- SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. (BDR 18-301)
- FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; revising in skeleton form the powers and duties of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry; making various changes in skeleton form to the composition and operation of various boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies; providing in skeleton form for the consolidation and termination of various boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and sets forth the powers and duties of the Office. (NRS 232.8413, 232.8415) This bill revises, in skeleton form, the powers and duties of the Office.

Existing law provides, with certain exceptions, that all professional and occupational licensing boards created by the Legislature are under the purview of the Office. (NRS 232.8415) Section 24 of this bill adds various other boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies within the Executive Department of the State Government to the purview of the Office. Section 11 of this





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bill requires the Office to provide administrative services to each board, commission, council and similar body under its purview, including, without limitation, legal services, accounting services, information technology services, services pertaining to activities designed to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation and the services of hearing officers to adjudicate contested cases. Section 11 requires the Office to prescribe a fee to cover the costs for such services and adopt such procedures as the Office may deem appropriate for the billing or collection of such fees from a board, commission, council or similar body to which such services are provided. Section 11 prohibits a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office from paying any compensation to a natural person or entity other than the Office for a service that the Office provides. This bill would eliminate all provisions of existing law to the contrary. For example, existing law requires a regulatory body to determine whether a contested case will be heard by the regulatory body or a hearing panel or officer. (NRS 622A.300) Section 79 of this bill requires any contested case before a regulatory body that is a professional or occupational licensing board under the purview of the Office to be heard by a hearing officer employed by the Office. Similarly, section 83 of this bill eliminates the authority of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy to employ attorneys, as legal services for the Board would be provided by the Office.

Section 11 requires all money collected by the Office for the provision of services to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies under its purview to be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards Account, which is created by section 12 of this bill.





Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to retain the required staff to effectively administer the responsibilities of the Office. (NRS 232.8413) **Section 23** of this bill provides that such staff may include, without limitation, hearing officers, accountants and other professional, clerical and operational employees. **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Director to appoint a General Counsel of the Office and deputies to the General Counsel.

Section 15 of this bill: (1) requires the Office to maintain an Internet website through which each board, commission, council and similar body under the purview of the Office may post information; and (2) prohibits such a board, commission, council or similar body from posting information on any other Internet website. The bill would eliminate any provisions of existing law to the contrary. For example, existing law requires the Nevada State Board of Accountancy to maintain a website on the Internet and post certain information on that website. (NRS 628.130) Section 84 of this bill requires that information to instead be posted on the Internet website maintained by the Office.

Section 13 of this bill sets forth the process that a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office must use if it wishes that a request for the drafting of a legislative measure be submitted to the Legislative Counsel.

Sections 7-9 of this bill require the Office, with certain exceptions, to periodically review each board, commission, council and similar body in this State within the Executive Department of the State Government and set forth procedures for conducting such a review. At the conclusion of such a review, section 9 requires the Deputy Director to submit to the Governor his or her recommendation as to whether the board, commission, council or similar body should be





terminated, modified, consolidated with another board, commission, council or similar body or continued. **Section 9** requires the Governor, if necessary, to request the drafting of a legislative measure to effectuate the recommendation. If the board, commission, council or similar body is an advisory body subject to termination pursuant to **section 29** of this bill and the Deputy Director makes certain specified findings concerning the advisory body, **section 9** requires the Deputy Director to submit a notice to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau recommending the continuation of the board, commission, council or similar body.

Section 29 requires any legislative measure enacted on or after July 1, 2026, which contains a provision creating an advisory body, with certain exceptions, to provide for the expiration by limitation of the provision 2 years after effective date of the provision. However, section 29 also requires such legislation to provide for the extension of the provision for a period of 2 years each time the Deputy Director submits a notice to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau described in section 9 recommending the continuation of the advisory body. As such, under section 29, any advisory body created on or after July 1, 2026, would terminate automatically after 2 years, but may be extended in 2-year increments if the Deputy Director, after a review of the advisory body, makes certain findings resulting in a recommendation for the continuation of the advisory body.

Section 10 of this bill authorizes the Office to: (1) establish procedures and requirements relating to the appointment of members to a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office; and (2) require any such body, before entering into a contract of any kind, to submit the contract to and obtain the approval of the Office.





Section 14 of this bill makes the person appointed by the Governor as the administrative head of the department within which a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office, other than a professional or occupational licensing board, responsible for the effective operation of the board, commission, council or similar body. **Section 14** provides that such boards, commissions, councils or similar bodies are authorized to meet only upon: (1) the call of the Chair of the board, commission, council or similar body; (2) the written request of a majority of the members of the board, commission, council or similar body; or (3) the call of the administrative head of the department responsible for its effective operation. This bill would eliminate all provisions of existing law to the contrary. For example, **section 21** of this bill removes provisions requiring the Advisory Council of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to meet at least once annually. (NRS 232.580) All similar provisions requiring a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office that is not a professional or occupational licensing board to meet a certain number of times per year would be eliminated.

Section 16 of this bill authorizes the Office to have access to, inspect, copy and subpoena various records and use the information obtained to resolve matters relating to its duties.

This bill also provides, in skeleton form, for various revisions to provisions relating to the membership of various boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies under the purview of the Office. For example, under existing law, the members of the Advisory Council of the Division of Industrial Relations are appointed by the Governor. (NRS 232.570) **Section 20** of this bill makes the Director of the Department of Business and Industry responsible for appointing the members





of the Advisory Council. This bill would similarly make the administrative head of the department in which a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office that is not a professional or occupational licensing board responsible for the appointment of the members required to be appointed by the Governor under existing law. **Section 20** also provides that the term of office for a member of the Advisory Council is 2 years and that a member may not serve more than two terms. This bill would apply those term limits and terms of office to every board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office that is not a professional or occupational licensing board.

This bill would also standardize the term limits and terms of office for professional and occupational licensing boards under the purview of the Office. For example, under existing law, a member of the State Contractors' Board serves a term of 3 years and is not limited in the number of terms he or she may serve. (NRS 232A.020, chapter 624 of NRS) However, an appointed member of the State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board serves a term of 4 years and is prohibited from serving more than three terms. (NRS 643.020) **Sections 81 and 94** of this bill provide that the term of office for the appointed members of both of these boards is 4 years and each such member is prohibited from serving more than two terms. This bill would apply such term limits and terms of office to every professional and occupational licensing board under the purview of the Office.

This bill would also standardize the compensation to be paid to members of the boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies under the purview of the Office. For example, under existing law, each member of the Advisory Council of the Division of Industrial Relations is





entitled to receive a salary of \$60 for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Council. (NRS 232.590) **Section 22** of this bill requires the members to serve without compensation, but provides that each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally. This bill would require all members of all boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies under the purview of the Office, other than a professional or occupational licensing board, to serve without compensation. However, each member would be entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

This bill would also standardize the compensation to be paid to members of professional and occupational licensing boards under the purview of the Office. For example, under existing law, each member of the State Board of Pharmacy is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$150 per day, as fixed by the Board, while engaged in the business of the Board; and (2) a per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board, while engaged in the business of the Board; which must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally. (NRS 639.050) **Section 92** of this bill requires those rates to be fixed by the Deputy Director of the Office, with the approval of the Director of the Department of Business and Industry, rather than the Board. This bill would add similar provisions with respect to every professional and occupational licensing board under the purview of the Office.

In addition to requiring each board, commission, council or similar body under its purview to utilize the administrative services of the Office, this bill would require the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to appoint each executive director of a professional or





occupational licensing board, rather than the board itself. For example, existing law authorizes the State Board of Nursing to appoint an Executive Director to perform such duties as the Board may direct and to set the compensation of the Executive Director. (NRS 632.060) **Section 88** of this bill requires the Executive Director to instead be appointed by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry and to serve at a level of compensation set by the Deputy Director of the Office. Under **section 88**, the Executive Director of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Director and is required to perform such duties as are directed by the Deputy Director, as advised by the Board. This bill would add similar provisions with respect to each executive director or person with similar responsibilities of each professional or occupational licensing board. **Section 88** also eliminates a requirement specific to the State Board of Nursing that requires the Executive Director of the Board to be a professional nurse licensed in this State.

Section 87 of this bill authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada, by regulation, to defer the expiration of a license issued by the Board to a person who is on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or who is the spouse or dependent child of such a person. This bill would similarly authorize every professional and occupational licensing board under the purview of the Office to take such action.

Existing law creates the Commission on Postsecondary Education within the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and makes the Administrator of the Division, through the Administrator of the Commission, responsible for the administration of provisions of existing law governing the licensure and regulation of certain academic, vocational, technical and business schools and privately owned colleges and





universities. (NRS 394.383, 612.220) Sections 50 and 73 of this bill: (1) move the Commission from within the Employment Security Division to be within the Department of Business and Industry; (2) revise the membership of the Commission to replace a nonvoting member who is an employee of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation with a nonvoting member who is an employee of the Department of Business and Industry; and (3) eliminate the responsibility of the Administrator of the Employment Security Division with respect to the provisions of existing law governing the licensure and regulation of certain schools, colleges and universities.

Section 25 of this bill requires the Office of Minority Health and Equity of the Department of Health and Human Services, rather the Director of the Department of Business and Industry, to provide staff assistance to the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs, except for those services provided by the Office pursuant to **section 11**.

This bill would eliminate, consolidate or revise the membership of various boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies both under and outside the purview of the Office.

The Nevada Air Service Development Commission would be eliminated and its duties transferred to the Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee. (NRS 231.600-231.700) For example, **section 1** of this bill transfers the duty to administer the Nevada Air Service Development Fund and to adopt certain regulations from the Commission to the Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee.





The Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing would be eliminated and its duties transferred to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. (NRS 233.030, 427A.750) **Section 26** of this bill revises the membership of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

The State Historical Records Advisory Board and the Committee to Approve Schedules for the Retention and Disposition of Official State Records would be eliminated. (NRS 239.073, 378A.030) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the State Records and Historical Advisory Council created by **section 30** of this bill.

The Human Resources Commission, the Employee-Management Committee and Committee on Catastrophic Leave would be eliminated. (NRS 284.030, 284.068, 284.3627) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Committee on Human Resources created by **section 31** of this bill.

The Merit Award Board, the Nevada Awards and Honors Board and any selection committee for nominations of persons to receive the Nevada Medal of Distinction would be eliminated. (NRS 223.964, 223.966, 285.030) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Nevada Merit and Honors Board created by **section 32** of this bill.

The Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation and the Comstock Historic District Commission would be eliminated. (NRS 383.500, 384.040) The duties of those commissions would be transferred to the Commission for Cultural and Historic Preservation created by **section 37** of this bill.

The Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and the Nevada State Teacher and Education Support Professional Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force would be





eliminated. (NRS 385.910, 391.492) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Nevada Commission on Innovation, Excellence and Education Workforce Development created by **section 38** of this bill.

The committee on statewide school safety and the Advisory Committee on the Safety and Well-Being of Public School Staff would be eliminated. (NRS 388.1324, 391.942) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Advisory Committee on School and Staff Safety created by **section 43** of this bill.

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education and the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs would be eliminated. (NRS 391.011, 391A.130) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Nevada Commission on Professional Standards and Regional Education Training created by **section 48** of this bill.

The Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation would be eliminated and its duties transferred to the State Outdoor Recreation and Education Advisory Council created by **section 51** of this bill. (NRS 407A.575)

The Board of Search and Rescue, the State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee and the Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee would be eliminated. (NRS 414.170, 414.270, 414A.110) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Nevada Emergency Response and Disaster Coordination Board created by **section 52** of this bill.

Existing federal regulations require that the State Plan for Medicaid provide for a Medicaid Advisory Committee and a Beneficiary Advisory Council to advise the state agency for the Medicaid program on matters of concern related to policy development and matters related to the





effective administration of the Medicaid program. (42 C.F.R. § 431.12) **Sections 55-58** of this bill establish such a Medicaid Advisory Committee and Beneficiary Advisory Council and set forth the duties of those bodies. This bill would eliminate the Medical Care Advisory Committee and each reinvestment advisory committee and transfer the duties of those bodies to the Medicaid Advisory Committee created by **section 56** of this bill. (NRS 422.151, 422.205)

The Nevada Commission on Aging and the Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease would be eliminated. (NRS 427A.032, 439.5083) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Nevada Commission on Aging and Cognitive Health created by **section 60** of this bill.

Existing law creates a mental health consortium in each county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) and in the region consisting of all counties whose population are less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties). (NRS 433B.333) This bill would eliminate those provisions. The duties of the mental health consortiums would be transferred to the Nevada Children's Mental and Behavioral Health Consortium created by **section 64** of this bill.

Existing law creates five behavioral health regions and creates a regional behavioral health policy board in each behavioral health region. (NRS 433.428, 433.429) **Sections 61 and 62** of this bill instead create three behavioral health regions and revise the membership of the regional behavioral health policy board created in each of the three regions.

The advisory committee established by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services concerning kidney disease, the Rare Disease Advisory Council and the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of





Chronic Disease would be eliminated. (NRS 439.261, 439.5075, 439.518) The duties of those bodies would be transferred to the Wellness and Prevention Advisory Council created by **section 65** of this bill.

The Board for the Administration of the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers and the Board for the Administration of the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers would be eliminated. (NRS 616B.548, 616B.569) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry as provided in **sections 74-77** of this bill.

Existing law creates the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board to hold hearings and render decisions concerning contests or appeal of citations issued by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. (NRS 618.565-618.605) This bill would eliminate the Board and instead require the Division to appoint a hearing officer to hear such contests and appeals, as provided in **section 78** of this bill.

The State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design, the State Board of Landscape Architecture, the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and the Board of Environmental Health Specialists would be eliminated. (NRS 623.050, 623A.080, 625.100, 625A.030) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Nevada Board of Professional Design and Environmental Specialist created by **section 80** of this bill.

This bill would eliminate provisions providing for the licensure and regulation of music therapists by the State Board of Health, thereby authorizing a person to engage in the practice of





music therapy without a license. (Chapter 640D of NRS) **Section 85** of this bill removes music therapists from the definition of "provider of health care" set forth in existing law.

This bill would eliminate the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners and provisions providing for the licensure and regulation of persons who provide homeopathic services by the Board, thereby authorizing a person to provide such services without a license. (Chapter 630A of NRS) **Section 27** of this bill removes references to homeopathy and homeopathic physicians set forth in the general definition of "physician" set forth in existing law.

The Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine would be eliminated. (NRS 630.050, 633.181) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Nevada Medical Board created by **section 86** of this bill.

The Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada, the State Board of Oriental Medicine, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, the Board of Occupational Therapy, the Board of Athletic Trainers and the Board of Massage Therapy would be eliminated. (NRS 634.020, 634A.030, 640.030, 640A.080, 640B.170, 640C.150) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Nevada Board of Healing and Rehabilitative Practice created by **section 89** of this bill.

The State Board of Podiatry, the Nevada State Board of Optometry, the Board of Dispensing Opticians and the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board would be eliminated. (NRS 635.020, 636.030, 637.030, 637B.100) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Nevada Board of Vision, Speech and Mobility Professions created by **section 91** of this bill.





The Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors and the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis would be eliminated. (NRS 641.030, 641A.090, 641B.100, 641C.150, 641D.200) The duties of those boards would be transferred to the Nevada Behavioral Wellness Alliance Board created by **section 93** of this bill.

Sections 18, 68, 90, 95 and 96 of this bill make the State of Nevada Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life, the Committee on Emergency Medical Services, the Naprapathic Practice Advisory Board, the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee, and the Radiation Therapy and Radiologic Imaging Advisory Committee subcommittees of the State Board of Health. (NRS 232.4855, 450B.151, 634B.100, 652.170, 653.450)

Sections 17, 19, 28, 33-36, 39-42, 44-47, 49, 53, 54, 59, 63, 66, 67, 69-72 and 82 of this bill revise the membership of the Grants Management Advisory Committee, the Council on Food Security, the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission, the Committee on Local Government Finance, the State Council on Libraries and Literacy, the Board of Museums and History, the State Board of Education, the Advisory Council for Family Engagement, the Nevada Commission on Mentoring, the Commission on School Funding, the Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools, the State Financial Literacy Advisory Council, the Advisory Committee on Language Development for Children Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired, the State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada, the Interagency Council on





Veterans Affairs, the Nevada Veterans Services Commission, the Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines, the Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health, the State Environmental Commission, the Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles, the State Board of Agriculture, the State Apprenticeship Council and the Commission on Construction Education. (NRS 62B.600, 232.383, 232.4966, 354.105, 380A.031, 380A.041, 381.002, 385.021, 385.610, 385.760, 387.1246, 388.1326, 388.5175, 388.5966, 388F.020, 391.455, 417.0191, 417.150, 425.610, 433.726, 439.2792, 445B.200, 490.067, 561.045, 561.055, 610.030, 624.570)

This bill would eliminate the Commission on Behavioral Health, the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing, the Nevada Commission for Women, the Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council, the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools, the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders, the working group established by the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources study issues relating to environmental contamination resulting from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, the Nevada Threat Analysis Center Advisory Committee, the Advisory Board on Automotive Affairs, the Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission, the Nevada Employment Security Council, Dietitian Advisory Group, Occupational Safety and Health Review Board, the Credit Union Advisory Council, the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority, the Oversight Panel for Convention Facilities and the task force established by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to study issues of concern to common-interest communities.





