto and shall make recommendations with respect
15 to those laws to the next regular session of the Legislature.

16 3. *On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the*
17 *Commission shall submit a written report to the Joint Interim*
18 *Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections that*
19 *includes any recommendations of the Commission for legislation*
20 *relating to governmental purchasing.*

21 **Sec. 32.** (Deleted by amendment.)

22 **Sec. 33.** (Deleted by amendment.)

23 **Sec. 34.** NRS 385A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 385A.030 "Committee" means the ~~[Legislative]~~ *Joint Interim*
25 *Standing* Committee on Education created pursuant to ~~[NRS~~
26 ~~218E.605.]~~ *section 6 of this act.*

27 **Sec. 35.** NRS 387.1215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 387.1215 1. To account for variation between the counties of
29 this State in the cost of living and the cost of labor, the Department
30 shall establish by regulation cost adjustment factors for the school
31 district located in, and each charter school that provides classroom-
32 based instruction in, each county of this State.

33 2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the
34 Department shall review and determine whether revisions are
35 necessary to the cost adjustment factors for the school district
36 located in each county of this State. The Department shall present
37 the review and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~[Legislative]~~ *Joint*
38 *Interim Standing* Committee on Education for consideration and
39 recommendations by the Committee. After the meeting, the
40 Department shall consider any recommendations of the ~~[Legislative]~~
41 *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education, determine
42 whether to include those recommendations and adopt by regulation
43 any revision to the cost adjustment factors. The Department shall
44 submit any revision to the cost adjustment factors to each school



1 district, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
2 Bureau.

3 **Sec. 36.** NRS 387.1216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 387.1216 1. To account for the increased cost to a school
5 district to operate a public school for a small number of pupils
6 which may be necessary in certain circumstances, the Department
7 shall establish by regulation a method to calculate an adjustment for
8 each necessarily small school.

9 2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the
10 Department shall review and determine whether revisions are
11 necessary to the method for determining the adjustment for each
12 necessarily small school. The Department shall present the review
13 and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~[Legislative]~~ *Joint Interim*
14 *Standing* Committee on Education for consideration and
15 recommendations by the Committee. After the meeting, the
16 Department shall consider any recommendations of the ~~[Legislative]~~
17 *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education, determine
18 whether to include those recommendations and adopt by regulation
19 any revision to the method. The Department shall submit any
20 revision to the method to each school district, the Governor and the
21 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

22 **Sec. 37.** NRS 387.1218 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 387.1218 1. To account for the increased cost per pupil to
24 operate a school district in which relatively fewer pupils are
25 enrolled, the Department shall establish by regulation a small
26 district equity adjustment.

27 2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the
28 Department shall review and determine whether revisions are
29 necessary to the method for calculating the small district equity
30 adjustment. The Department shall present the review and any
31 revisions at a meeting of the ~~[Legislative]~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
32 Committee on Education for consideration and recommendations by
33 the Committee. After the meeting, the Department shall consider
34 any recommendations of the ~~[Legislative]~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
35 Committee on Education, determine whether to include those
36 recommendations and adopt by regulation any revision to the
37 method. The Department shall submit any revision to the method to
38 each school district, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative
39 Counsel Bureau.

40 **Sec. 38.** NRS 387.12455 is hereby amended to read as
41 follows:

42 387.12455 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5,
43 for the purpose of establishing budgetary estimates for expenditures
44 and revenues for the State Education Fund as prescribed by the State
45 Budget Act, the Governor shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that



1 an amount of money in the State General Fund is reserved in the
2 proposed executive budget for transfer to the State Education Fund
3 which is sufficient to fully fund:

4 (a) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by
5 the State for general, unrestricted uses will increase by a rate that is
6 greater than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of
7 enrollment in the public schools in this State in the immediately
8 preceding biennium, an amount of money in the State General Fund
9 for transfer to the State Education Fund for the subsequent biennium
10 which is not less than the amount of money transferred to the State
11 Education Fund from the State General Fund for the immediately
12 preceding biennium increased by an amount not less than the rate of
13 increase for the revenue collected by the State as projected by the
14 Economic Forum.

