

SENATE BILL NO. 207—SENATORS PICKARD, HARDY, BUCK;
HAMMOND, HANSEN, SEEVERS GANSERT AND SETTELMAYER

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN HARDY

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Requires the development, creation and administration of a pilot program for the purpose of establishing new apprenticeship programs for certain industries. (BDR S-876)

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

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

AN ACT relating to apprenticeships; directing the State Apprenticeship Council to develop, create and administer a pilot program for the purpose of establishing new apprenticeship programs for certain industries; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the State Apprenticeship Council which administers the
2 provisions of existing law governing apprenticeships in this State. (NRS 610.030,
3 610.090) **Section 1** of this bill requires the State Apprenticeship Council to
4 develop, create and administer a pilot program for the purpose of establishing new
5 apprenticeship programs for the following industries: (1) advanced materials and
6 manufacturing; (2) health care and life sciences; (3) information technology; (4)
7 logistics services or logistics operations; and (5) mining. **Section 4** of this bill
8 provides that this pilot program will operate from July 1, 2021, to January 1, 2024.
9 **Section 1** provides: (1) that the applicable state agency and an employer must apply
10 jointly to establish a new apprenticeship program; (2) the conditions under which
11 the State Apprenticeship Council may approve a new apprenticeship program; and
12 (3) that the provisions of existing law governing apprenticeships in this State apply
13 to these new apprenticeship programs. **Section 2** of this bill requires the State
14 Apprenticeship Council to prepare a report on the results of the pilot program and
15 submit a copy of the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
16 transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.



1 WHEREAS, Nevada traditionally has had apprenticeship
2 programs which are associated with certain trades, including,
3 without limitation, trades in the construction industry; and

4 WHEREAS, Nevada needs to train a workforce that is prepared to
5 meet the needs of the emerging and growing industries in this State
6 and, to address this need, should allow for the establishment of new
7 apprenticeship programs in this State for other industries in addition
8 to the construction industry, should provide a framework for the
9 establishment of these new apprenticeship programs and should help
10 companies become involved in these new apprenticeship programs;
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12 WHEREAS, These new apprenticeship programs must not replace
13 any of the existing apprenticeship programs for trades in the
14 construction industry that are administered by an employer or union;
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16 WHEREAS, Nevada currently receives funding from the federal
17 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 15 percent of which is
18 included in the Governor's Reserve Account, and money may be
19 available from amounts directed to the Career Enhancement
20 Program, which is administered by the Department of Employment,
21 Training and Rehabilitation; and

22 WHEREAS, These existing funds could be used to pay costs
23 associated with these new apprenticeship programs; and

24 WHEREAS, An employer would have to invest in these new
25 apprenticeship programs by paying a portion of the costs of a new
26 apprenticeship program before the employer could participate in the
27 new apprenticeship program; and

28 WHEREAS, An application to create a new apprenticeship
29 program would be a joint application from the appropriate state
30 agency and an employer to the State Apprenticeship Council so that
31 the state agency could provide the necessary courses for the
32 apprenticeship program and the employer could provide the
33 necessary on-the-job training for the apprenticeship program; now,
34 therefore,

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36 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
37 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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39 **Section 1.** 1. The State Apprenticeship Council, created
40 pursuant to NRS 610.030, shall develop, create and administer a
41 pilot program for the purpose of establishing new apprenticeship
42 programs for the following industries:

- 43 (a) Advanced materials and manufacturing;
- 44 (b) Health care and life sciences;
- 45 (c) Information technology;



- 1 (d) Logistics services or logistics operations; and
- 2 (e) Mining.

3 2. To establish a new apprenticeship program under the pilot
4 program created pursuant to subsection 1, the applicable state
5 agency and an employer must submit a joint application to the State
6 Apprenticeship Council. When submitting the application:

7 (a) The applicable state agency must show how it will provide
8 any necessary courses for the new apprenticeship program; and

9 (b) The employer must show how it will provide on-the-job
10 training for the new apprenticeship program.

11 3. The State Apprentice Council may approve a joint
12 application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 if:

13 (a) The employer will invest in the new apprenticeship program
14 by paying a portion of the costs of the new apprenticeship program;

15 (b) The new apprenticeship program will result in a certification
16 or training that allows a person participating in the new
17 apprenticeship program to become employed in the particular
18 industry that the new apprenticeship program is established for; and

19 (c) The new apprenticeship program satisfies any other
20 requirement imposed by the State Apprenticeship Council.

21 4. The provisions of chapter 610 of NRS and any regulations
22 adopted pursuant thereto apply to any new apprenticeship program
23 created pursuant to this section.

24 **Sec. 2.** On or before January 1, 2023, the State Apprenticeship
25 Council, created pursuant to NRS 610.030, shall:

26 1. Prepare a report on the results of the pilot program
27 established pursuant to section 1 of this act, including, without
28 limitation, any recommendations for legislation; and

29 2. Submit a copy of the report to the Director of the Legislative
30 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Nevada
31 Legislature.

32 **Sec. 3.** To the extent that money is available for its Career
33 Enhancement Program, the Department of Employment, Training
34 and Rehabilitation shall transfer such money to the Office of
35 Workforce Innovation to carry out the pilot program created
36 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

37 **Sec. 4.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

38 2. This act expires by limitation on January 1, 2024.