(NRS 232.361, 232.4981, 233I.010, 321.755, 389.510, 427A.1211, 427A.8801, 459.686, 480.540, 487.002, 514A.040, 612.305, 672.290, 705.850, section 53 of chapter 2, Statutes of Nevada 2016, 30th Special Session, at page 54, section 1.7 of chapter 126, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 676)

This bill is presented in skeleton form without the many hundreds of changes to various provisions throughout the Nevada Revised Statutes that would be necessary to implement the provisions set forth in this bill.

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

Section 1. NRS 231.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

231.700 The [Commission] Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee shall:

1. Administer the Fund; and

 Adopt any regulations necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of NRS 231.600 to 231.720, inclusive.

Sec. 2. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 3. As used in NRS 232.8413 and 232.8415 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 and 5 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.



Sec. 4. "Deputy Director" means the Deputy Director of the Office.

Sec. 5. "Office" means the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards within the Department created by NRS 232.8413.

Sec. 6. 1. The Director may appoint a General Counsel of the Office and as many deputies to the General Counsel as the Director deems necessary to carry out the duties and the functions of the Office.

2. The General Counsel and each deputy appointed pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Is in the unclassified service of the State.

(b) Must be an attorney in good standing licensed and admitted to practice law in this State.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 7.065, shall not engage in the private practice of law.

3. The Director may retain an attorney other than the General Counsel or a deputy appointed pursuant to subsection 1 if the Director determines that it is impracticable, uneconomical or could constitute a conflict of interest for the legal service to be rendered by the General Counsel or a deputy.

Sec. 7. 1. The Office shall periodically conduct a review of each board, commission, council and similar body in this State within the Executive Department of the State Government which is not provided for in the Nevada Constitution or established by an executive order of the Governor to determine whether the board, commission, council or similar body should be terminated, modified, consolidated with another board, commission, council or similar body or continued.





2. A review conducted pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of the:

(1) Effectiveness and relevance of the board, commission, council or similar body.

(2) Usefulness and performance of the board, commission, council or similar body.

(3) Cost and resource utilization of the board, commission, council or similar body.

(4) Amount and quality of stakeholder and public engagement of the board, commission, council or similar body.

(b) A comparative analysis between the board, commission, council or similar body and other comparable boards, commissions, councils or similar bodies.

3. A board, commission, council or similar body shall cooperate with the Office in the conducting of a review pursuant to subsection 1 and shall submit to the Office, upon request, any information the Office deems necessary for the conducting of the review.

4. A board, commission, council or similar body subject to a review by the Office has the burden of proving that its continuing existence is justified.

Sec. 8. The Office shall establish a schedule for conducting reviews pursuant to section 7 of this act. The schedule must provide for conducting a review of any advisory body that is subject to termination pursuant to a provision of state legislation described in section 29 of this act before the date on which the board, commission, council or similar body is set to terminate.

Sec. 9. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at the conclusion of a review conducted pursuant to section 7 of this act, the Deputy Director shall submit to the Governor a recommendation as to whether the board, commission, council or similar body should be





terminated, modified, consolidated with another board, commission, council or similar body or continued. The Governor shall, if necessary, request the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to NRS 218D.175 to effectuate the recommendation.

2. If the board, commission, council or similar body subject to review is an advisory body described in section 29 of this act and, at the conclusion of the review, the Deputy Director finds that:

(a) During the period since the last review conducted of the advisory body, or, if a review has never been conducted, since the creation of the advisory body:

(1) The advice and recommendations of the advisory body has resulted in legislative or administrative action;

(2) The advisory body has complied with its statutory obligations; and

(3) The advisory body has met consistently; and

(b) The duties and responsibilities of the advisory body are not overly duplicative of any other board, commission, council or similar body,

→ the Deputy Director shall send a notice to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau recommending the continuation of the advisory body.

Sec. 10. 1. The Office may, by regulation, establish the procedures and requirements relating to the appointment of members to a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415.





2. The Office may require any board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415, before entering into a contract of any kind, to submit the contract to and obtain the approval of the Office.

Sec. 11. 1. The Office shall provide to each board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415 administrative services, including, without limitation:

(a) Legal services;

(b) Accounting services;

(c) Information technology services;

(d) Services pertaining to activities designed to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation; and

(e) The services of hearing officers to adjudicate contested cases.

2. The Office shall, by regulation:

(a) Prescribe a fee to cover the costs incurred by the Office for any service provided by the Office pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) Adopt such procedures as the Office may deem appropriate for the billing or collection of such fees from a board, commission, council or similar body to which such a service is provided.

3. A board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415 may not pay any compensation to a natural person or entity other than the Office for a service that the Office provides.





4. Any money the Office receives pursuant to this section must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards Account created by section 12 of this act.

Sec. 12. 1. The Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Account must be administered by the Deputy Director and may be expended only to carry out the provisions of NRS 232.8413 and 232.8415 and sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

3. Any money in the Account and any unexpended appropriations made to the Account from the State General Fund remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

4. The Deputy Director may apply for and accept any gift, grant, donation or appropriation for deposit in the Account.

Sec. 13. 1. A board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415 may not request that any person or governmental entity submit to the Legislative Counsel a request for the drafting of a legislative measure on behalf of the board, commission, council or similar body other than as set forth in this section.

2. If a board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415 wishes that a request for the drafting of a legislative measure be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on behalf of the board, commission, council or similar body, it must





submit the request to the Deputy Director for approval. If the Deputy Director approves the request:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the Deputy Director shall forward the request to the Governor or the Governor's designated representative. If the Governor or the Governor's designated representative approves the request, he or she may submit the request to the Legislative Counsel pursuant to NRS 218D.175.

(b) If the board, commission, council or similar body is an authorized nonlegislative requester entitled to submit a request for the drafting of a legislative measure pursuant to NRS 218D.175 to 218D.220, inclusive, the board, commission, council or similar body may submit the request to the Legislative Counsel in accordance with the applicable provisions of NRS 218D.175 to 218D.220, inclusive.

Sec. 14. 1. The person appointed by the Governor as the administrative head of the department of the Executive Department of the State Government within which a board, commission, council or similar body is under the purview of the Office pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 232.8415 is responsible for the effective operation of the board, commission, council or similar body and may establish guidelines and requirements to ensure such effective operation.

2. A board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 232.8415 may meet only upon the:

(a) Call of the Chair of the board, commission, council or similar body;





(b) Written request of a majority of the members of the board, commission, council or similar body; or

(c) Call of the administrative head of the department responsible for the effective operation of the board, commission, council or similar body pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 15. 1. The Office shall maintain an Internet website through which any board, commission, council or similar body under its purview pursuant to NRS 232.8415 may post information.

2. A board, commission, council or similar body under the purview of the Office pursuant to NRS 232.8415 may not post any information on any Internet website other than the Internet website maintained pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 16. The Office may:

1. Have access to, inspect, copy and subpoena all records in the possession of any clerk of a court, law enforcement agency or public or private institution, wherever situated, that relate to its duties.

2. Have access to all written records in the possession of any person, government, governmental agency or political subdivision of a government that relate to its duties.

3. Use the information obtained pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 to resolve matters relating to its duties.

Sec. 17. NRS 232.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.383 1. The Grants Management Advisory Committee is hereby created within the Department.





2. The Advisory Committee consists of the following [15] 11 members appointed by the Director:

(a) A superintendent of a county school district or the superintendent's designee;

(b) A director of a local agency which provides services for abused or neglected children, or the director's designee;

(c) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to children;

(d) A representative of a department of juvenile justice services;

(e) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens;

(f) [Two members] A member who [possess] possesses knowledge, skill and experience in finance or in business generally;

(g) A representative of the Nevada Association of Counties;

(h) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in building partnerships between the public sector and the private sector;

(i) [Two members] *A member* of the public who [possesses] possesses knowledge of or experience in the provision of services to persons or families who are disadvantaged or at risk;

(j) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to persons with disabilities; *and*

(k) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services relating to the cessation of the use of tobacco, [;





(1) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience] in the provision of health services to children [; and

(m) A representative who is a member of the Nevada Commission on Aging, created by NRS 427A.032, who must not be a Legislator.] or both. In appointing the member pursuant to this paragraph, the Director must give preference to a person who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in both the provision of services relating to the cessation of the use of tobacco and the provision of health services to children.

3. An entity who employs a member of the Advisory Committee is not eligible to receive a grant. This subsection does not prohibit an entity that serves solely as the fiscal agent for a recipient of a grant from employing a member of the Advisory Committee.

4. The Director shall ensure that, insofar as practicable, the members whom the Director appoints reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this State.

5. After the initial terms, each member of the Advisory Committee serves for a term of 2 years. Each member of the Advisory Committee continues in office until his or her successor is appointed. *A member may not serve more than two terms*.

6. [Each member of the Advisory Committee who is not an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80 per day, fixed by the Director, while engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee.

—7.] While engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee, each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.





[8.] 7. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

[9.] 8. A member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

[10.] 9. The Advisory Committee shall:

(a) At its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members; and

(b) [Meet at the call of the Director, the Chair or a majority of its members as necessary, within

the budget of the Advisory Committee, but not to exceed six meetings per year; and

(c)] Adopt rules for its own management and government.

Sec. 18. NRS 232.4855 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.4855 1. The [State of Nevada Advisory Council] *Subcommittee* on Palliative Care and Quality of Life *of the State Board of Health* is hereby created. [within the Department.]





2. The [Director] *State Board of Health* shall appoint such number of members of the [Council] *Subcommittee* as [he or she] *the Board* determines is appropriate to carry out the provisions of NRS 232.485 to 232.4858, inclusive, but not less than nine members as follows:

(a) Two members with experience in the provision of interdisciplinary palliative care, including, without limitation, hospital, medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, financial and spiritual services;

(b) One member with a background in patient and family caregiver advocacy;

(c) One member who is a health care professional with clinical experience in palliative care;

(d) One member who is a health care professional with expertise in delivery models for palliative care in a variety of inpatient, outpatient and community settings and with diverse populations;

(e) Two members who are employees of the Department or any other state agency, board or commission who have relevant work experience related to palliative care and issues concerning quality of life; and

(f) Two members who are board certified hospice and palliative care physicians or nurses.

3. After the initial terms, the term of each member of the [Council] *Subcommittee* is 3 years, and members shall serve at the pleasure of the [Director.] *State Board of Health*.

4. The [Council] *Subcommittee* shall select from its members a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall hold office for 1 year and whose duties will be established by the [Council.] *Subcommittee*.

5. The [Council] *Subcommittee* shall meet at least twice annually at a time and place specified by a call of the [Director.] *State Board of Health*.



6. Each member of the [Council:] Subcommittee:

(a) Serves without compensation; and

(b) While engaged in the business of the [Council,] *Subcommittee*, is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally to the extent that funds for such expenses are available within the budget of the Department.

Sec. 19. NRS 232.4966 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.4966 1. The Council on Food Security is hereby created within the Department. The Council consists of:

(a) The Governor or his or her designee;

(b) The Director or his or her designee from within the Department;

(c) The Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department or his or her designee from within the Division;

(d) The Regional Administrator for the Western Regional Office of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service or his or her designee from within the United States Department of Agriculture;

(e) The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development or his or her designee from within the Office; *and*

(f) [The Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department or his or her designee from within the Division;

(g) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee from within the Department
 of Education;



(h) The Director of the State Department of Agriculture or his or her designee from within the Department;

 (i) The Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department or his or her designee from within the Division;

(j) Five] Six members appointed by the [Governor] Director as follows:

(1) One member who is a representative of retailers of food;

(2) [One member who is a representative of manufacturing that is not related to food;

(3) One member who is a representative of the gaming industry, hospitality industry or restaurant industry;

(4)] One member who is a representative of farmers or ranchers engaged in food production;
[and]

(5)] (3) One member [who is a representative of persons engaged in the business of processing or distributing food;

(k) At least five members appointed by the Governor or the Director at the direction of the Governor from among the following persons:

(1) A person] who is a representative of a food bank serving northern or southern Nevada;

[(2) A person who is a representative of a food bank serving southern Nevada;

(3) A person]

(4) One member who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health ; [;, in northern Nevada;



(4) A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health, in southern Nevada;

(5) A person who is a representative of an organization that provides community-based services, including, without limitation, services that focus on the social determinants of health, in rural Nevada;

(6) A person who is a representative of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension;
 (7) A person]

(5) *One member* who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities; *and*

[(8) A person who is a representative of a local health authority; and

(9) A person]

(6) One member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to children and families . [; and

(1) Such other representatives of State Government as may be designated by the Governor.]

2. The Governor or his or her designee shall serve as the Chair of the Council.

3. Each appointed member of the Council serves a term of 2 years. Each appointed member may be reappointed at the pleasure of the appointing authority, except that an appointed member may not serve for more than [three consecutive] *two* terms . [or 6 consecutive years.]

4. If a vacancy occurs in the appointed membership of the Council, the Council shall recommend a person to the appointing authority who appointed that member to fill the vacancy.



The appointing authority shall appoint a replacement member after receiving and considering the recommendation of the Council. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve as a member of the Council for the remainder of the original term of appointment and may be reappointed for [two] *an* additional [consecutive terms] *term* through the regular appointment process.

5. The appointing authority may remove a member for malfeasance in office or neglect of duty. Absences from three consecutive meetings constitutes good and sufficient cause for removal of a member.

6. Each member of the Council:

(a) Serves without compensation; and

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

7. [The] *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the* Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Council.

8. [The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.

-9.] The Council may apply for and accept gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to NRS 232.4968.

Sec. 20. NRS 232.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.570 1. There is hereby created in the Division an Advisory Council composed of seven members appointed by the [Governor.] *Director*.

2. The Advisory Council must be composed of:





(a) Three representatives of labor, at least two of whom must represent organized labor;

(b) Three representatives of management, at least two of whom must represent employers who employ at least 250 persons; and

(c) One representative of the general public who is knowledgeable in the field of industrial relations.

3. Each member of the Council serves a term of 2 years. A member of the Council may not serve more than two terms.

4. Any member who is appointed to fill a vacancy must be appointed in the same manner and possess the same general qualifications as his or her predecessor in office.

Sec. 21. NRS 232.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.580 1. The Council [shall meet at least once annually at a time and place specified by a call of the Chair, the Administrator or a majority of the Council. Special meetings, not to exceed six per year, may be held at the call of the Chair, the Administrator or a majority of the Council.

<u>2.</u> The Council] shall select from its members a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall hold office for 1 year. The Administrator shall act as Secretary of the Council.

[3.] 2. The Council may prescribe such bylaws as it deems necessary for its operation.

[4.] 3. Four members of the Council constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Council.

Sec. 22. NRS 232.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.590 Each member of the Council *serves without compensation but* is entitled to receive [a salary of \$60 for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Council.] *the per diem allowance*



and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for attending a meeting of the Council or while engaged in the official business of the Council.

Sec. 23. NRS 232.8413 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.8413 1. The Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards is hereby created within the Department of Business and Industry.

2. The Director shall [appoint]:

(a) Appoint a Deputy Director of the Office [and shall retain];

(b) Retain the required staff [and adopt the necessary regulations and procedures] to effectively administer the responsibilities of the Office [.], which may include, without limitation, hearing officers, accountants and any other professional, clerical and operational employees as the operation of the Office may require; and

(c) Adopt the necessary regulations and procedures to effectively administer the responsibilities of the Office.