15 (b) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by
16 the State for general, unrestricted uses will increase by a rate that is
17 not greater than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of
18 enrollment in the public schools in this State in the immediately
19 preceding biennium, an amount of money in the State General Fund
20 for transfer to the State Education Fund for the subsequent biennium
21 which is not less than the amount of money transferred to the State
22 Education Fund from the State General Fund for the immediately
23 preceding biennium increased by an amount not less than the
24 combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in the
25 public schools in this State.

26 (c) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by
27 the State for general, unrestricted uses will decrease, an amount of
28 money in the State General Fund for transfer to the State Education
29 Fund for the subsequent biennium which is not less than the amount
30 of money transferred to the State Education Fund from the State
31 General Fund for the immediately preceding biennium decreased by
32 an amount not greater than the rate of decrease for the revenue
33 collected by the State as projected by the Economic Forum.

34 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, as part of the
35 proposed executive budget, the Governor shall, to the extent
36 practicable, include recommendations for:

37 (a) The statewide base per pupil funding amount, which must be
38 equal to the statewide base per pupil funding amount for the
39 immediately preceding biennium increased by an amount not less
40 than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in
41 the public schools in this State unless the amount of money
42 contained in the State Education Fund, excluding the Education
43 Stabilization Account or any account created pursuant to
44 subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, decreases from the immediately
45 preceding biennium, in which event the Governor must recommend



1 a proportional reduction to both the statewide base per pupil funding
2 amount and the multiplier for each category of pupils pursuant to
3 paragraph (b); and

4 (b) The multiplier for each category of pupils, which must not
5 be less than the multiplier for the immediately preceding biennium
6 unless:

7 (1) The amount of money contained in the State Education
8 Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account
9 created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, decreases from
10 the immediately preceding biennium, in which event the Governor
11 must recommend a proportional reduction to both the statewide base
12 per pupil funding amount pursuant to paragraph (a) and the
13 multiplier for each category of pupils; or

14 (2) The amount of money contained in the State Education
15 Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account
16 created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, increases from
17 the preceding fiscal year but in an amount which, after
18 recommending the statewide base per pupil funding amount
19 pursuant to paragraph (a), is insufficient to fund the multiplier for
20 each category of pupils, in which event the Governor must
21 recommend the remaining money in the State Education Fund,
22 excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account
23 created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, be used to
24 provide a multiplier for each category of pupils which is as close as
25 practicable to the multiplier for the preceding fiscal year.

26 3. When determining the amount of money to reserve for
27 transfer from the State General Fund to the State Education Fund
28 pursuant to subsection 1, the Governor shall consider the
29 recommendations of the Commission, as revised by the ~~[Legislative]~~
30 *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education, if applicable, for
31 an optimal level of funding for education and may reserve an
32 additional amount of money for transfer to the State Education Fund
33 that the Governor determines to be sufficient to fund any
34 recommendation or any portion of a recommendation that the
35 Governor includes in the proposed executive budget.

36 4. As part of the proposed executive budget, the Governor may
37 recommend to the Legislature a revision to any appropriation made
38 by law pursuant to NRS 387.1214, including, without limitation, the
39 statewide base per pupil funding amount, the adjusted base per pupil
40 funding for any school district, the multiplier for weighted funding
41 for any category of pupils or the creation or elimination of a
42 category of pupils to receive additional weighted funding. The
43 Governor may recommend additional funding for any
44 recommendation made pursuant to this subsection.



1 5. If the Governor determines that it would be impracticable to
2 prepare the proposed executive budget as described in subsection 1
3 or 2, the Governor may instead include in the proposed executive
4 budget a recommendation for such funding for the public schools in
5 this State as he or she determines to be appropriate. If the Governor
6 includes in the proposed executive budget recommendations
7 pursuant to this subsection, the recommendations must be
8 accompanied by such recommendations for legislation as the
9 Governor determines to be appropriate to improve the method by
10 which funding for the public schools in this State is determined.

11 6. As used in this section, "rate of inflation" means the
12 percentage of increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for
13 All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the
14 United States Department of Labor for the immediately preceding
15 calendar year or, if that index ceases to be published by the United
16 States Department of Labor, the published index that most closely
17 resembles that index, as determined by the Governor.

