

S.B. 421

SENATE BILL NO. 421—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCE
IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 29, 2021

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises the employment status of the Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor. (BDR 18-1071)

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

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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 Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor; revising the status of the Director of the Office from employment in the nonclassified service of the State to employment in the unclassified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law: (1) creates the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in
2 the Office of the Governor; and (2) requires the Governor to appoint the Director of
3 the Office, who serves in the nonclassified service of the State. (NRS 223.600)
4 Existing law requires the Governor to: (1) determine the salaries and benefits of
5 persons employed in the nonclassified service of the State; and (2) adopt such rules
6 and policies as he or she deems appropriate for the employment of such persons.
7 (NRS 223.085) This bill changes the status of the Director of the Office of Science,
8 Innovation and Technology from employment in the nonclassified service of the
9 State to employment in the unclassified service of the State. In so doing, this bill
10 makes provisions of law that are applicable to unclassified employees of the state
11 personnel system applicable to the Director. (Chapter 284 of NRS)



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 223.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 223.600 1. The Office of Science, Innovation and
3 Technology is hereby established in the Office of the Governor.

4 2. The Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office of
5 Science, Innovation and Technology. In making the appointment,
6 the Governor:

7 (a) Shall give consideration to any recommendation which is
8 submitted by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher
9 Education.

10 (b) May assemble a panel of persons with appropriate
11 experience in science and technology to make recommendations of
12 qualified candidates for the position of Director.

13 3. The Director shall devote his or her entire time and attention
14 to the business of his or her office and shall not engage in any other
15 gainful employment or occupation.

16 4. The Director is ~~not~~ in the ~~classified or~~ unclassified
17 service of the State and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

18 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