Sec. 24. NRS 232.8415 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.8415 1. The Office [of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards] shall be responsible for:

(a) Centralized administration;

(b) A uniform set of standards for investigations, licensing and discipline, including, without limitation, separating the roles and responsibilities for occupational licensure from the roles and responsibilities for occupational discipline;

(c) A uniform set of standards for internal controls;



- (d) A uniform set of standards for legal representation;
- (e) A consistent set of structural standards for boards and commissions;
- (f) Transparency and consumer protection; and
- (g) Efficacy and efficiency.

2. To the extent permitted by the Nevada Constitution and federal law, all professional and occupational licensing boards created by the Legislature shall be under the purview of the Office, including, without limitation:

- (a) The Nevada State Board of Accountancy created by NRS 628.035.
- (b) The [Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors created by NRS 641C.150.] Nevada Behavioral Wellness Alliance Board created by section 93 of this act.
- (c) The [State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design created by NRS 623.050.] Nevada Board of Professional Design and Environmental Specialist created by section 80 of this act.
- (d) The [Board of Athletic Trainers created by NRS 640B.170.] Nevada Board of Healing and Rehabilitative Practice created by section 89 of this act.
 - (e) The State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board created by NRS 643.020.
 - (f) The [Board of Applied Behavior Analysis created by NRS 641D.200.
- (g) The Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada created by NRS 634.020.
- (h) The] State Contractors' Board created by NRS 624.040.
 - **(i)** (g) The Commission on Construction Education created by NRS 624.570.
 - [(j)] (h) The State Board of Cosmetology created by NRS 644A.200.



- [(k)] (i) The Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada created by NRS 656.040.
- (i) The Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada created by NRS 631.120.
- [(m) The Committee on Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy created by NRS 631.205.
- (n) The State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors created by NRS 625.100.
- (0) (k) The Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board created by NRS 642.020.
- [(p)] (*l*) The Nevada *Medical* Board [of Homeopathic Medical Examiners] created [pursuant to NRS 630A.100.
- (q) The State Board of Landscape Architecture created by NRS 623A.080.
- (r) The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors created by NRS 641A.090.
- (s) The Board of Massage Therapy created by NRS 640C.150.
- (t) The Board of Medical Examiners created pursuant to NRS 630.050.
- (u)] by section 86 of this act.
 - (*m*) The State Board of Nursing created by NRS 632.020.
- [(v) The Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides created by NRS 632.072.
- (w) The Board of Occupational Therapy created by NRS 640A.080.
- (x) The Board of Dispensing Opticians created by NRS 637.030.
- (y)] (*n*) The Nevada [State] Board of [Optometry] Vision, Speech and Mobility Professions created by [NRS 636.030.

(z) The State Board of Oriental Medicine created by NRS 634A.030.



- (aa) The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine created pursuant to NRS 633.181.
- (bb)] section 91 of this act.
 - (*o*) The Commission on Postsecondary Education created by NRS 394.383.

[(cc)] (p) The State Board of Pharmacy created by NRS 639.020.

[(dd) The Nevada Physical Therapy Board created by NRS 640.030.

(ee) The State Board of Podiatry created by NRS 635.020.

(ff)] (q) The Private Investigator's Licensing Board created by NRS 648.020.

[(gg) The Board of Psychological Examiners created by NRS 641.030.

(hh) The Board of Environmental Health Specialists created by NRS 625A.030.

- (ii) The Board of Examiners for Social Workers created pursuant to NRS 641B.100.
- (jj) The Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board created by NRS 637B.100.

(kk)] (r) The Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners created by NRS 638.020.

3. The following boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies shall be under the purview of the Office:

- (a) The State Council on Libraries and Literacy created by NRS 380A.031.
- (b) The State Records and Historical Advisory Council created by section 30 of this act.
- (c) The Nevada Merit and Honors Board created by section 32 of this act.
- (d) The State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee created by NRS 567.020.
- (e) The Advisory Council created by NRS 232.570.
- (f) The Private Activity Bond Council created by NRS 348A.050.



(g) The Advisory Committee on Housing created by NRS 319.174.

(h) The Advisory Council on Mortgage Investments and Mortgage Lending created by NRS 645B.019.

(i) The Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs created by NRS 232.852.

(j) The State Outdoor Recreation and Education Advisory Council within the Department created by section 51 of this act.

(k) The Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources created by NRS 490.067.

(l) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council created by NRS 321.740.

(m) The Well Drillers' Advisory Board created pursuant to NRS 534.150.

(n) The Advisory Committee on School and Staff Safety in the Department of Education created by section 43 of this act.

(o) The Nevada Commission on Innovation, Excellence and Education Workforce Development in the Department of Education created by section 38 of this act.

(p) The Commission on School Funding created by NRS 387.1246.

(q) The Nevada Commission on Mentoring created by NRS 385.760.

(r) The State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children created by NRS 388F.020.

(s) The Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada created by NRS 391.455.

(t) The Advisory Council for Family Engagement created pursuant to NRS 385.610.

(u) The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association created pursuant to NRS 385B.050.



(v) The State Financial Literacy Advisory Council created by NRS 388.5966.

(w) The Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools in the Department of Education created by NRS 388.1326.

(x) The Advisory Committee on Language Development for Children Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired in the Department of Education created pursuant to NRS 388.5175.

(y) The Nevada Emergency Response and Disaster Coordination Board created by section52 of this act.

(z) The Board for the Education and Counseling of Displaced Homemakers created by NRS 388.615.

(aa) The Nevada Committee of Vendors Who Are Blind elected pursuant to NRS 426.670 and 34 C.F.R. § 395.14.

(bb) The Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling created by NRS 458A.060.

(cc) A regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429.

(dd) The Nevada Commission on Aging and Cognitive Health created by section 60 of this act.

(ee) The Council on Food Security within the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 232.4966.

(ff) The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council established by NRS 432A.076.

(gg) The Patient Protection Commission within the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 439.908.



(hh) The Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada within the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 433.726.

(ii) The Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation in the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 422.162.

(jj) The Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities within the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 439.5104.

(kk) The committee appointed pursuant to NRS 422A.660.

(ll) The Wellness and Prevention Advisory Council created by section 65 of this act.

(mm) The Grants Management Advisory Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 232.383.

(nn) The Health Care Workforce Working Group within the Department of Health and Human Services established pursuant to NRS 439A.118.

(oo) The Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health created by NRS 442.133.

(pp) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services established by NRS 442.764.

(qq) The Medicaid Advisory Committee in the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 422.151.

(rr) The Beneficiary Advisory Council within the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services created by section 55 of this act.



(ss) The Advisory Committee in the Office of Minority Health and Equity of the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 232.482.

(tt) The Silver State Scripts Board created within the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 422.4035.

(uu) The Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services established by NRS 427A.920.

(vv) The Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health within the Department of Health and Human Services created by NRS 439.2792.

(ww) The Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health created by NRS 442.133.

(xx) The Nevada Children's Mental and Behavioral Health Consortium created by section64 of this act.

(yy) The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children established pursuant to NRS 432B.409.

(zz) Any advisory council or committee created by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to NRS 679B.160.

(aaa) The State of Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition formed pursuant to NRS 217.098.

(bbb) Any advisory body established by the Administrator pursuant to NRS 439A.170 to advise the Administrator on matters concerning the Physician Visa Waiver Program.

(ccc) The Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines created by NRS 425.610.

(ddd) The advisory committee created pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 445B.830.





(eee) The Nevada Indian Commission within the Department of Native American Affairs created by NRS 233A.1005.

(fff) The Committee on Testing for Intoxication created by NRS 484C.600.

(ggg) The Nevada Sentencing Commission within the Department of Sentencing Policy created by NRS 176.0133.

(hhh) The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council created by NRS 176.014.

(iii) The Subcommittee on Misdemeanors of the Sentencing Commission created by NRS 176.01332.

(jjj) The Appraiser's Certification Board established by NRS 361.221.

(kkk) The Committee on Local Government Finance created by NRS 354.105.

(III) The Board of Museums and History created by NRS 381.002.

(mmm) The Nevada Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board created by NRS 408.573.

(nnn) The Board of Directors of the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank within the Office of the Treasurer established by NRS 226.778.

(000) The Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety within the Department of Transportation created by NRS 408.581.

(ppp) The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs created by NRS 417.0191.

(qqq) The Nevada Veterans Services Commission created by NRS 417.150.

(rrr) The Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada created by NRS 417.230.



(sss) The Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada created by NRS 417.230.

(ttt) The Women Veterans Advisory Committee created by NRS 417.320.

(uuu) The Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force created by NRS 704.79887.

(vvv) The Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance created by NRS 358.020.

(www) The Informational Technology Advisory Board created by NRS 242.122.

(xxx) The Advisory Council on Graduate Medical Education within the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology created by NRS 223.633.

(yyy) The California-Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission created by NRS 705.4293.

Sec. 25. NRS 232.864 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.864 1. [The Director] Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the Office

of Minority Health and Equity of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide staff assistance to the Commission as the Governor deems appropriate.

2. The Commission may engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants without compensation as is necessary from time to time.

Sec. 26. NRS 233.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233.030 1. The Nevada Equal Rights Commission, consisting of [five] *eight* members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Commission:

(a) The following voting members:



(1) One member who represents an advocacy organization whose membership consists of persons with disabilities.

(2) One member who is a member of the Nevada Association of the Deaf or one member who is deaf or hard of hearing.

(3) One member who is an expert on diversity and inclusion.

(4) One member who is an educator or an academic with expertise in diversity.

(5) One member who is deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired.

(6) One member who serves as a public advocate for an organization that advocates for public education or civil rights.

(7) One member who is the parent or guardian of a child with disabilities.

(b) One nonvoting member who is employed by the State and who participates in the administration of the programs of this State that provide services to persons with disabilities.

3. Each member of the Commission is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Commission, for each day actually employed on the work of the Commission.

[3.] 4. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each member and employee of the Commission is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 27. NRS 0.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

0.040 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, "physician" means a person who engages in the practice of medicine, including osteopathy. [and homeopathy.]





2. The terms "physician," "osteopathic physician," ["homeopathic physician,"] "chiropractic physician" and "podiatric physician" are used in chapters 630, [630A,] 633, 634 and 635 of NRS in the limited senses prescribed by those chapters respectively.

Sec. 28. NRS 62B.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62B.600 1. The Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission is hereby established.

2. The Commission consists of the Governor or his or her designee and [25] 11 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint to the Commission:

(a) [Two members] One member nominated by the Senate, who [are] is not [members] a member of the Senate or a public [officers.] officer.

(b) [Two members] One member nominated by the Assembly, who [are] is not [members] a member of the Assembly or a public [officers.] officer.

(c) [Two members] One member nominated by the Supreme Court, who [are] is not [judges, justices] a judge, justice or public [officers.] officer.

(d) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services or his or her designee.

(e) The Deputy Administrator of Juvenile Services of the Division of Child and Family Services or his or her designee.

(f) Three members who are directors of juvenile services, one each of whom must represent a county whose population:

- (1) Is less than 100,000.
- (2) Is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.
- (3) Is 700,000 or more.



(g) [Two members] One member who [are] is a district [attorneys.] attorney.

(h) [Two members] One member who [are] is a public [defenders.] defender.

(i) One member who is a representative of a law enforcement agency.

[(j) Two members who are representatives of a nonprofit organization which provides programs to prevent juvenile delinquency.

(k) One member who is a volunteer who works with children who have been adjudicated delinquent.

(1) Six members who are under the age of 24 years at the time of appointment.]

3. At least three of the persons appointed to the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 must be persons who are currently or were formerly subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

4. Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for *one* additional [terms] *term* of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. Nine of the initial members of the Commission who are appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be appointed to an initial term of 1 year. Each member of the Commission continues in office until his or her successor is appointed.

5. The members of the Commission serve without compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

6. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Commission.





7. A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Commission and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Commission to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Commission; or

- (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.
- 8. At the first meeting of the Commission and annually thereafter:
- (a) The Governor shall appoint a Chair of the Commission;
- (b) The Commission shall elect a Secretary from among its members; and
- (c) The Commission shall adopt rules for its own management and government.
- 9. [The Commission shall:

(a) Hold its first meeting within 60 days after all the initial appointments to the Commission are made pursuant to subsection 2; and

(b) Meet at least once every 4 months and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary
 by the Chair.

—<u>10.</u>] As used in this section, "public officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.4627.

Sec. 29. Chapter 218D of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:



1. Any legislative measure enacted on or after July 1, 2026, which contains a provision creating an advisory body must provide for:

(a) The expiration by limitation of the provision 2 years after the effective date of the provision unless, before that date, the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards submits to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a notice pursuant to subsection 2 of section 9 of this act recommending the continuation of the advisory body.

(b) The extension of the period in which the provision is effective each time the Deputy Director submits to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau a notice pursuant to subsection 2 of section 9 of this act recommending the continuation of the advisory body for 2 years after the date on which the notice is submitted.

2. As used in this section, "advisory body" means a board, commission, council or similar body within the Executive Department of the State Government whose primary duties are the rendering of advice or the making of recommendations to another person or governmental entity. The term does not include a subcommittee created within a board, commission, council or similar body which provides advice or makes recommendations to the board, commission, council or similar body in which it was created.

Sec. 30. Chapter 239 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The State Records and Historical Advisory Council, consisting of nine members, is hereby created within the Department of Administration.





2. The Council consists of:

(a) The Attorney General.

(b) The Secretary of State.

(c) The Chief of the Office of the Chief Information Officer within the Office of the Governor.

(d) The State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator.

(e) The person who is in charge of the archives and records of the Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records of the Department of Administration. This person is the State Historical Records Coordinator for the purposes of 36 C.F.R. § 1206.42.

(f) Four members appointed by the Director of the Department of Administration as follows:

(1) One member who is a person in charge of a state-funded historical agency who has responsibilities related to archives or records, or to both archives and records.

(2) Two members who have experience in the administration of historical records or archives. These members must represent as broadly as possible the various public and private archive and research institutions and organizations in the State.

(3) One member who is a representative of the general public.

Sec. 31. Chapter 284 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Committee on Human Resources, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created within the Department of Administration.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Committee:



(a) One member who is a representative of managers within the Executive Department of the State Government.

(b) One member who is a representative of employees within the Executive Department of the State Government.

(c) One member who is a representative of employers or managers within the Executive Department of the State Government and who has a background in personnel administration.

(d) One member who is an executive officer of a State agency.

(e) One member who is a representative of labor.

(f) Two members who are representatives of the general public.

Sec. 32. Chapter 285 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Merit and Honors Board is hereby created within the Department of Administration.

2. The Board must be composed of five members who are residents of this State as follows:

(a) One member from the Budget Division of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Chief of the Budget Division.

(b) One member from the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration, appointed by the Administrator of the Division.

(c) Three members appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 33. NRS 354.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:



354.105 1. The Committee on Local Government Finance, consisting of [11] seven members, is hereby created.

2. The following associations shall each appoint [three] *two* members to serve on the Committee:

(a) Nevada League of Cities;

(b) Nevada Association of County Commissioners; and

(c) Nevada Association of School Boards.

3. The Nevada State Board of Accountancy shall appoint [two members] one member to serve on the Committee.

4. Each appointment must be for a term of [3] 2 years. [, and each] *Each* member appointed may be reappointed [to additional] *but may not serve more than two* terms.

5. A vacancy must be filled as soon as practicable by the appointing authority of the person who vacated the seat.

6. If any of the associations listed in subsection 2 cease to exist, the appointments required by subsection 2 must be made by the association's successor in interest or, if there is no successor in interest, one each by the other appointing authorities.

7. The members of the Committee shall elect by majority vote a member as Chair and another member as Vice Chair, who shall serve for terms of [3] 2 years or until their successors are elected.

8. [The Committee shall meet not less than twice per year and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Committee.





—<u>9.</u>] A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Committee.

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

[11. The]

10. Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the Department of Taxation shall provide administrative support to the Committee.

Sec. 34. NRS 380A.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

380A.031 1. The State Council on Libraries and Literacy is hereby created. The Council is advisory to the Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records of the Department of Administration.

2. The Council consists of [11] *seven* members appointed by the [Governor.] Director of the Department of Administration. Unless specifically appointed to a shorter term, the term of office of a member of the Council is [3] 2 years and commences on July 1 of the year of appointment. The terms of office of the members of the Council must be staggered to result in, as nearly as possible, the appointment of three or four members to the Council on July 1 of each year. An appointed member may not serve more than two terms.