18 **Sec. 39.** NRS 387.12463 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:

20 387.12463 1. The Commission shall:

21 (a) Provide guidance to school districts and the Department on
22 the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

23 (b) Monitor the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding
24 Plan and make any recommendations to the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint*
25 *Interim Standing* Committee on Education that the Commission
26 determines would, within the limits of appropriated funding,
27 improve the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan or
28 correct any deficiencies of the Department or any school district or
29 public school in carrying out the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

30 (c) Review the statewide base per pupil funding amount, the
31 adjusted base per pupil funding for each school district and the
32 multiplier for weighted funding for each category of pupils
33 appropriated by law pursuant to NRS 387.1214 for each biennium
34 and recommend any revisions the Commission determines to be
35 appropriate to create an optimal level of funding for the public
36 schools in this State, including, without limitation, by
37 recommending the creation or elimination of one or more categories
38 of pupils to receive additional weighted funding. If the Commission
39 makes a recommendation pursuant to this paragraph which would
40 require more money to implement than was appropriated from the
41 State Education Fund in the immediately preceding biennium,
42 the Commission shall also identify a method to fully fund the
43 recommendation within 10 years after the date of the
44 recommendation.



1 (d) Review the laws and regulations of this State relating to
2 education, make recommendations to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim*
3 *Standing* Committee on Education for any revision of such laws and
4 regulations that the Commission determines would improve the
5 efficiency or effectiveness of public education in this State and
6 notify each school district of each such recommendation.

7 (e) Review and recommend to the Department revisions of the
8 cost adjustment factors for each county established pursuant to NRS
9 387.1215, the method for determining the adjustment for each
10 necessarily small school established pursuant to NRS 387.1216 and
11 the method for calculating the small district equity adjustment
12 established pursuant to NRS 387.1218.

13 2. The Commission shall present any recommendations
14 pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1 at a
15 meeting of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
16 Education for consideration and revision by the Committee. The
17 ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education shall
18 review each recommendation of the Commission and determine
19 whether to transmit the recommendation or a revised version of the
20 recommendation to the Governor or the Legislature.

21 **Sec. 40.** NRS 388.787 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 388.787 "Committee" means the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim*
23 *Standing* Committee on Education created pursuant to ~~NRS~~
24 ~~218E.605~~ *section 6 of this act.*

25 **Sec. 41.** NRS 390.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 390.800 1. In addition to any other test, examination or
27 assessment required by state or federal law, the board of trustees of
28 each school district may require the administration of district-wide
29 tests, examinations and assessments that the board of trustees
30 determines are vital to measure the achievement and progress of
31 pupils. In making this determination, the board of trustees shall
32 consider any applicable findings and recommendations of the
33 ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education.

34 2. The tests, examinations and assessments required pursuant
35 to subsection 1 must be limited to those which can be demonstrated
36 to provide a direct benefit to pupils or which are used by teachers to
37 improve instruction and the achievement of pupils.

38 3. The board of trustees of each school district and the State
39 Board shall periodically review the tests, examinations and
40 assessments administered to pupils to ensure that the time taken
41 from instruction to conduct a test, examination or assessment is
42 warranted because it is still accomplishing its original purpose.



Sec. 42. NRS 391.492 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.492 1. There is hereby created the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force consisting of the following members:

(a) One licensed teacher employed by each school district located in a county whose population is less than 100,000, appointed by the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education;

(b) Two licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, appointed by the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education; and

(c) Three licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, appointed by the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education.

2. After the initial terms, each member of the Task Force serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to one additional 2-year term following his or her initial term. If any member of the Task Force ceases to be qualified for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall be deemed vacant and the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. The Task Force shall, at its first meeting and each odd-numbered year thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

4. The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Task Force. In even-numbered years, the Task Force shall have three meetings before the final meeting of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education. In even-numbered years, the fourth meeting of the Task Force must be a presentation to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force made pursuant to NRS 391.496.

5. Ten members of the Task Force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Task Force.

6. Members of the Task Force serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Task Force attends a meeting of the Task Force or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force, the member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.



1 7. Each member of the Task Force who is an officer or
2 employee of the State or a local government must be relieved from
3 his or her duties without loss of his or her regular compensation so
4 that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Task
5 Force and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the
6 Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or
7 local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a
8 member of the Task Force to make up the time the member is absent
9 from work to carry out his or her duties as a member, and shall not
10 require the member to take annual vacation or compensatory time
11 for the absence.

12 8. The Department shall provide administrative support to the
13 Task Force.

14 **Sec. 43.** NRS 391.494 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 391.494 1. Each member of the Task Force must:

16 (a) Be a licensed teacher with at least 5 consecutive years of
17 experience teaching in a public school in this State;

18 (b) Be currently employed as a teacher and actively teaching in a
19 public school in this State, and remain employed as a teacher in a
20 public school in this State for the duration of the member's term;
21 and

22 (c) Not be currently serving on any other education-related
23 board, commission, council, task force or similar governmental
24 entity.

25 2. On or before December 1, 2019, the Department shall
26 prescribe a uniform application for a teacher to use to apply to serve
27 on the Task Force.

28 3. A teacher who wishes to serve on the Task Force must
29 submit an application prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 to the
30 ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education on or
31 before January 15 of an even-numbered year. On or before
32 February 1 of each even-numbered year, the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint*
33 *Interim Standing* Committee on Education shall select one or more
34 teachers, as applicable, to serve as a member of the Task Force.

35 **Sec. 44.** NRS 391.496 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 391.496 The Task Force shall:

37 1. Evaluate the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers
38 throughout this State;

39 2. Make recommendations to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim*
40 *Standing* Committee on Education to address the challenges in
41 attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State, including,
42 without limitation, providing incentives to attract and retain
43 teachers; and

44 3. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit
45 a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for



1 transmission to the Legislature describing the findings and
2 recommendations of the Task Force.

3 **Sec. 45.** NRS 439.983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 439.983 Upon the resolution of a public health emergency or
5 other health event, the emergency team shall:

6 1. Make recommendations to the State Board of Health and
7 local boards of health with respect to regulations or policies which
8 may be adopted to prevent public health emergencies and other
9 health events or to improve responses to public health emergencies
10 and other health events; and

11 2. Evaluate the response of each state agency, division, board
12 or other entity represented on the emergency team and make
13 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature or, if the
14 Legislature is not in session, to the Legislative Commission and the
15 ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~
16 *and Human Services* with respect to actions and measures that may
17 be taken to improve such responses.

18 **Sec. 46.** NRS 439B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 439B.040 "Committee" means the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim*
20 *Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services*.

21 **Sec. 47.** NRS 439B.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 439B.227 The ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
23 Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services* shall:

24 1. After each regular session of the Legislature, review any
25 chapter added to this title or title 39 or 54 of NRS that authorizes or
26 requires the issuance of a license, permit or certificate to a person
27 who provides any service related to health care to determine if the
28 person should be included as a person required to make a report
29 pursuant to NRS 432B.220; and

30 2. Before the beginning of the next regular session of the
31 Legislature, prepare a report concerning its findings pursuant to
32 subsection 1 and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative
33 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature. The report must
34 include, without limitation, any recommended legislation.

35 **Sec. 48.** NRS 449.465 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 449.465 1. The Director may, by regulation, impose fees
37 upon admitted health insurers to cover the costs of carrying out the
38 provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive. The maximum
39 amount of fees collected must not exceed the amount authorized by
40 the Legislature in each biennial budget.

41 2. The Director shall impose a fee of \$50 each year upon
42 admitted health insurers for the support of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint*
43 *Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human*
44 *Services*. The fee imposed pursuant to this subsection is in addition
45 to any fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1. The fee collected for



1 the support of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee
2 on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services* must be deposited in the
3 Legislative Fund.

4 **Sec. 49.** NRS 449.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 449.520 1. On or before October 1 of each year, the Director
6 shall prepare and transmit to the Governor, the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint*
7 *Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human*
8 *Services* and the Interim Finance Committee a report of the
9 Department's operations and activities for the preceding fiscal year.