Sec. 35. NRS 380A.041 is hereby amended to read as follows:





380A.041 1. The [Governor] *Director of the Department of Administration* shall appoint to the Council:

- (a) A representative of public libraries;
- (b) [A trustee of a legally established library or library system;

(c)] A representative of school libraries;

- [(d)] (c) A representative of academic libraries;
- [(e)] (d) A representative of special libraries or institutional libraries;
- [(f)] (e) A representative of persons with disabilities;

[(g) A representative of the public who uses these libraries;

(h) A representative of recognized state labor organizations;

(i) A representative of private sector employers;

(j)] (f) A representative of private literacy organizations, voluntary literacy organizations or community-based literacy organizations; and

[(k)] (g) A classroom teacher who has demonstrated outstanding results in teaching children or adults to read.

2. The director of the following state agencies or their designees shall serve as ex officio members of the Council:

(a) The Department of Administration;

- (b) The Department of Education;
- (c) The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation;
- (d) The Department of Health and Human Services;





(e) The Office of Economic Development; and

(f) The Department of Corrections.

3. Officers of State Government whose agencies provide funding for literacy services may be designated by the [Governor] Director of the Department of Administration or the Chair of the Council to serve whenever matters within the jurisdiction of the agency are considered by the Council.

4. The [Governor] Director of the Department of Administration shall ensure that there is appropriate representation on the Council of urban and rural areas of the State, women, persons with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minorities.

5. A person may not serve as a member of the Council for more than two [consecutive] terms.

Sec. 36. NRS 381.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

381.002 1. The Board of Museums and History, consisting of [twelve] seven members appointed by the [Governor,] *Director*, is hereby created.

2. The [Governor] Director shall appoint to the Board:

(a) **[Five]** *Three* representatives of the general public who are knowledgeable about museums, one of whom must be a person with a disability.

(b) **[Six]** *Three* members **[representing the fields of history, prehistoric archeology, historical archeology, architectural history, and architecture]** with qualifications as defined by the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation in *any of* the following fields:

(1) [One member who is qualified in history;] *History*;

(2) [One member who is qualified in prehistoric] Prehistoric archeology;



- (3) [One member who is qualified in historic] *Historic* archeology;
- (4) [One member who is qualified in architectural] Architectural history; or
- (5) [One member who is qualified as an architect; and

(6) One additional member who is qualified, as defined by the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation, in any of the fields of expertise described in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive.] *Architecture*.

(c) One member, after giving consideration to any recommendation of an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian tribe which is submitted by the Nevada Indian Commission, after consultation with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization.

3. The Board shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its members at its first meeting of every even-numbered year. The terms of the Chair and Vice Chair are 2 years or until their successors are elected.

4. With respect to the functions of the Office of Historic Preservation, the Board may develop, review and approve policy for:

(a) Matters relating to the State Historic Preservation Plan;

(b) Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and make a determination of eligibility for listing on the Register for each property nominated; and

(c) Nominations to the State Register of Historic Places and make determination of eligibility for listing on the Register for each property nominated.





5. With respect to the functions of the Division, the Board shall develop, review and make policy for investments, budgets, expenditures and general control of the Division's private and endowed dedicated trust funds pursuant to NRS 381.003 to 381.0037, inclusive.

6. In all other matters pertaining to the Office of Historic Preservation and the Division of Museums and History, the Board serves in an advisory capacity.

7. The Board may adopt such regulations as it deems necessary to carry out its powers and duties.

Sec. 37. Chapter 383 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Commission for Cultural and Historic Preservation is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Commission consists of:

(a) The Chair of the Board of Trustees of Nevada Humanities.

(b) The Chair of the Board of the Nevada Arts Council of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

(c) A member of the Advisory Board appointed by the Governor after giving consideration to any recommendation of an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian tribe which is submitted by the Nevada Indian Commission, after consultation with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization.

(d) One representative of the general public who has a working knowledge of the promotion of tourism in Nevada and who is appointed by the Governor.





(e) The Chair of the State Council on Libraries and Literacy or a member of the State Council on Libraries and Literacy designated by the Chair.

(f) Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) One member who is licensed as a general engineering contractor or general building contractor pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS or who holds a certificate of registration to practice architecture pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS.

(2) Two members who are persons interested in the protection and preservation of structures, sites and areas of historic interest and are residents of the State.

(3) One member who is a county commissioner of Storey County.

(4) One member who is a county commissioner of Lyon County.

Sec. 38. Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Commission on Innovation, Excellence and Education Workforce Development is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Commission consists of:

(a) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

(b) One member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(d) One member who is a teacher and member of the Nevada State Education Association, appointed by the President of that Association.



(e) One member who is a representative of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the State Board.

(f) One member who is a superintendent of schools of a school district, appointed by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents.

(g) One member who is the parent or guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in a public school in this State, appointed by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association.

(h) One member who is a representative of the public at large, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(i) One member who owns or manages a business located in this State, appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Sec. 39. NRS 385.021 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.021 1. The State Board of Education is hereby created. The State Board consists of the following voting members:

(a) One member elected by the registered voters of [each] the congressional [district described] districts designated as Congressional District 1 and Congressional District 2 in the shapefile adopted by NRS 304.095;

(b) One member elected by the registered voters of the congressional districts designated as Congressional District 3 and Congressional District 4 in the shapefile adopted by NRS 304.095;

(c) **One member** appointed by the Governor;

[(e)] (d) One member appointed by the Governor, nominated by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and



[(d)] (e) One member appointed by the Governor, nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly.

2. In addition to the voting members described in subsection 1, the State Board consists of the following four nonvoting members:

(a) One member appointed by the Governor who is a member of a board of trustees of a school district, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Boards;

(b) One member appointed by the Governor who is the superintendent of schools of a school district, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents;

(c) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Nevada System of Higher Education, nominated by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; and

(d) One member appointed by the Governor who is a pupil enrolled in a public school in this State, nominated by the Nevada Association of Student Councils or its successor organization and in consultation with the Nevada Youth Legislature. After the initial term, the term of the member appointed pursuant to this paragraph commences on June 1 and expires on May 31 of the following year.

3. Each member of the State Board elected pursuant to [paragraph] paragraphs (a) or (b) of subsection 1 must be a qualified elector of [the] either congressional district from which that member is elected.

4. Each member appointed pursuant to paragraphs [(b),] (c), [and] (d) and (e) of subsection
1 and each member appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be a resident of this State.

5. Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection 2, a person who is elected to serve as an officer of this State or any political subdivision thereof or a person appointed





to serve for the unexpired term of such an office may not serve or continue to serve on the State Board.

6. The Governor shall ensure that the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs [(b),] (c),
 [and] (d) and (e) of subsection 1 represent the geographic diversity of this State and that:

(a) One member is a teacher at a public school selected from a list of three candidates provided by the Nevada State Education Association.

(b) One member is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a public school.

(c) One member is a person active in a private business or industry of this State.

7. After the initial terms, each member:

(a) Elected pursuant to paragraph (a) *or* (*b*) of subsection 1 serves a term of 4 years. A member may be elected to serve not more than three terms but may be appointed to serve pursuant to paragraph [(b),] (c) , [or] (d) *or* (*e*) of subsection 1 or subsection 2 after service as an elected member, notwithstanding the number of terms the member served as an elected member.

(b) Appointed pursuant to paragraphs [(b),] (c), [and] (d) *and* (e) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, except that each member continues to serve until a successor is appointed. A member may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointment.

(c) Appointed pursuant to subsection 2 serves a term of 1 year. A member may be reappointed for additional terms of 1 year in the same manner as the original appointment.

8. If a vacancy occurs during the term of:

(a) A member who was elected pursuant to paragraph (a) *or* (*b*) of subsection 1, the Governor shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next general election, at which election a





member must be chosen for the balance of the unexpired term. The appointee must be a qualified elector of [the] *either congressional* district where the vacancy occurs.

(b) A voting member appointed pursuant to paragraph $\frac{[(b),]}{[(c), [or]]}$ (d) *or* (*e*) of subsection 1 or a nonvoting member appointed pursuant to subsection 2, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 40. NRS 385.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.610 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish an Advisory Council forFamily Engagement. The Advisory Council is composed of [11] seven members.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint the following members to the Advisory Council:

(a) Two parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools;

(b) [Two teachers] One teacher in a public [schools;] school;

(c) One administrator of a public school;

(d) [One representative of a private business or industry;

(e)] One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more;

[(f)] (e) One member of the board of trustees of a school district in a county whose population is less than 100,000; and

[(g)] (f) One member who is the President of the Board of Managers of the Nevada Parent Teacher Association or its successor organization, or a designee nominated by the President.





→ The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that the members the Superintendent appoints to the Advisory Council reflect the ethnic, economic and geographic diversity of this State.

3. [The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of the Assembly to the Advisory Council.

— 4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to the Advisory
 Council.

—<u>5.</u>] The Advisory Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year.

[6.] 4. After the initial terms [:

(a) The], *the* term of each member of the Advisory Council [who is appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction is 3 years.

(b) The term of each member of the Advisory Council who is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Majority Leader of the Senate] is 2 years. *A member may not serve more than two terms*.

[7.] 5. The Advisory Council shall, at least 30 days before the beginning of any member's term, or within 30 days after a position on the Advisory Council becomes vacant, submit to the [relevant appointing authority, as set forth in subsection 2, 3 or 4, as applicable,] *Superintendent of Public Instruction* the names of at least three persons qualified for membership on the Advisory Council.

[8. The]





6. Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the Department shall provide:

- (a) Administrative support to the Advisory Council; and
- (b) All information that is necessary for the Advisory Council to carry out its duties.

[9. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Advisory Council who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory Council, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, the member is entitled to receive the:

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

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers generally; and

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

→ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Advisory Council must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

<u>10.]</u> 7. A member of the Advisory Council [who is not a Legislator] is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally for each day or portion of a day during which the member attends a meeting of the Advisory Council or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory Council. The per diem allowance and travel expenses for the members of the Advisory Council [who are not Legislators] must be paid by the Department.





[11.] 8. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher while a member of the Advisory Council who is a teacher attends a meeting of the Advisory Council must be paid by the school district or charter school that employs the member.

Sec. 41. NRS 385.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385.760 1. The Nevada Commission on Mentoring is hereby created. The Commission consists of the following [13] *seven* members:

(a) One member appointed by the [Governor] Superintendent of Public Instruction who is a representative of business and industry with a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in this State.

(b) One member appointed by the [Governor] Superintendent of Public Instruction who represents an employment and training organization located in this State.

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

(d)] One member *appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction* who is the superintendent of a school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

[(e)] (d) One member *appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction* who is the superintendent of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.

- [(f)] (e) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.
- [(g)] (f) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- [(h) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.





(i) One member, who is not a Legislator, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.
 (j) Four members]

(g) One member appointed [to the Commission pursuant to subsection 2.

<u>2. The</u>] *by the* members of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to [(i),] (*f*), inclusive, [of subsection 1 shall, at the first meeting of the Commission, appoint to the Commission four additional voting members:

(a) One of whom must be a member of the state advisory group appointed by the Governor pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 11133 and operating in this State as the Juvenile Justice Commission under the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;
 (b) One of whom must be a representative of business and industry with a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in this State; and

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

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

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





[5.] 4. If a member of the Commission fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Commission, the Commission shall, within 5 days after the second consecutive meeting that the member fails to attend, provide notice of that fact, in writing, to the appointing authority who appointed that member. Upon receipt of the notice, the appointing authority shall appoint a person to replace the member in the same manner as filling a vacancy on the Commission pursuant to subsection [4.] 3.

[6.] 5. Each member of the Commission:

(a) Serves without compensation; and

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

[7. The]

6. *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the* Department shall provide the Commission with such administrative support as is necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to NRS 385.780.

Sec. 42. NRS 387.1246 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1246 1. The Commission on School Funding, consisting of [11] seven members, is hereby created.

2. The Commission consists of the following members, who may not be Legislators:

(a) One member appointed by the [Governor,] Superintendent of Public Instruction, who serves as Chair;

(b) [Two members] One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;



- (c) [Two members] One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
- (d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly;
- (f) [Two members] One member appointed by the [Governor, each of whom] Superintendent

of Public Instruction, who is the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has more than 40,000 pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor organization; and

(g) [Two members] One member, appointed by the [Governor, each of whom] Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is the chief financial officer of a school district in this State which has 40,000 or fewer pupils enrolled in its public schools, nominated by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents or its successor organization.

 \rightarrow In making appointments to the Commission, the appointing authorities shall consider whether the membership generally reflects the geographic distribution of pupils in the State.

- 3. Each member of the Commission must:
- (a) Be a resident of this State;
- (b) Not have been registered as a lobbyist pursuant to NRS 218H.200 for a period of at least 2 years immediately preceding appointment to the Commission;
 - (c) Have relevant experience in public education;

(d) Have relevant experience in fiscal policy, school finance or similar or related financial activities;





(e) Have the education, experience and skills necessary to effectively execute the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Commission; and

(f) Have demonstrated ability in the field of economics, taxation or other discipline necessary to school finance and be able to bring knowledge and professional judgment to the deliberations of the Commission.

4. Each member of the Commission serves a term of [3] 2 years and may be reappointed [to additional], *except that a member may not serve more than two* terms.

5. Each member may be removed by the appointing authority for good cause. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

6. The Commission shall:

(a) Elect a Vice Chair from among its members at its first meeting for a term of [3] 2 years. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chair must be filled by the Commission by election for the remainder of the existing term.

(b) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the Commission as it deems necessary.

[(c) Meet at least once each month and hold such number of meetings as may be necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned to it.

(d) Meet in person or, at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction based on the items on the agenda for a meeting, by use of a remote technology system, as defined in NRS 241.015.]

7. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.



8. **[The]** *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the* Department shall provide the Commission with meeting rooms, data processing services and administrative and clerical assistance and undertake any research, analysis, study or other work required by the Commission to carry out its duties pursuant to NRS 387.12463. **[The]** *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the* Superintendent of Public Instruction and Office of Finance shall jointly provide the Commission with professional staff services.

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

10. The Commission may meet only:

(a) Between July 1 of an odd-numbered year and December 31 of the subsequent evennumbered year; or

(b) During any regular or special session of the Legislature, if requested to do so by the chair of the:

(1) Senate Standing Committee on Education;

(2) Assembly Standing Committee on Education;

(3) Senate Standing Committee on Finance;

(4) Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means; or

(5) Interim Finance Committee.

Sec. 43. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:





1. The Advisory Committee on School and Staff Safety is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Committee consists of:

(a) The State Fire Marshal.

(b) The Director of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment.

(c) The following members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

(1) Two members who are licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS, employed by a school district in this State and teach in the classroom.

(2) One member who is an administrator of an elementary school or high school in this State.

- (3) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in this State.
- (4) One member who is a school psychologist employed by a school in this State.

(5) One member who is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a school in this

State.

(6) One member who is a school resource officer assigned to a school in this State.

Sec. 44. NRS 388.1326 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.1326 1. The Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Committee consists of the following members, appointed by the chair of the committee on statewide school safety created pursuant to NRS 388.1324:



(a) Two members who are representatives of a nonprofit organization that assists victims of power-based violence;

(b) One member who is the parent of a pupil who identifies as a victim of power-based violence;

(c) One member who is a pupil who identifies as a victim of power-based violence;

(d) [Two members] One member who [are] is a Title IX [coordinators] coordinator for a

public [schools] school in this State;

(e) One member who is an employee of the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment;

(f) One member who is a school resource officer assigned to a school in this State;

(g) [One member who is employed as a school psychologist at a school in this State;

(h)] One member who is a licensed teacher in this State;

[(i)] and

(h) One member who is employed as a school social worker at a school in this State.

(j) One member who is an administrator of a school in this State; and

(k) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in this State.]

3. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

4. The Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members at the first meeting of the Committee and at the first meeting of the calendar year each year thereafter. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year.





5. Each member of the Committee serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed [.], *except that a member may not serve more than two terms*.

6. A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee.

7. The Committee shall review, study and make recommendations regarding power-based violence in schools. In performing its duties, the Committee shall:

(a) Consider the experiences of pupils relating to power-based violence and pupil safety;

(b) Examine current procedures and protocols for responding to power-based violence that are used in public schools in this State;

(c) Identify emerging trends and best practices for responding to and preventing power-based violence;

(d) Identify possible gaps in the services that are available for victims of power-based violence; and

(e) Make recommendations for procedures that will focus on preventing and intervening in disclosures of power-based violence.

8. The Committee shall, not later than August 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education any recommendations for legislation relating to power-based violence in schools.

9. The members of the Committee serve without compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.





10. A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Committee; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

As used in this section, "power-based violence" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 396.1285.

Sec. 45. NRS 388.5175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.5175 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish within the Department the Advisory Committee on Language Development for Children Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired.

2. The Superintendent shall appoint to the Committee [13] *nine* members who are the parents of pupils who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired, including, without limitation, pupils who are both deaf and blind, specialize in teaching or providing services to such children or perform research in a field relating to such children. The Committee must [include, without limitation:] *consist of:*

(a) [At least seven] *Five* members who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired;



(b) [Members] *Two members* who communicate verbally using both American Sign Language and spoken English; and

(c) [Members] Two members who communicate verbally using only spoken English.

3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint a Chair of the Committee. [The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair.] A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum and is required to transact any business of the Committee.

4. The members of the Committee serve without compensation [and are not] but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Committee; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

Sec. 46. NRS 388.5966 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.5966 1. The State Financial Literacy Advisory Council is hereby created. The Council consists of:





(a) [The following ex officio members:

(1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee; and

(2) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education or his or her designee;

(b) Three] *Two* members appointed by the [Governor;

- (c) Two members]

Superintendent of Public Instruction;

(b) One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

[(d) Two members]

(c) **One member** appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

[(e)] (d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

[(f)] (e) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; and

[(g)] (f) One member appointed by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education who has a background in economics or financial literacy.

2. The [Governor,] Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education shall coordinate their respective appointments of members to the Council to ensure that, to the extent practicable, the members appointed to the Council reflect the gender, ethnic and geographic diversity of this State and that:

(a) [Three members of the Council are members of the business community with a background in economics;





(b)] One member of the Council is a member of the business community who is employed in the banking industry;

[(c)] (b) One member of the Council is a member of the business community who is employed by a credit union;

[(d)] (c) Three members of the Council are teachers who hold a license to teach elementary, middle or junior high school or secondary education, respectively, and who:

(1) Teach in an elementary, middle or junior high or high school, respectively;

(2) Have received training in financial literacy; and

(3) Are responsible for teaching courses relating to financial literacy;

[(e)] (d) One member of the Council is an administrator of a public school; and

[(f)] (e) One member of the Council is an administrator of a school district.

3. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

4. The Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members at the first meeting of the Council and at the first meeting of the calendar year each year thereafter. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year.

5. Each member of the Council serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed [.], *except that a member may not serve more than two terms*.

6. [The Council shall meet at least four times a year at the call of the Chair. One meeting of the Council must be held in person and any other meeting may be held by videoconference.





—7.] A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Council.

[8.] 7. The Chair may appoint such subcommittees of the Council as the Chair determines necessary to carry out the duties of the Council.

[9.] 8. The members of the Council serve without compensation, except that each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged in the official business of the Council.

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

[11.] *10.* Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher while a member of the Council who is a teacher attends a meeting of the Council must be paid by the school district that employs the member.

[12. To]





11. Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, to the extent that money is available, the Department shall provide administrative support to the Council.

Sec. 47. NRS 388F.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388F.020 1. In furtherance of the provisions contained in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, there is hereby created a State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, consisting of the following members:

(a) One representative of the Nevada National Guard, appointed by the [Governor.] *Superintendent of Public Instruction.*

(b) One representative of each military installation in this State, appointed by the commanding officer of that military installation.

(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(d) [The superintendent] *Two members who are superintendents* of [each] *a* school district in which a military installation is located [.], *appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction*.

(e) One Legislator or other person appointed by the Legislative Commission to represent the interests of the Legislature.

(f) One person appointed by the [Governor to represent the interests of the Governor.] Superintendent of Public Instruction.

2. A member of the State Council serves a term of 2 years and until his or her successor is appointed. A member may be reappointed [...] *but may not serve more than two terms*.





3. A member of the State Council may be removed from office by the appointing authority at any time.

4. A vacancy on the State Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

5. The members of the State Council serve without compensation [and] *but* are [not] entitled to [any] *receive the* per diem [or] *allowance and* travel expenses [.

6. The State Council shall meet at least twice per year, with at least one meeting held before the beginning of each school semester, and may meet at other times upon the call of the Commissioner appointed pursuant to NRS 388F.040.] provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 48. Chapter 391 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Commission on Professional Standards and Regional Education Training, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Commission:

(a) One member who holds a license to teach secondary education and teaches in a secondary school.

(b) One member who holds a license to teach elementary education and teaches in an elementary school.

(c) One member who holds a license to teach special education and teaches special education.





(d) One member who is a school counselor, school psychologist or other specialist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and employed by a school district or charter school.

(e) One member who is an administrator of a school who is employed by a school district or charter school to provide administrative service at an individual school. Such an administrator must not provide service at the district level.

(f) One member who is the parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in a public school.

(g) One member who is the superintendent of schools of a school district.

(h) Two members who represent the broader public interest or other critical viewpoints.

Sec. 49. NRS 391.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.455 1. There is hereby created the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada consisting of the following [16] *nine* members:

(a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, who serves as an ex officio member of the Council.

(b) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, or his or her designee, who serves as an ex officio member of the Council.

(c) [Four teachers] One teacher in a public [schools] school appointed by the [Governor] Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada State Education Association. [The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph must represent the geographical diversity of the school districts in this State.]

(d) One school counselor, psychologist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist or social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS appointed by the [Governor]





Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada State Education Association. [The persons nominated pursuant to this paragraph must represent the geographical diversity of school districts in this State.]

(e) [Two administrators] One administrator in a public [schools] school appointed by the [Governor] Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Administrators . [and one superintendent of schools of a school district appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents. The members appointed pursuant to this paragraph must represent the geographical diversity of the school districts in this State.]

(f) [Two persons] One person who [are members] is a member of [boards] the board of trustees of a school [districts] district and who [are] is appointed by the [Governor] Superintendent of Public Instruction from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Boards.

(g) One representative of the regional training programs for the professional development of teachers and administrators created by NRS 391A.120 appointed by the [Governor] *Superintendent of Public Instruction* from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Association of School Superintendents.

(h) One parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in public school appointed by the [Governor] *Superintendent of Public Instruction* from a list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Parent Teacher Association.





(i) [Two persons] *One person* with expertise in the development of public policy relating to education appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The [members] member appointed pursuant to this paragraph must not otherwise be eligible for appointment pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive.

2. After the initial terms, each appointed member of the Council serves a term of [3] 2 years commencing on July 1 and may be reappointed to one additional [3 year] 2-year term following his or her initial term. If any appointed member of the Council ceases to be qualified for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall be deemed vacant and the appointing authority 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 Council shall, at its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

4. **[The Council shall meet at least semiannually and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Council.]** Nine members of the Council constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Council.

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





6. A member of the Council who is a public employee must be granted administrative leave from the member's duties to engage in the business of the Council without loss of his or her regular compensation. Such leave does not reduce the amount of the member's other accrued leave.

7. Any costs associated with employing a substitute teacher while a member of the Council who is a teacher attends a meeting of the Council must be:

(a) Paid by the school district or charter school that employs the member; or

(b) Reimbursed to the school district or charter school that employs the member by the organization that submitted the name of the member to the [Governor] Superintendent of Public *Instruction* for appointment pursuant to paragraph (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of subsection 1.

8. [The] *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the* Department shall provide administrative support to the Council.

9. The Council may apply for and accept gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to NRS 391.460.

Sec. 50. NRS 394.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

394.383 1. The Commission on Postsecondary Education is hereby created within the [Employment Security Division of the] Department of [Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.] Business and Industry. The Commission consists of:

(a) An employee of the Department of [Employment, Training and Rehabilitation] Business and Industry designated by the Director of the Department of [Employment, Training and Rehabilitation] Business and Industry to serve as a nonvoting member; and

(b) Seven voting members appointed by the Governor.



2. The voting members of the Commission are entitled to receive a salary of not more than [\$80,] \$150, as fixed by the [Commission,] Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Commission.

3. The nonvoting member of the Commission designated pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be relieved from his or her duties with the Department of [Employment, Training and Rehabilitation] *Business and Industry* without loss of regular compensation so that he or she may prepare for and attend meetings of the Commission and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission in the most timely manner practicable. The Department may not require the member to make up time or take annual vacation or compensatory time for the time that he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Commission.

4. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each member of the Commission is entitled to receive [the] *a* per diem allowance and travel expenses *at a rate fixed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the rate* provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 51. Chapter 407A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:





1. The State Outdoor Recreation and Education Advisory Council is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Council consists of:

(a) The Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the Department.

(b) The Chair of the Nevada Indian Commission.

(c) Seven members appointed by the Director as follows:

(1) One member who is a representative of the Division of Outdoor Recreation of the Department.

- (2) One member who is a representative of the Department of Wildlife.
- (3) One member who is a teacher.
- (4) One member who is a nature-based education provider.
- (5) One member who is a representative of the outdoor recreation industry.

(6) One member who is a representative of the United States Department of the Interior

from the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service or United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(7) One member who is a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture from the United States Forest Service or Rural Development.

Sec. 52. Chapter 414 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Emergency Response and Disaster Coordination Board is hereby created.

2. The Board consists of:



(a) The Chief, who serves as Chair of the Board; and

(b) The following members appointed by the Chief:

(1) One member who is a representative of the Nevada National Guard;

(2) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association or its legal successor;

(3) One member who is a representative of a tribal government;

(4) One member who is a representative of the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;

(5) One member who is a representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(6) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association or its legal successor;

(7) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Hospital Association or its legal successor; and

(8) One member who is a representative of a county coroner's office.

Sec. 53. NRS 417.0191 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.0191 1. The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs is hereby created. The Council consists of:

(a) The Director of the Department of Business and Industry;

(b) [The Director of the Department of Corrections;

(c)] The Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation;





[(d)] (c) The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services;

[(e) The Director of the Department of Public Safety;

- (f) (d) The Director of the Department of Veterans Services;
 - [(g)] (e) The Adjutant General;
 - [(h)] (f) The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education;
 - **(i)** (g) The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development;
 - **(i)** The Executive Director of the Department of Native American Affairs;
- [(k) The Administrator of the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration;
- (1) The Attorney General;
- (m) The Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- (n) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation; and
- (o) Any other persons]

(*i*) One member appointed by the [Governor, including,] Director, who may be, without limitation, [representatives] a representative of a federal [and] or local governmental [agencies and] agency or private [entities] entity that [provide] provides services to veterans. [Members] The member appointed pursuant to this paragraph [serve] serves at the pleasure of the [Governor.] Director.

2. A member of the Council may designate a person to represent him or her at any meeting of the Council. The person designated may exercise all the duties, rights and privileges of the member that he or she represents.





Sec. 54. NRS 417.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.150 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission, consisting of [11] *seven* members, is hereby created.

2. The [Governor] Director shall appoint:

(a) Three members who are representatives of veterans' organizations recognized nationally or in this State and who possess honorable discharges from some branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) One member who is a member of the Women Veterans Advisory Committee created by NRS 417.320.

(c) One member who is [enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education in this State in a program for a baccalaureate or higher degree and who possesses an honorable discharge from some branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(d) Two members who are representatives] a representative of the general public.

3. The Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada shall each appoint one member from their respective committees to serve as a member of the Commission. Each member so appointed must be a representative of a veterans' organization recognized nationally or in this State and possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. [The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to serve as a member of the Commission.





<u>5.</u> The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of the Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission.

—<u>6.</u>] The [Governor] *Director* may remove a member of the Commission at any time for failure to perform his or her duties, malfeasance or other good cause.

[7.] 5. The term of office of each member is [3] 2 years.

[8. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of those members appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Governor shall fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees provided to the Governor in writing by the Director.] *A member may not serve more than two terms*.

Sec. 55. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Beneficiary Advisory Council is hereby created within the Division to advise the Director on matters of concern related to policy development and matters related to the effective administration of the Medicaid program and carry out any other duties imposed on a Beneficiary Advisory Council by 42 C.F.R. § 431.12.

2. The Director shall appoint such number of members of the Council as he or she determines is appropriate to carry out the duties of the Council. The Council must consist of persons who are currently or have been Medicaid beneficiaries and persons with direct experience supporting Medicaid beneficiaries, including, without limitation, a family member of a Medicaid beneficiary and a paid or unpaid caregiver of a person enrolled in Medicaid.





3. A member of the Beneficiary Advisory Council serves a term of 2 years. A member may not serve:

(a) More than two terms; and

(b) Two consecutive terms.

Sec. 56. NRS 422.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422.151 1. The [Medical Care] Medicaid Advisory Committee is hereby created within the Division.

2. The function of the [Medical Care] Medicaid Advisory Committee is to:

(a) Advise the Division regarding the provision of services for the health and medical care of welfare recipients.

(b) Participate, and increase the participation of welfare recipients, in the development of policy and the administration of programs by the Division.

(c) Advise the Director on matters of concern related to policy development and matters related to the effective administration of the Medicaid program and carry out any other duties imposed on a Medicaid Advisory Committee by 42 C.F.R. § 431.12.

(d) Carry out the duties set forth in NRS 422.205.

Sec. 57. NRS 422.153 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422.153 1. The [Medical Care] Medicaid Advisory Committee consists of [the Chief Medical Officer and:] nine members as follows:

(a) [A person who:

(1) Holds a license to practice medicine in this state; and



(2) Is certified by the Board of Medical Examiners in a medical specialty.] The Administrator, who serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

(b) [A person who holds a license to practice dentistry in this state.] Two officers or employees of an agency in the Executive Department of the State Government that serves Medicaid beneficiaries, who serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

(c) [A person who holds a certificate of registration as a pharmacist in this state.

(d) A member of a profession in the field of health care who is familiar with the needs of persons of low income, the resources required for their care and the availability of those resources.
 (e) An administrator of a hospital or a clinic for health care.

(f) An administrator of a facility for intermediate care or a facility for skilled nursing.

(g) A member of an organized group that provides assistance, representation or other support to recipients of] Six voting members, appointed by the Director as follows:

(1) The following number of members who are also members of the Beneficiary Advisory Council within the Division created by section 55 of this act:

(I) During the period beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on July 9, 2026, one member.

(II) During the period beginning on July 10, 2026, and ending on July 10, 2027, two members.

(III) After July 10, 2027, three members.





(2) At least one member who is a representative of a state or local consumer advocacy group or other community-based organization that represents the interests of, or provides direct service to, Medicaid [.

(h) A recipient of] beneficiaries.

(3) At least one member who is a representative of clinical providers or administrators, including, without limitation, providers of administrators of primary care, specialty care or long-term care, who is familiar with the health and social needs of Medicaid [.] beneficiaries.

(4) At least one member who is a representative of a participating Medicaid managed care organization, prepaid inpatient health plan, prepaid ambulatory health plan, primary care case management entity or primary care case manager, as those terms are defined in 42 C.F.R. § 438.2, or a health plan association representing more than one such plan.

2. [The] *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the* Director shall appoint each member required by subsection 1 to serve for a term of 2 years. *The Director may appoint a member to a shorter term to satisfy the requirements of subsection 1. A member may not serve:*

- (a) More than two terms; and
- (b) Two consecutive terms.

3. Members of the [Medical Care] *Medicaid* Advisory Committee serve without compensation, except that while engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee, each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 58. NRS 422.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:



422.205 1. [A reinvestment advisory committee] The Medicaid Advisory Committee shall:

(a) Solicit and review reports from the Division and Medicaid managed care organizations concerning the reinvestment of funds by those Medicaid managed care organizations in the communities served by the Medicaid managed care organizations.

(b) Report to the Division and Medicaid managed care organizations concerning initiatives of local governments in [the] each county whose population is 700,000 or more to address homelessness, housing issues and social determinants of health.

(c) Make recommendations based on the reports reviewed pursuant to paragraph (a) to the Division and Medicaid managed care organizations concerning the reinvestment of funds by those Medicaid managed care organizations in the communities served by the Medicaid managed care organizations. Those recommendations must include, without limitation, recommendations for the use of such funds for the purposes of:

(1) Developing innovative partnerships with community development organizations and providers of housing services; and

(2) Supporting the initiatives of local governments in [the] each county whose population
 is 700,000 or more to address homelessness, housing issues and social determinants of health.