10 2. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must include:

11 (a) Copies of all reports, summaries, compilations and
12 supplementary reports required by NRS 449.450 to 449.530,
13 inclusive, together with such facts, suggestions and policy
14 recommendations as the Director deems necessary;

15 (b) A summary of the trends of the audits of hospitals in this
16 State that the Department required or performed during the previous
17 year;

18 (c) An analysis of the trends in the costs, expenses and profits of
19 hospitals in this State;

20 (d) An analysis of the methodologies used to determine the
21 corporate home office allocation of hospitals in this State;

22 (e) An examination and analysis of the manner in which
23 hospitals are reporting the information that is required to be filed
24 pursuant to NRS 449.490, including, without limitation, an
25 examination and analysis of whether that information is being
26 reported in a standard and consistent manner, which fairly reflect the
27 operations of each hospital;

28 (f) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used
29 by hospitals in this State to provide discounted services to, and to
30 reduce charges for services provided to, persons without health
31 insurance;

32 (g) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures
33 used by hospitals in this State to collect unpaid charges for services
34 provided by the hospitals; and

35 (h) A summary of the status of the programs established
36 pursuant to NRS 439A.220 and 439A.240 to increase public
37 awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals and
38 surgical centers for ambulatory patients in this State, including,
39 without limitation, the information that was posted in the preceding
40 fiscal year on the Internet website maintained for those programs
41 pursuant to NRS 439A.270.

42 3. The ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
43 Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services* shall develop a comprehensive
44 plan concerning the provision of health care in this State which
45 includes, without limitation:



1 (a) A review of the health care needs in this State as identified
2 by state agencies, local governments, providers of health care and
3 the general public; and

4 (b) A review of the capital improvement reports submitted by
5 hospitals pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 449.490.

6 **Sec. 50.** NRS 481A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 481A.020 The designated representatives of this State to serve
8 on the cooperating committee established by Article IV of the
9 Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement are:

10 1. The Chair of the ~~{Senate}~~ *Joint Interim* Standing Committee
11 on ~~{Transportation}~~ *Growth and Infrastructure* or a person
12 designated by the Chair; and

13 2. The *Vice* Chair of the ~~{Assembly}~~ *Joint Interim* Standing
14 Committee on ~~{Transportation}~~ *Growth and Infrastructure* or a
15 person designated by the *Vice* Chair.

16 **Sec. 51.** NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on
19 Special License Plates ~~{The Commission is advisory to the~~
20 ~~Department and consists of five Legislators}~~ *consisting of the*
21 *members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and*
22 *Infrastructure* and three nonvoting members . ~~{as follows:~~

23 ~~—(a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:~~
24 ~~—(1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of~~
25 ~~the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the~~
26 ~~most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an~~
27 ~~alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The~~
28 ~~alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the~~
29 ~~Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most~~
30 ~~recent legislative session.~~

31 ~~—(2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of~~
32 ~~the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most~~
33 ~~recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate~~
34 ~~to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must~~
35 ~~be another Legislator who also served on the Senate Standing~~
36 ~~Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative~~
37 ~~session.~~

38 ~~—(b) Three}~~

39 2. *The three* nonvoting members ~~{consisting of:~~

40 ~~—(1)}~~ *of the Commission consist of:*

41 (a) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a
42 designee of the Director.

43 ~~{(2)}~~ (b) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or
44 a designee of the Director.



1 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) The Director of the Department of Tourism and
2 Cultural Affairs, or a designee of the Director.

3 ~~[2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to~~
4 ~~paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing~~
5 ~~on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the~~
6 ~~Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original~~
7 ~~appointment.]~~

8 3. ~~[Members]~~ *The nonvoting members* of the Commission
9 serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem
10 expenses.

11 4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall
12 provide administrative support to the Commission.

13 5. The Commission shall recommend to the Department that
14 the Department approve or disapprove:

15 (a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of
16 special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant
17 to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002;

18 (b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that
19 have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

20 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, applications
21 for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that
22 have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1,
23 2007.