On or before December 31 of each year, [a reinvestment advisory committee] the Medicaid
 Advisory Committee shall:

(a) Compile a report concerning:



(1) The uses of funds reinvested by Medicaid managed care organizations in the communities served by those Medicaid managed care organizations, including, without limitation, efforts to address homelessness, disparities in health care and social determinants of health; and

(2) The activities of the [reinvestment advisory committee] Medicaid Advisory Committee during the calendar year, including, without limitation, the recommendations made by the [reinvestment advisory committee] Medicaid Advisory Committee pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1.

(b) Submit the report to:

(1) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:

(I) In odd-numbered years, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and

(II) In even-numbered years, the next regular session of the Legislature.

(2) The Director of the Department.

3. As used in this section, "Medicaid managed care organization" means a managed care organization that provides health care services to recipients of Medicaid who reside in [the] *a* county [for which a reinvestment advisory committee is established.] *whose population is 700,000 or more.*

Sec. 59. NRS 425.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

425.610 1. The Committee to Review Child Support Guidelines is hereby created. The Committee consists of:





(a) The presiding judge of the Family Division of the Second Judicial District Court or his or her designee;

(b) The presiding judge of the Family Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court or his or her designee;

(c) [One member who is a district court judge or master from a judicial district other than the Second or Eighth Judicial District, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
 (d) One member who is a justice or retired justice of the Supreme Court, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

(e)] One member who is a district attorney in Clark County [,] *or Washoe County*, appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys Association, or his or her designee;

[(f) One member who is a district attorney in Washoe County, appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys Association, or his or her designee;

(g) One member who is a district attorney in a county other than Clark or Washoe County, appointed by the governing body of the Nevada District Attorneys Association, or his or her designee;

[(h) Two members]

(e) One member who [are members] *is a member* of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada, appointed by the Executive Council of the Family Law Section;

[(i)] (f) One member who is an employee of the Division, appointed by the Administrator;

[(j)] (g) One member who has expertise in economics and child support, appointed by the Administrator;





[(k) Two members]

(*h*) One member who [are Senators, one of whom] is a Senator, jointly appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and [one of whom is appointed by] the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

[(1) Two members]

(i) One member who [are members] *is a member* of the Assembly [, one of whom is] *jointly* appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and [one of whom is appointed by] the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

→ If any association listed in this subsection ceases to exist, the appointment required by this subsection must be made by the association's successor in interest or, if there is no successor in interest, by the [Governor.] Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

2. Each appointed member serves a term of [4] 2 years. Members may be reappointed for *one* additional [terms] *term* of [4] 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

3. At the first regular meeting every [4] 2 years, the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair is elected.

4. [The Committee shall convene on or before September 1, 2017, and shall meet at least once every 4 years thereafter. The Committee may also meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.





—<u>5.</u>] A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Committee.

Sec. 60. Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Commission on Aging and Cognitive Health, consisting of seven members, is hereby created.

2. The Commission consists of:

(a) The following members appointed by the Director:

(1) Two members who are 55 years of age or older and who have experience with or an interest in and knowledge of the problems of and services for the aging.

(2) One member who is a representative of the Nevada System of Higher Education and who has expertise in cognitive disorders.

(3) One member who is a representative of caregivers for person with cognitive disorders.

(4) One member who is a representative of the general public.

(b) One member who is a member of the Senate and one member who is a member of the Assembly appointed by the Legislative Commission with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to older persons.

Sec. 61. NRS 433.428 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.428 **[Five]** *Three* behavioral health regions are hereby created as follows:





 The Northern Behavioral Health Region consisting of Carson City and the counties of Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, [and] Storey [;] and Washoe;

2. [The Washoe Behavioral Health Region consisting of the county of Washoe;

[4.] 3. The Southern Behavioral Health Region consisting of the counties of *Clark*, Esmeralda, Lincoln, [and] Mineral and [the portion of the county of] Nye. [that is north of the 38th parallel of north latitude; and

<u>5. The Clark Behavioral Health Region consisting of the county of Clark and the portion of the county of Nye that is south of the 38th parallel of north latitude.</u>]

Sec. 62. NRS 433.429 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.429 1. A regional behavioral health policy board is hereby created for each behavioral health region.

2. Each policy board consists of [not less than 7] seven members [and not more than 13 members] appointed pursuant to this section.

3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint to each policy board one member who represents the criminal justice system.

4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint to each policy board one member who represents law enforcement agencies and who has experience with and knowledge of matters relating to persons in need of behavioral health services.



5. The [Governor shall appoint to each policy board one member who has extensive experience in the delivery of social services in the field of behavioral health, including, without limitation, directors or officers of social service agencies in the behavioral health region.

<u>6.</u> The] Legislative Commission shall appoint to each policy board one member who is a Legislator.

[7.] 6. The [Administrator] Director of the Department shall appoint to each policy board:

(a) One member who [represents the interests of hospitals, residential long-term care facilities or facilities that provide acute inpatient behavioral health services;

(b) One member who represents the interests of administrators or counselors who are employed at facilities for the treatment of alcohol or other substance use disorders; and

(c) One member who represents providers of emergency medical services or fire services and who has experience providing emergency services to behavioral health patients, which may include, without limitation, a paramedic or physician.

- 8. The members appointed to a policy board pursuant to subsections 2 to 7, inclusive, may appoint to the policy board:

(a) One member who represents the interests of community based organizations which provide] has extensive experience in the delivery of social services in the field of behavioral health [services.], including, without limitation, directors or officers of social service agencies in the behavioral health region.





(b) One member who represents the interests of owners or administrators of residential treatment facilities, transitional housing or other housing for persons with a mental illness or persons who have an alcohol or other substance use disorder.

[(c) One member who is a health officer of a county or who holds a position with similar duties or, if no such person is available, an employee of a city, county or Indian tribe who has experience in the field of public health.

(d)] (c) One member who is a psychiatrist or a psychologist who holds the degree of doctor of psychology, has clinical experience and is licensed to practice in this State or, if no such person is available, a provider of health care, as defined in NRS 629.031, who has experience working with persons with a mental illness or persons who have an alcohol or other substance use disorder.

[(e) One member who represents private or public insurers who offer coverage for behavioral health services or, if no such person is available, another person who has experience in the field of insurance or working with insurers.

(f) (d) One member who has received behavioral health services in this State, including, without limitation, services for substance use disorders, or a family member of such a person or, if such a person is not available, a person who represents the interests of behavioral health patients or the families of behavioral health patients.

[9. If the members of a policy board described in subsections 2 to 7, inclusive, appoint both a member described in paragraph (a) of subsection 8 and a member described in paragraph (b) of subsection 8, at least one of those members must be a behavioral health professional who has experience in evaluating and treating children.





-10.] 7. In making appointments, preference must be given to persons who reside in the behavioral health region served by the policy board.

[11.] 8. Each member of the policy board serves [without compensation] for a term of 2 years and may be reappointed [.], *except that a member may not serve more than two terms*. The appointing authority may remove a member from the policy board if the appointing authority determines the member has neglected his or her duties.

[12.] 9. If a vacancy occurs during the term of:

(a) A member who was appointed pursuant to subsection [2,] 3, 4 [,] *or* 5, [or 6,] the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(b) A member who was appointed pursuant to subsection [7,] 6, the policy board shall, by majority vote, appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

[(c) A member who was appointed pursuant to subsection 8, the policy board may, by majority vote, appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

13.] *10.* Each policy board shall meet not later than 60 days after all appointments to such board have been made and elect one member of the policy board to act as the Chair for the biennium. The Director of the Department or his or her designee shall preside over the election of the Chair for each policy board at each board's first meeting. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 14, each policy board shall thereafter meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chair.]





[14.] *11.* A policy board is not required to meet during any legislative session. If a policy board meets during a legislative session, the member of the policy board who is a Legislator is excused from attendance.

[15.] 12. As used in this section, "social services agency" means any public agency or organization that provides social services in this State, including, without limitation, welfare and health care services.

Sec. 63. NRS 433.726 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.726 1. The Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Attorney General shall appoint to the Advisory Committee [:] *five members, including, without limitation:*

(a) One member who possesses knowledge, skills and experience working with youth in the juvenile justice system;

(b) One member who possesses knowledge, skills and experience working with persons in the criminal justice system;

(c) One member who possesses knowledge, skills and experience in the surveillance of overdoses; and

(d) [One member] *Two members* who:

(1) [Resides] Reside in a county other than Clark or Washoe County; and

(2) [Has] *Have* experience having a substance use disorder or having a family member who has a substance use disorder.



3. The Office shall appoint to the Advisory Committee:

(a) One member who:

(1) Resides in Clark County; and

(2) Has experience having a substance use disorder or having a family member who has a substance use disorder;

(b) One member who possesses knowledge, skills and experience in public health;

(c) One member who is the director of an agency which provides child welfare services or his or her designee;

(d) One member who represents a program that specializes in the prevention of substance use by youth;

(e) One member who represents a faith-based organization that specializes in recovery from substance use disorders; and

(f) One member who represents a program for substance use disorders that is operated by a nonprofit organization and certified pursuant to NRS 458.025.

4. [The Director of the Department shall appoint to the Advisory Committee:

(a) One member who:

(1) Resides in Washoe County; and

(2) Has experience having a substance use disorder or having a family member who has a substance use disorder;

(b) One member who is a physician certified in the field of addiction medicine by the American
 Board of Addiction Medicine or its successor organization;



(c) One member who represents a nonprofit, community oriented organization that specializes
 in peer-led recovery from substance use disorders;

- (d) One member who has survived an opioid overdose;

(e) One member who represents a program to prevent overdoses or otherwise reduce the harm caused by the use of substances;

(f) One member who represents an organization that specializes in housing; and

(g) One member who possesses knowledge, skills and experience with the education of pupils in kindergarten through 12th grade.

5.] In appointing the members of the Advisory Committee pursuant to subsections 2 [,] *and* 3, [and 4,] the appointing authorities shall coordinate the appointments when practicable so that the members of the Advisory Committee represent the diversity of:

(a) This State; and

(b) The communities within this State that are disproportionately affected by opioid use disorder and disparities in access to care and health outcomes.

[6.] 5. The term of each member of the Advisory Committee is 2 years. A member may be reappointed for an additional term of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointment. *A member may not serve more than two terms*. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

[7.] 6. To the extent that money is available for these purposes [:





(a) Each member of the Advisory Committee who is not an officer or employee of this State is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Department, for each day or portion of a day spent on the business of the Advisory Committee.

(b) Each], *each* member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee.

[8.] 7. A member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

Sec. 64. Chapter 433B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Children's Mental and Behavioral Health Consortium consisting of nine members appointed by the Director of the Department is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Director of the Department shall appoint:



(a) One member who is a representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department.

(b) One member who is a representative of an agency in a county in this State which provides child welfare services.

(c) One member who is a representative of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department.

(d) One member who is a representative of the board of trustees of a school district.

(e) One member who is a representative of a local juvenile probation department.

(f) One member who is a private provider of mental health care.

(g) One member who is a provider of foster care.

(h) One member who is the parent of a child with an emotional disturbance.

(i) One member who is a representative of an agency which provides services for the treatment and prevention of substance use disorders.

Sec. 65. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Wellness and Prevention Advisory Council consisting of 11 members is hereby created.

2. The Council consists of:

(a) The Chief Medical Officer or his or her designee.

(b) The following members appointed by the Director:



(1) Three members who are physicians who practice in the area of cardiology, emergency care, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics or primary care and provide care to patients with rare diseases.

(2) One member who is a registered nurse who provides care to patients with rare diseases.

(3) One member who is the administrator of a hospital that provides care to patients with rare diseases.

(4) One member who is 18 years of age or older and who has suffered from or is currently suffering from a rare disease.

(5) One member who is a representative of an organization dedicated to providing services to patients suffering from rare diseases in this State.

(6) One member who is a member of a racial or ethnic minority group appointed from a list of persons submitted to the Director by the Advisory Committee of the Office of Minority Health and Equity of the Department.

(7) Two members who are licensed as dietitians pursuant to chapter 640E of NRS.

Sec. 66. NRS 439.2792 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.2792 1. There is hereby created within the Department the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health to advise and make recommendations to the Department concerning the Program.

2. The Director shall appoint to the Advisory Committee [13] *nine* members [, including, without limitation, one or more persons who are representatives of:] *as follows:*





(a) [Public] *Two members who are representatives of public* health care professionals and educators;

(b) [Providers] Three members who are representatives of providers of oral health care;

(c) [Persons] *Two members who are representatives of persons* knowledgeable in promoting and educating the public on oral health issues; and

(d) [National] *Two members who are representatives of* dental [and] *or* other oral health organizations [and] *or* their local or state chapters.

3. After the initial terms, the members of the Advisory Committee serve terms of 2 years commencing on July 1. A member may be reappointed [.], *except that a member may not serve more than two terms*.

4. Members of the Advisory Committee serve without compensation, except that each member is entitled, while engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee, to the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. Any member of the Advisory Committee who is a public employee must be granted administrative leave from his or her duties to engage in the business of the Advisory Committee without loss of his or her regular compensation. Such leave does not reduce the amount of the member's other accrued leave.

6. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

7. The Advisory Committee shall:



(a) At its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members; and

(b) [Meet at the call of the Director, the Chair or a majority of its members as necessary and within the budget of the Advisory Committee; and

(c)] On or before July 1 of each year, submit a written report to the Director summarizing the activities of the Advisory Committee and any recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

Sec. 67. NRS 445B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.200 1. The State Environmental Commission is hereby created within the Department. The Commission consists of:

(a) The Director of the Department of Wildlife;

- (b) The State Forester Firewarden;
- (c) The State Engineer;
- (d) The Director of the State Department of Agriculture;
- (e) The Administrator of the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources;
- (f) A member of the State Board of Health to be designated by that Board; and
- (g) [Five] *Three* members appointed by the Governor:

(1) One of whom is a general engineering contractor or a general building contractor licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS;

(2) One of whom possesses expertise in performing mining reclamation; and

(3) One of whom possesses experience and expertise in advocating issues relating to conservation.



2. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Commission from among the members of the Commission.

3. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.

4. Each member who is appointed by the Governor is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Commission, for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Commission.

5. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each member and employee of the Commission is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

6. Any person who receives or has received during the previous 2 years a significant portion of his or her income, as defined by any applicable state or federal law, directly or indirectly from one or more holders of or applicants for a permit required by NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive, is disqualified from serving as a member of the Commission. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person who receives, or has received during the previous 2 years, a significant portion of his or her income from any department or agency of State Government which is a holder of or an applicant for a permit required by NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive.

7. The Department shall provide technical advice, support and assistance to the Commission. All state officers, departments, commissions and agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada System of Higher Education, the State Public Works Board, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Safety, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, the Nevada Transportation Authority





and the State Department of Agriculture may also provide technical advice, support and assistance to the Commission.

Sec. 68. NRS 450B.151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.151 1. The [Committee on] Emergency Medical Services [,] Subcommittee of the State Board of Health, consisting of 11 members appointed by the State Board of Health, is hereby created.

2. Upon request of the State Board of Health, employee associations that represent persons that provide emergency medical services, including, without limitation, physicians and nurses that provide emergency medical services, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants, firefighters, fire chiefs and employees of rural hospitals, shall submit to the State Board of Health written nominations for appointments to the [Committee.] Subcommittee.

3. After considering the nominations submitted pursuant to subsection 2, the State Board of Health shall appoint to the [Committee:] Subcommittee:

(a) One member who is a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS and who has experience providing emergency medical services;

(b) One member who is a registered nurse and who has experience providing emergency medical services;

(c) One member who is a volunteer for an organization that provides emergency medical services pursuant to this chapter;





(d) One member who is employed by a fire-fighting agency at which some of the firefighters and persons who provide emergency medical services for the agency are employed and some serve as volunteers;

(e) One member who is employed by an urban fire-fighting agency;

(f) One member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a medical facility that is located in a rural area and that provides emergency medical services;

(g) One member who is employed by an organization that provides emergency medical services in an air ambulance and whose duties are closely related to such emergency medical services;

(h) One member who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a local governmental agency that provides emergency medical services but which is not a part of a fire-fighting agency or law enforcement agency;

(i) One member who is employed by a privately owned entity that provides emergency medical services; and

(j) One member who is employed by an operator of a service which is:

(1) Provided for the benefit of the employees of an industry who become sick or are injured at the industrial site; and

(2) Staffed by employees who are licensed attendants and perform emergency medical services primarily for the industry.