24 ↪ In determining whether to recommend to the Department the
25 approval of such an application or issuance, the Commission shall
26 consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and
27 feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or
28 issue the particular special license plate. For the purpose of making
29 recommendations to the Department, the Commission shall consider
30 each application in the chronological order in which the application
31 was received by the Department.

32 6. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the
33 Commission shall compile a list of each special license plate for
34 which the Commission, during the immediately preceding fiscal
35 year, recommended to the Department that the Department approve
36 the application for the special license plate or approve the issuance
37 of the special license plate. The list so compiled must set forth, for
38 each such plate, the cause or charitable organization for which the
39 special license plate generates or would generate financial support,
40 and the intended use to which the financial support is being put or
41 would be put. The Commission shall transmit the information
42 described in this subsection to the Department and the Department
43 shall make that information available on its Internet website.

44 7. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply
45 with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to



1 NRS 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785,
2 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794
3 or 482.3817.

4 8. The Commission shall:

5 (a) Recommend to the Department that the Department approve
6 or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money
7 received in the form of additional fees, including, without limitation,
8 pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of
9 NRS 482.38279. As used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means
10 the fees that are charged in connection with the issuance or renewal
11 of a special license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or
12 charitable organization. The term does not include registration and
13 license fees or governmental services taxes.

14 (b) If it recommends a proposed change pursuant to paragraph
15 (a) and determines that legislation is required to carry out the
16 change, recommend to the Department that the Department request
17 the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill
18 draft to carry out the change.

19 **Sec. 51.5.** Section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 95 of this session is
20 hereby amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 218E.510 1. There is hereby ~~established a Legislative~~
24 ~~Committee~~ *created the Subcommittee* on Public Lands *of*
25 *the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural*
26 *Resources*, consisting of ~~§~~

27 ~~—(a) Four~~ *members appointed by the Chair of the Joint*
28 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, who*
29 *must include:*

30 (a) *Two* members of the Senate ~~§~~

31 ~~—(b) Four~~ *who are members of the Joint Interim*
32 *Standing Committee on Natural Resources;*

33 (b) *Two* members of the Assembly ~~§~~ *who are members*
34 *of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural*
35 *Resources;*

36 (c) One elected officer representing the governing body of
37 a local political subdivision, appointed ~~by the Legislative~~
38 ~~Commission~~ with appropriate regard for his or her
39 experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public
40 lands; and

41 (d) One member representing tribal governments in
42 Nevada who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of
43 Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization, ~~and~~ appointed
44 ~~by the Legislative Commission~~ with appropriate regard for



1 their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to
2 public lands;

3 2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed
4 to provide representation from the various geographical
5 regions of the State.

6 3. ~~{The Legislative Commission shall review and~~
7 ~~approve the budget and work program for the Committee and~~
8 ~~any changes to the budget or work program.~~

9 ~~—4.}~~ The ~~{members}~~ *Chair* of the *Joint Interim Standing*
10 *Committee on Natural Resources* shall ~~{select}~~ *appoint* a
11 *Chair of the Subcommittee* from one House and a Vice Chair
12 *of the Subcommittee* from the other House. Each Chair and
13 Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on
14 July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the
15 office of Chair or Vice Chair, the ~~{members of the Committee~~
16 ~~shall select a replacement}~~ *vacancy must be filled in the*
17 *same manner as the original appointment* for the remainder
18 of the unexpired term.

19 ~~{5.}~~ 4. Any member of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*
20 described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 who is
21 not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection
22 continues to serve after the general election until the next
23 regular or special session convenes.

24 ~~{6.}~~ 5. Vacancies on the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*
25 must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

26 ~~{7.}~~ 6. The ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint*
27 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* may
28 appoint alternates for members of the ~~{Committee.}~~
29 *Subcommittee.* The Chair of the ~~{Committee.}~~
30 *Subcommittee:*

31 (a) May designate an alternate appointed by the
32 ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim*
33 *Standing Committee on Natural Resources* to serve in place
34 of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

35 (b) Shall, for a member who is a legislator, ~~{appoint}~~
36 *designate* an alternate *appointed by the Chair of the Joint*
37 *Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* who is a
38 member of the same House and political party as the regular
39 member to serve in place of the regular member if one is
40 available.