4. The [Committee] Subcommittee shall solicit and accept applications from persons who are employed by or volunteer with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency





medical services on tribal land. After considering the applications submitted pursuant to this subsection, the [Committee] *Subcommittee* shall recommend and the State Board of Health shall appoint to the [Committee] *Subcommittee* one member who is employed by or volunteers with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency medical services on tribal land.

5. In addition to the members set forth in subsections 3 and 4, the following persons are ex officio members of the [Committee:] Subcommittee:

(a) An employee of the Division, appointed by the Administrator of the Division, whose duties relate to administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter;

(b) The county health officer appointed pursuant to NRS 439.290 in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, or the county health officer's designee;

(c) A physician who is a member of a committee which consists of directors of trauma centers in this State and who is nominated by that committee; and

(d) A representative of a committee or group which focuses on the provision of emergency medical services to children in this State and who is nominated by that committee or group.

6. The term of each member appointed by the State Board of Health is 2 years. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms but may serve more than two terms if there is a break in service of not less than 2 years.

7. The State Board of Health shall not appoint to the [Committee] Subcommittee two persons who are employed by or volunteer with the same organization, except the State Board of Health may appoint a person who is employed by or volunteers with the same organization of which a member who serves ex officio is an employee.





8. Each member of the [Committee] *Subcommittee* shall appoint an alternate to serve in the member's place if the member is temporarily unable to perform the duties required of him or her pursuant to NRS 450B.151 to 450B.154, inclusive.

9. A position on the [Committee] Subcommittee that becomes vacant before the end of the term of the member must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 69. NRS 490.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

490.067 1. The Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles is hereby created in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

- 2. The Commission consists of:
- (a) [One member who is an authorized dealer, appointed by the Governor;

(b)] One member who is a sportsman, appointed by the [Governor] Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from a list of persons submitted by the Director of the Department of Wildlife;

[(c) One member who is a rancher, appointed by the Governor from a list of persons submitted by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture;

(d)] (b) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Association of Counties, appointed by the [Governor] Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from a list of persons submitted by the Executive Director of the Association;

[(e)] (c) One member who is a representative of law enforcement, appointed by the **[Governor]** Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from a list of persons submitted by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association;





[(f)] (d) One member who is actively engaged in and possesses experience and expertise in advocating for issues relating to conservation, appointed by the [Governor; and] Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;

[(g) Three members,]

(e) One member, appointed by the [Governor,] Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, who [reside] resides in the State of Nevada and [have participated] has experience in recreational activities for at least one of the following types of off-highway vehicles : [for at least 5 years using the type of off highway vehicle owned or operated by the persons they will represent, as follows:]

(1) [One member who represents persons who own or operate all-terrain] All-terrain vehicles . [;]

(2) [One member who represents persons who own or operate all-terrain motorcycles and who is involved with or participates in the racing of off-highway motorcycles; and] *Motorcycles*.

(3) [One member who represents persons who own or operate snowmobiles.] Snowmobiles.

[3. The following are nonvoting, ex officio members of the Commission:

(*f*) The State Director of the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management; *and* (*f*) The Forest Supervisor for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest;

(c)] (g) The Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs . [; and

(d) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

4.] 3. A [nonvoting, ex officio] member of the Commission specified in paragraph (f) or (g)
 of subsection 2 may appoint, in writing, an alternate to serve in his or her place on the Commission.



[5.] 4. The [Governor] Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural *Resources* shall not appoint to the Commission [any] the member described in paragraph [(g)] (e) of subsection 2 unless the member has been recommended to the [Governor] Director by an off-highway vehicle organization. As used in this subsection, "off-highway vehicle organization" means a profit or nonprofit corporation, association or organization formed pursuant to the laws of this State and which promotes off-highway vehicle recreation or racing.

[6.] 5. After the initial terms, each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to subsection 2 serves for a term of [3] 2 years. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

[7. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a]

6. *A* member of the Commission who is appointed may not serve more than two [consecutive] terms on the Commission. [A member who has served two consecutive terms on the Commission may be reappointed if the Governor does not receive any applications for that member's seat or if the Governor determines that no qualified applicants are available to fill that member's seat.

[9.] 8. Each member of the Commission:

(a) Is entitled to receive, if money is available for that purpose, the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.



(b) [Who is not an officer or employee of the State of Nevada is entitled to receive, if money is available for that purpose, a salary of not more than \$80 per day for each day of attendance at a meeting of the Commission.

(c)] Shall swear or affirm that he or she will work to create and promote responsible offhighway vehicle recreation in the State.

[10.] 9. A member of the Commission who is appointed by the **[Governor]** Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and who fails to attend at least three consecutive meetings of the Commission is subject to replacement. The Commission shall notify the appointing authority or group who recommended the member for appointment, if any, and the appointing authority or group may recommend a person to replace that member of the Commission. The replacement of a member pursuant to this subsection must be conducted in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 70. NRS 561.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

561.045 There is hereby created in the Department a State Board of Agriculture composed of [13] *nine* members appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 71. NRS 561.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

561.055 1. The membership of the Board consists of:

(a) [Two members] One member who [are] is actively engaged in range or semirange cattle or *sheep* production.

- (b) One member who is actively engaged in dairy production.
- (c) [One member who is actively engaged in range or semirange sheep production.



(d)] One member who is actively engaged in general agriculture.

[(e) Two members]

(*d*) *One member* who [are] *is* actively engaged in growing crops, at least one of which is a specialty crop.

[(f)] (e) One member who is actively engaged in the control of pests.

[(g)] (f) One member who is actively engaged in the petroleum industry [-

(h)] or who is working in the field of supplemental nutrition distribution or a similar field.

(g) One member who is actively engaged in raising nursery stock.

[(i) One member who is working in the field of supplemental nutrition distribution.

 (\mathbf{j}) (h) One member who is actively engaged in food manufacturing or animal processing.

[(k)] (*i*) One member who has veterinary experience in a mixed-animal or large-animal practice and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to chapter 638 of NRS.

2. Not more than two members may be residents of the same county.

Sec. 72. NRS 610.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

610.030 There is hereby created the State Apprenticeship Council composed of:

1. The following [voting] members, appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Labor Commissioner:

(a) [Two members] *One member* who [represent] represents management and [have,] has, or [have] has had, a defined role in a jointly administered apprenticeship program . [, one of whom must be from northern Nevada and one of whom must be from southern Nevada.]





(b) [Two members] One member who [represent] represents labor and [have,] has, or [have] has had, a defined role in a jointly administered apprenticeship program. [, one of whom must be from northern Nevada and one of whom must be from southern Nevada.]

(c) [Two members, one] *One member* who represents management and one *member* who represents labor, who have, or have had, a defined role or job in a statewide, jointly administered apprenticeship program.

(d) One member who is a representative of the general public.

2. [The following nonvoting members:

(a)] The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development or his or her designee.

[(b)] 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee.

[(c)] *4*. One representative of a community college [located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more,] appointed by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

[(d) One representative of a community college located in a county whose population is less than 700,000, appointed by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education.]

Sec. 73. NRS 612.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

612.220 The Administrator:

1. Shall administer this chapter.

2. [Is responsible for the administration, through the Administrator of the Commission on Postsecondary Education, of the provisions of NRS 394.383 to 394.560, inclusive.

3.] Has power and authority to adopt, amend or rescind such rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of federal law, to employ, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter,





such persons, make such expenditures, require such reports, make such investigations, and take such other action as the Administrator deems necessary or suitable to that end.

[4.] 3. Shall determine his or her own organization and methods of procedure for the Division in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

[5.] 4. To the extent allowed by federal law, may, by regulation, suspend, modify, amend or waive any requirement of this chapter for the duration of a state of emergency or declaration of disaster proclaimed pursuant to NRS 414.070 and for any additional period of time during which the emergency or disaster directly affects the requirement of this chapter if:

(a) The Administrator determines the action is:

(1) In the best interest of the Division, this State or the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State; or

(2) Necessary to comply with instructions received from the Department of Labor; and

(b) The action of the Administrator is approved by the Governor.

Sec. 74. NRS 616B.554 is hereby amended to read as follows:

616B.554 1. There is hereby created in the Fund for Workers' Compensation and Safety in the State Treasury the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers, which may be used only to make payments in accordance with the provisions of NRS 616B.557 and 616B.560. The [Board] *Administrator* shall administer the Account . [based upon recommendations made by the Administrator pursuant to subsection 8.]

2. All assessments, penalties, bonds, securities and all other properties received, collected or acquired by the [Board for the Subsequent Injury Account for Self Insured Employers]





Administrator pursuant to this section, NRS 616B.557 and 616B.560 must be delivered to the custody of the State Treasurer.

3. All money and securities in the Account must be held by the State Treasurer as custodian thereof to be used solely for workers' compensation for employees of self-insured employers.

4. The State Treasurer may disburse money from the Account only upon written order of the **Board.**] *Administrator*.

5. The State Treasurer shall invest money of the Account in the same manner and in the same securities in which the State Treasurer is authorized to invest State General Funds which are in the custody of the State Treasurer. Income realized from the investment of the assets of the Account must be credited to the Fund.

6. The [Board] Administrator shall adopt regulations for the establishment and administration of assessment rates, payments and penalties. Assessment rates must result in an equitable distribution of costs among the self-insured employers and must be based upon expected annual expenditures for claims for payments from the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers.

7. The Commissioner shall assign an actuary to review the establishment of assessment rates. The rates must be filed with the Commissioner 30 days before their effective date. Any self-insured employer who wishes to appeal the rate so filed must do so pursuant to NRS 679B.310.

8. The Administrator shall [:



(a) Evaluate] *evaluate* any claim submitted to the [Board] Administrator for payment or reimbursement from the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers and [recommend to the Board any] *determine the* appropriate action to be taken concerning the claim. [; and

(b) Submit to the Board any other recommendations relating to the Account.]

Sec. 75. NRS 616B.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

616B.557 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 616B.560:

1. If an employee of a self-insured employer has a permanent physical impairment from any cause or origin and incurs a subsequent disability by injury arising out of and in the course of his or her employment which entitles the employee to compensation for disability that is substantially greater by reason of the combined effects of the preexisting impairment and the subsequent injury than that which would have resulted from the subsequent injury alone, the compensation due must be charged to the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers in accordance with regulations adopted by the [Board.] Administrator.

2. If the subsequent injury of such an employee results in his or her death and it is determined that the death would not have occurred except for the preexisting permanent physical impairment, the compensation due must be charged to the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers in accordance with regulations adopted by the [Board.] Administrator.

3. As used in this section, "permanent physical impairment" means any permanent condition, whether congenital or caused by injury or disease, of such seriousness as to constitute a hindrance or obstacle to obtaining employment or to obtaining reemployment if the employee is unemployed. For the purposes of this section, a condition is not a "permanent physical impairment" unless it





would support a rating of permanent impairment of 6 percent or more of the whole person if evaluated according to the American Medical Association's <u>Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent</u> <u>Impairment</u> as adopted and supplemented by the Division pursuant to NRS 616C.110.

4. To qualify under this section for reimbursement from the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers, the self-insured employer must establish by written records that the selfinsured employer had knowledge of the "permanent physical impairment" at the time the employee was hired or that the employee was retained in employment after the self-insured employer acquired such knowledge.

5. A self-insured employer must submit to the [Board] *Administrator* a claim for reimbursement from the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers.

6. The [Board] Administrator shall adopt regulations establishing procedures for submitting claims against the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers. The [Board] Administrator shall notify the self-insured employer of its decision on such a claim within 120 days after the claim is received.

7. An appeal of any decision made concerning a claim against the Subsequent Injury Account for Self-Insured Employers must be submitted directly to the [district court.] appeals officer.

Sec. 76. NRS 616B.572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

616B.572 [1. The members of the Board may meet throughout each year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Board. The Board may prescribe rules and regulations for its own management and government. Three members of the Board constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Board. If a





member of the Board submits a claim against the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers, that member shall not vote on or otherwise participate in the decision of the Board concerning that claim.

<u>-2.</u>] The [Board] Administrator shall administer the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers in accordance with the provisions of NRS 616B.575, 616B.578 and 616B.581.

Sec. 77. NRS 616B.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

616B.575 1. There is hereby created in the Fund for Workers' Compensation and Safety in the State Treasury the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers, which may be used only to make payments in accordance with the provisions of NRS 616B.578 and 616B.581. The [Board] Administrator shall administer the Account . [based upon recommendations made by the Administrator pursuant to subsection 8.]

2. All assessments, penalties, bonds, securities and all other properties received, collected or acquired by the [Board for the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers] Administrator pursuant to this section, NRS 616B.578 and 616B.581 must be delivered to the custody of the State Treasurer.

3. All money and securities in the Account must be held by the State Treasurer as custodian thereof to be used solely for workers' compensation for employees of members of Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers.

4. The State Treasurer may disburse money from the Account only upon written order of the [Board.] *Administrator*.



5. The State Treasurer shall invest money of the Account in the same manner and in the same securities in which the State Treasurer is authorized to invest State General Funds which are in the custody of the State Treasurer. Income realized from the investment of the assets of the Account must be credited to the Account.

6. The [Board] Administrator shall adopt regulations for the establishment and administration of assessment rates, payments and penalties. Assessment rates must result in an equitable distribution of costs among the associations of self-insured public or private employers and must be based upon expected annual expenditures for claims for payments from the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers.

7. The Commissioner shall assign an actuary to review the establishment of assessment rates. The rates must be filed with the Commissioner 30 days before their effective date. Any association of self-insured public or private employers that wishes to appeal the rate so filed must do so pursuant to NRS 679B.310.

8. The Administrator shall [+

(a) Evaluate] *evaluate* any claim submitted to the [Board] Administrator for payment or reimbursement from the Subsequent Injury Account for Associations of Self-Insured Public or Private Employers and [recommend to the Board any] *determine the* appropriate action to be taken concerning the claim. [; and

(b) Submit to the Board any other recommendations relating to the Account.]

Sec. 78. NRS 618.605 is hereby amended to read as follows:



618.605 1. Upon the receipt of any written appeal or notice of contest under NRS 618.475, the Division shall within 15 working days [notify the Board of such an] assign a hearing officer to hear the appeal or contest.

2. The [Board] *hearing officer assigned pursuant to subsection 1* shall hold a formal factfinding hearing and render its decision based on the evidence presented at the hearing.

3. Prior to any formal fact-finding hearing involving a citation for an accident or motor vehicle crash occurring in the course of employment which is fatal to one or more employees, the [Board] *Division* shall notify the immediate family of each deceased employee of:

- (a) The time and place of the hearing; and
- (b) The fact that the hearing is open to the public.

4. Any employee of an employer or representative of the employee may participate in and give evidence at the hearing, subject to rules and regulations of the [Board] *Division* governing the conduct of such hearings.

Sec. 79. NRS 622A.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

622A.300 1. To initiate the prosecution of a contested case, the prosecutor shall file a charging document with the regulatory body and serve the licensee with the charging document.

2. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a regulatory body shall determine whether the case will be heard by the regulatory body or a hearing panel or officer. If the regulatory body is a professional or occupational licensing board under the purview of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business





and Industry pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 232.8415, the case must be heard by a hearing officer employed by the Office.

3. The regulatory body or hearing panel or officer shall provide the licensee with written notice of the case pursuant to NRS 233B.121 and 241.0333.

4. If the case is heard by a hearing panel or officer, the hearing panel or officer shall follow the procedures established by this chapter and any other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions governing the case. The hearing panel or officer shall prepare written findings and recommendations and serve the findings and recommendations on the parties and the regulatory body for its review.

5. The findings and recommendations of the hearing panel or officer do not become final unless they are approved by the regulatory body after review. In reviewing the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel or officer, the regulatory body may:

(a) Approve the findings and recommendations, with or without modification;

(b) Reject the findings and recommendations and remand the case to the hearing panel or officer;

(c) Reject the findings and recommendations and order a hearing de novo before the regulatory body; or

(d) Take any other action that the regulatory body deems appropriate to resolve the case.

6. If the case is heard by the regulatory body, the regulatory body shall follow the procedures established by this chapter and any other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions governing the case.





7. The regulatory body or the hearing panel or officer, with the approval of the regulatory body, may consolidate two or more cases if it appears that the cases involve common issues of law or fact and the interests of the parties will not be prejudiced by the consolidation.

Sec. 80. Chapter 623 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Board of Professional Design and Environmental Specialist is hereby created.

2. The Board consists of:

(a) The Chief Medical Officer or his or her designee.

(b) Twelve members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) One member who is registered as a registered residential designer pursuant to this chapter.

(2) One member who is registered as a registered interior designer pursuant to this chapter.

(3) One member who is registered as an architect pursuant to this chapter and who has been in the active practice of architecture in this State for not less than 3 years immediately preceding his or her appointment.

(4) Two members who:

(I) Are registered as landscape architects pursuant to chapter 623A of NRS;

(II) Have been engaged in the practice of landscape architecture in this State for not less than 3 years immediately preceding their appointments; and



(III) Have not been the subject of any disciplinary action by the Board in the 3 years immediately preceding their appointment.

(5) Two members engaged in the practice or teaching of professional engineering who are licensed pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS.

(6) Two members engaged in the practice or teaching of professional land surveying who are licensed pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS.

(7) One member who is employed by the health district containing Clark County and one member who is employed by the health district containing Washoe County, each of whom:

(I) Holds a current registration issued pursuant to NRS 625A.110 that is in good standing; and

(II) Has practiced in the field of environmental health for the 3 years immediately preceding his or her appointment.

(8) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who:

(I) Does not hold a license or registration issued by the Board;

(II) Is not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person who holds a license or registration issued by the Board; and

(III) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the professions and occupations regulated by the Board, except as a client or potential client.

3. Each member of the Board must be a resident of this State.

Sec. 81. NRS 624.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:



624.070 *1.* Each member of the Board serves a term of 4 years. A member of the Board may not serve more than two terms.

2. Each member of the Board shall:

[1.] (*a*) Receive a certificate of appointment from the Governor.

[2.] (b) Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his or her office, take the constitutional oath of office.

Sec. 82. NRS 624.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

624.570 1. The Commission on Construction Education is hereby created.

2. The Commission consists of one member who is a member of the Board and [six] *four* members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(a) [Four] Two members who are representatives of the construction industry [;] and who are

not residents of the same county; and

(b) Two members who have knowledge of construction education programs.

3. Each member of the Commission serves a term of [3] 4 years. A member may not serve more than two terms.

4. [The members] *Each member* of the Commission [who are appointed by the Governor serve without compensation,] is entitled to:

(a) A salary of not more than \$150 per day, as fixed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department, while engaged in the business of the Commission; and





(b) A per diem allowance [or reimbursement for] and travel expenses [. While engaged in the business of the Commission, the member who is a member of the Board shall receive from the Board the same salary, per diem allowance and reimbursement for travel expenses the member receives] at a rate fixed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department while engaged in the business of the [Board.] Commission. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. The Commission shall review programs of education which relate to building construction and distribute grants from the Construction Education Account created pursuant to NRS 624.580 for programs that the Commission determines qualify for such a grant.

6. The Board may adopt regulations which establish the rules of procedure for meetings of the Commission.

7. The Commission shall adopt regulations providing:

(a) Procedures for applying for a grant of money from the Construction Education Account;

(b) Procedures for reviewing an application for a grant from the Construction Education Account; and

(c) Qualifications for receiving a grant from the Construction Education Account.

Sec. 83. NRS 628.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

628.090 1. Annually the Board shall elect a President and a Secretary-Treasurer from among its members.





2. The Board may employ such personnel, including [attorneys,] investigators and other professional consultants, and arrange for such assistance as the Board may require for the performance of its duties.

Sec. 84. NRS 628.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

628.130 The Board shall:

1. Have a seal of which judicial notice must be taken.

2. Keep records of its proceedings. In any proceedings in court, civil or criminal, arising out of or founded upon any provision of this chapter, copies of those records certified as correct under the seal of the Board are admissible in evidence as tending to prove the contents of the records.

3. [Maintain a website on the Internet or its successor and post] Post on [its] the Internet website [:] maintained by the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry pursuant to section 15 of this act:

(a) The names arranged alphabetically by classifications of all accountants and business entities holding certificates, registrations or permits under this chapter.

(b) The names of the members of the Board.

(c) Such other matter as may be deemed proper by the Board.

Sec. 85. NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

629.031 Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute:

1. "Provider of health care" means:

(a) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 [, 630A] or 633 of NRS;

(b) A physician assistant;



- (c) An anesthesiologist assistant;
- (d) A dentist;
- (e) A dental therapist;
- (f) A dental hygienist;
- (g) A licensed nurse;

(h) A person who holds a license as an attendant or who is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS or authorized to practice as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic in this State under the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact ratified by NRS 450B.145;

- (i) A dispensing optician;
- (j) An optometrist;
- (k) A speech-language pathologist;
- (l) An audiologist;
- (m) A practitioner of respiratory care;
- (n) A licensed physical therapist;
- (o) An occupational therapist;
- (p) A podiatric physician;
- (q) A licensed psychologist;
- (r) A licensed marriage and family therapist;
- (s) A licensed clinical professional counselor;





(t) [A music therapist;

(u)] A chiropractic physician;

[(v)] (u) An athletic trainer;

[(w)] (v) A perfusionist;

[(x)] (w) A doctor of Oriental medicine in any form;

[(y)] (x) A medical laboratory director or technician;

[(z)] (y) A pharmacist;

[(aa)] (z) A licensed dietitian;

[(bb)] (*aa*) An associate in social work, a social worker, a master social worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;

[(cc)] (*bb*) An alcohol and drug counselor or a problem gambling counselor who is certified pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

[(dd)] (cc) An alcohol and drug counselor or a clinical alcohol and drug counselor who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

[(ee)] (*dd*) A behavior analyst, assistant behavior analyst or registered behavior technician;

[(ff)] (ee) A naprapath; or

[(gg)] (ff) A medical facility as the employer of any person specified in this subsection.

2. For the purposes of NRS 629.400 to 629.490, inclusive, the term includes a person who holds a current license or certificate to practice his or her respective discipline pursuant to the applicable provisions of law of another state or territory of the United States.



Sec. 86. Chapter 630 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Medical Board, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint:

(a) Four members who are licensed as physicians pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Four members who are licensed as osteopathic physicians pursuant to chapter 633 of

NRS.

(c) One member who is licensed as a physician assistant pursuant to this chapter or chapter633 of NRS.

(d) One member who is licensed as a practitioner of respiratory care pursuant to this chapter.

(e) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who:

(1) Does not hold a license issued by the Board;

(2) Is not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person who holds a license issued by the Board; and

(3) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the professions and occupations regulated by the Board, except as a patient or potential patient.

Sec. 87. Chapter 631 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The Board may, by regulation, defer the expiration of a license issued pursuant this chapter of a person who is on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States upon





such terms and conditions as it may prescribe. The Board may similarly defer the expiration of a license of the spouse or dependent child of that person if the spouse or child is residing with the person.

Sec. 88. NRS 632.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.060 1. Each year at a meeting of the Board, to be held in accordance with NRS 632.070, the Board shall elect from its members a President, a Vice President and a Secretary.

2. The [Board] Director of the Department of Business and Industry may appoint an Executive Director of the Board who need not be a member of the Board. [The Executive Director appointed by the Board must be a professional nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Nevada.] The Executive Director [shall] :

(a) Is in the unclassified service of the State and serves at the pleasure of the Director.

(b) Shall perform such duties as [the Board may direct and] are directed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry, as advised by the Board.

3. The Executive Director is entitled to receive compensation as set by the [Board.] Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards. The Executive Director is entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the [Board,] Deputy Director while engaged in the business of the Board. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 89. Chapter 634 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:





1. The Nevada Board of Healing and Rehabilitative Practice, consisting of 13 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Board:

(a) One member who is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to chapter 640B of NRS and who has engaged in the practice of athletic training or taught or conducted research concerning the practice of athletic training for the 5 years immediately preceding his or her appointment.

(b) Three members who are licensed as physical therapists pursuant to chapter 640 of NRS.

(c) Three members who are licensed as massage therapists pursuant to chapter 640C of NRS, one of whom must be a resident of Clark County, one of whom must be a resident of Washoe County and one of whom must be a resident of a county other than Clark County or Washoe County.

(d) Two members who are licensed as occupational therapists pursuant to chapter 640A of NRS.

(e) Two members who are licensed as chiropractic physicians pursuant to this chapter.

(f) One member who is licensed pursuant to chapter 634A of NRS and engaged in the practice of Oriental medicine in this State.

(g) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who:

(1) Does not hold a license issued by the Board;

(2) Is not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person who holds a license issued by the Board; or



(3) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the professions and occupations regulated by the Board, except as a patient or potential patient.

Sec. 90. NRS 634B.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

634B.100 1. The Naprapathic Practice Advisory [Board] Subcommittee of the Board is hereby created.

2. The [Governor] Board shall appoint to the Advisory [Board:] Subcommittee:

(a) Three members who are licensed as naprapaths in this State or any other state; and

- (b) Two members who are representatives of the public.
- 3. Each member of the Advisory [Board:] Subcommittee:
- (a) Must be a resident of this State; and
- (b) May not serve more than two consecutive terms.

4. After the initial terms, the members of the Advisory [Board] *Subcommittee* must be appointed to terms of 4 years. A member:

- (a) Serves until a replacement is appointed; and
- (b) May not serve more than two full terms.

5. A vacancy on the Advisory [Board] *Subcommittee* must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. The [Governor] *Board* may remove a member of the Advisory [Board] *Subcommittee* for incompetence, neglect of duty, moral turpitude or malfeasance in office.

7. The members of the Advisory [Board] Subcommittee are not entitled to receive a salary. While engaged in the business of the Advisory [Board,] Subcommittee, each member of the



Advisory [Board] *Subcommittee* is entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the [State] Board . [of Health.] The rate must not exceed the rate provided for officers and employees of this State generally.

Sec. 91. Chapter 635 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Board of Vision, Speech and Mobility Professions, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Board:

(a) Two members who are licensed as speech-language pathologists pursuant to chapter637B of NRS;

(b) Two members who are licensed as podiatric physicians pursuant to this chapter.

(c) One member who is licensed as an audiologist pursuant to chapter 637B of NRS.

(d) Two members who are licensed to practice optometry pursuant to chapter 636 of NRS.

(e) Two members who are licensed as dispensing opticians pursuant to chapter 637 of NRS.

(f) One member who is licensed as a hearing aid specialist pursuant to chapter 637B of NRS.

(g) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who:

(1) Does not hold a license issued by the Board;

(2) Is not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, a person who holds a license issued by the Board; and

(3) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the professions and occupations regulated by the Board, except as a patient or potential patient.



Sec. 92. NRS 639.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.050 1. The Board shall hold a meeting at least once in every 6 months.

2. Four members of the Board constitute a quorum.

3. Meetings of the Board which are held to prepare, grade or administer examinations are closed to the public.

4. Each member of the Board is entitled to receive:

(a) A salary of not more than \$150 per day, as fixed by the [Board,] Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department while engaged in the business of the Board; and

(b) A per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the [Board,] Deputy Director of the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry and approved by the Director of the Department while engaged in the business of the Board. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. While engaged in the business of the Board, each employee of the Board is entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 93. Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:





1. The Nevada Behavioral Wellness Alliance Board, consisting of 13 members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint to the Board:

(a) One member who is licensed as a behavioral analyst or assistant behavior analyst pursuant to chapter 641D of NRS.

(b) Two members who are licensed as marriage and family therapists pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

(c) One member who is licensed as a clinical professional counselor pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

(d) Two members who are licensed as social workers pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

(e) One member who is licensed as a psychologist pursuant to this chapter.

(f) One member who is licensed as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor or alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS.

(g) One member who is certified as a problem gambling counselor pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS.

(h) One member who holds any license or certificate issued by the Board.

(i) One member who represents an academic or training institution that provides training necessary for a person to become licensed by the Board.

(j) One member who represents persons who are indigent, uninsured or unable to afford health care.

(k) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who:



(1) Does not hold a license issued by the Board;

(2) Is not the spouse or the parent or child, by blood, marriage or adoption, of a person who holds a license issued by the Board; and

(3) Does not have a pecuniary interest in any matter pertaining to the professions and occupations regulated by the Board, except as a patient of potential patient.

Sec. 94. NRS 643.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

643.020 1. The State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board, consisting of four members, is hereby created.

2. The Board consists of the Chief Medical Officer, or a member of his or her staff designated by the Chief Medical Officer, and three members who are licensed barbers appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years. Of the barbers, one barber must be from Clark County, one barber must be from Washoe County and one barber must be from any county in the State. Each of the barbers must have been a resident of this State and a practicing licensed barber for at least 5 years immediately before his or her appointment. An appointed member of the Board shall not serve more than [three] *two* terms.

3. The Governor may remove a member of the Board for cause.

Sec. 95. NRS 652.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

652.170 1. The Board shall appoint the members of the Medical Laboratory Advisory [Committee.] Subcommittee of the Board.

2. After the initial terms, members shall serve for 3-year terms.





3. A member may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. Service of 2 or more years in filling an unexpired term constitutes a term.

4. The [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee is composed of:

(a) Two pathologists, certified in clinical pathology by the American Board of Pathology.

(b) Two medical technologists.

(c) One bioanalyst who is a laboratory director.

(d) One qualified biochemist from the Nevada System of Higher Education.

(e) One licensed physician actively engaged in the practice of clinical medicine in this State.

5. No member of the [Advisory Committee] *Subcommittee* may have any financial or business arrangement with any other member which pertains to the business of laboratory analysis.

6. The Chief Medical Officer or a designated representative of the Chief Medical Officer is an ex officio member of the [Advisory Committee.] *Subcommittee*.

7. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the [Advisory Committee,] Subcommittee, the [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee shall submit a letter to the Board with a recommendation to fill the existing vacancy. The [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee shall, at least once per year, determine whether any vacancy in the membership of the [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee exists.

8. The [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee shall meet at least once every year.

9. Each member of the [Advisory Committee] Subcommittee is entitled to receive:

(a) A salary of not more than \$60, as fixed by the Board, for each day's attendance at a meeting of the [Committee;] *Subcommittee;* and



(b) A per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board, while engaged in the business of the [Committee.] *Subcommittee*. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

10. While engaged in the business of the [Committee,] *Subcommittee*, each employee of the [Committee] *Subcommittee* is entitled to receive a per diem allowance and travel expenses at a rate fixed by the Board. The rate must not exceed the rate provided for state officers and employees generally.

Sec. 96. NRS 653.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

653.450 1. The Radiation Therapy and Radiologic Imaging Advisory [Committee] Subcommittee of the Board is hereby created.

2. The [Committee] Subcommittee consists of seven members, all of whom are voting members, appointed by the [Governor.] Board. The [Governor] Board shall ensure that the members of the [Committee] Subcommittee represent the geographic diversity of this State. The [Governor] Board shall appoint to the [Committee:] Subcommittee:

(a) One member who holds a license and is certified by the American Registry of RadiologicTechnologists, or its successor organization, to practice in the area of radiography.

(b) One member who holds a license and is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, to practice in the area of nuclear medicine technology.

(c) One member who holds a license and is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, to practice in the area of radiation therapy.

(d) One member who holds a limited license.





(e) One member who is a physician specializing in radiology.

(f) One member who is a physician specializing in an area other than radiology, or a dentist, chiropractic physician or podiatrist.

(g) One member who is certified to provide clinical professional services in a field of medical physics.

3. After the initial terms, the members of the [Committee] Subcommittee serve terms of 3 years. A vacancy on the [Committee] Subcommittee must be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

4. Members of the [Committee] Subcommittee serve without compensation, except that each member of the [Committee] Subcommittee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. The [Committee] Subcommittee shall annually select a Chair from among the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 2, and a Vice Chair from among its members.

6. The [Committee] Subcommittee shall meet at least once each year and such other times as requested by the Administrator of the Division. The [Committee] Subcommittee may meet by telephone, videoconference or other electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS. The Administrator shall prescribe the agenda for each meeting. The [Committee] Subcommittee may submit items to the Administrator to consider for inclusion on the agenda for a meeting.

7. The [Committee] Subcommittee shall:





(a) Recommend to the Board a national professional organization against which the scope of practice will be measured pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 653.460; and

(b) Make such other recommendations to the Board, the Division and the Legislature concerning radiation therapy and radiologic imaging as it deems proper.

Sec. 97. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2026.