41 **Sec. 51.7.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
42 Fund to the Legislative Fund created by NRS 218A.150 the sum of
43 \$35,000 for costs to the Legislative Counsel Bureau related to
44 supporting the work of interim studies during the 2021-2022
45 interim.



1 **Sec. 52.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or
2 any other provision of this act, if the provisions of any other
3 provision of the Nevada Revised Statutes or any other act or
4 resolution passed by any session of the Nevada Legislature,
5 including, without limitation, the 81st Session of the Nevada
6 Legislature, assign a power or duty to a committee or commission
7 abolished by this act or require the submission of a report, document
8 or information to such a committee or commission:

9 (a) The provisions of the other statute, act or resolution that
10 assign the power or duty or require the submission of the report,
11 document or information are superseded and abrogated by the
12 provisions of this act; and

13 (b) The Legislative Counsel shall, in revising the Nevada
14 Revised Statutes, assign the power or duty or require the report,
15 document or information to be submitted to the Joint Interim
16 Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act which has
17 jurisdiction over the subject matter of the power, duty, document or
18 information.

19 2. A Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of
20 this act may conduct a legislative study or investigation only within
21 the limits of the Committee's budget and work program established
22 pursuant to section 8 of this act. If the subject matter of a legislative
23 study or investigation falls within the jurisdiction of more than one
24 Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act,
25 the Legislative Commission shall assign the study or investigation
26 based on the budgets and work programs approved by the
27 Legislative Commission for the Joint Interim Standing Committees.

28 3. As used in this section, "legislative study or investigation"
29 includes, without limitation, any:

30 (a) Interim legislative study or investigation; or

31 (b) Legislative study or investigation assigned to a statutory
32 legislative committee or commission, including, without limitation,
33 a statutory legislative committee or commission abolished by the
34 provisions of this act.

35 **Sec. 53.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
36 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
37 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

38 **Sec. 54.** On the effective date of this section, the State
39 Controller shall transfer the remaining balance, if any, in the Special
40 Account for the Support of the Advisory Commission on the
41 Administration of Justice created pursuant to NRS 176.01255 to the
42 State General Fund.

43 **Sec. 55.** NRS 176.0121, 176.0123, 176.01248, 176.01249,
44 176.0125, 176.01255, 176.0126, 209.4817, 218E.225, 218E.600,
45 218E.605, 218E.610, 218E.700, 218E.705, 218E.710, 218E.715,



1 218E.720, 218E.800, 218E.805, 218E.810, 439B.200, 439B.210 and
2 459.0085 are hereby repealed.

3 **Sec. 56.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 34, inclusive, 39 to
4 51, inclusive, 51.7 and 52 to 55, inclusive, of this act become
5 effective upon passage and approval.

6 2. Sections 35 to 38, inclusive, and 51.5 of this act become
7 effective on July 1, 2021.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

176.0121 “Commission” defined.

176.0123 Creation; members and appointing authorities; Chair; terms; vacancies; salaries and per diem; staff.

176.01248 Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information Sharing: Creation; Chair; members; duties; salaries and per diem.

176.01249 Appointment of working groups by Chair of Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information Sharing: Chair; members; service without compensation.

176.0125 Duties of Commission.

176.01255 Grants, bequests, devises, donations and gifts; Special Account for the Support of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice.

176.0126 Subpoenas: Power to issue; compelling performance.

209.4817 Committee on Industrial Programs: Creation; members; terms of appointed members; appointment of alternate members; payment of compensation, allowances and travel expenses.

218E.225 Committee to review management, organization and operation of Legislative Counsel Bureau.

218E.600 “Committee” defined.

218E.605 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.610 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

218E.700 “Committee” defined.

218E.705 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.710 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

218E.715 General duties.



218E.720 General powers.

218E.800 “Committee” defined.

218E.805 Creation of Legislative Committee on Energy; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.810 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

439B.200 Creation; appointment of and restrictions on members; officers; terms of members; vacancies; annual reports.

439B.210 Meetings; quorum; compensation.

459.0085 Creation; membership; duties; compensation and expenses of members.



