

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring. (BDR 34-116)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

AN ACT relating to education; creating the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring; providing for the membership, powers and duties of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill generally creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring for the purpose of supporting and facilitating existing mentorship programs in this State to aid in addressing issues relating to education, health, criminal justice and employment with respect to socioeconomically disadvantaged children residing in this State. **Section 3** of this bill creates the Commission and prescribes the membership of the Commission. **Sections 4 and 5** of this bill set forth the duties and powers of the Commission. **Section 4** requires the Commission to meet quarterly and authorizes the Commission, for the purpose of carrying out its duties, to: (1) appoint committees from its members; (2) engage the services of volunteers and consultants without compensation; (3) enter into public-private partnerships; and (4) apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions and other money from any source. **Section 4** further requires the Commission to appoint a Mentorship Advisory Council to advise the Commission on matters of importance



relating to mentoring and mentorship programs in this State. **Section 5** of this bill requires the Commission, for the purposes of carrying out its duties, to: (1) establish model guidelines and parameters for existing mentorship programs; (2) develop a model financial plan providing for the sustainability and financial stability of existing programs; and (3) develop model protocols for the management of mentors, mentees and matches under existing programs.

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

Section 1. Chapter 385 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, “Commission” means the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring created by section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring is hereby created. The Commission consists of the following 13 members:*

(a) One member appointed by the Governor 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 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 who is the superintendent of a school district in a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

(e) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.

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

(g) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(h) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(i) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

(j) Four members appointed to the Commission pursuant to subsection 2.

2. The members of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (i), inclusive, of subsection 1 shall, at the first meeting of the Commission, appoint to the Commission four additional voting members, two of whom must be members of the state advisory group appointed by the Governor pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 5633 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 and two of whom must be members who are representatives of business and industry with a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in this State.



3. *After the initial terms, each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 serves a term of 4 years. A member of the Commission may be reappointed.*

4. *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. *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.

Sec. 4. 1. *At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Commission shall elect from its members a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary, and shall adopt the rules and procedures of the Commission.*

2. *The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of its members.*

3. *A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a quorum may exercise any power or authority conferred on the Commission.*

4. *The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Commission prescribed by section 5 of this act:*

(a) Appoint committees from its members.



(b) Engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants without compensation.

(c) Enter into a public-private partnership with any business, for-profit organization or nonprofit organization.

(d) Apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or other money from any source.

5. The Commission shall appoint a Mentorship Advisory Council consisting of five members who represent organizations which provide mentorship programs in this State. The members of the Council serve at the pleasure of the Commission. If a member of the Council is removed or if the position of a member otherwise becomes vacant, the Commission shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. The Council may advise the Commission on matters of importance relating to mentoring and mentorship programs in this State.

6. The Commission shall, on or before February 1 of each year, prepare and submit a report outlining the activities and recommendations of the Commission to:

(a) The Governor; and

(b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature or to the Legislative Commission if the Legislature is not in regular session.

Sec. 5. 1. The Commission shall, within the scope of its duties, support and facilitate mentorship programs that exist in this State for the purpose of addressing issues relating to education, health, criminal justice and employment with respect to socioeconomically disadvantaged children who reside in this State. The Commission shall:



(a) Establish model guidelines and parameters for existing mentorship programs, including, without limitation:

(1) The development of a model management plan setting forth guidelines for the operation of mentorship programs and strategic goals and benchmarks to measure the success of a mentorship program.

(2) The process for identifying socioeconomically disadvantaged children in need of mentorship and geographic areas of need within this State.

(b) Develop a model financial plan that provides for the sustainability and financial stability of a mentorship program, including, without limitation:

(1) The development of a resource plan to provide for diversified fundraising.

(2) The identification of potential strategic public and private partners to assist in the implementation and continuation of mentorship programs.

(3) The development of public relations and marketing campaigns for the purpose of increasing public awareness with respect to existing mentorship programs.

(c) Develop model protocols for the recruitment, screening, training, matching, monitoring and support of mentors.

(d) Develop model protocols for the effective management of mentors, mentees and matches under mentorship programs, including, without limitation, protocols for the introduction of a mentor to a mentee and closure of the relationship between a mentor and a mentee.

2. As used in this section:



(a) "Child" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 62A.030.

(b) "Socioeconomically disadvantaged child" means a child who, as the result of the child's cultural, social or economic circumstances, is disproportionately at risk of:

(1) Being deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the economy;

(2) Failing to make adequate yearly progress in a public school; or

(3) Entering the juvenile justice system of this State.

Sec. 6. 1. The members of the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring created by section 3 of this act appointed to initial terms in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (i), inclusive, of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act must be appointed on or before October 1, 2015.

2. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the Commission, which must take place on or before December 31, 2015.

3. At the first meeting of the Commission, and after the appointment of four voting members to the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of section 3 of this act, the 13 members appointed to initial terms pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of section 3 of this act shall choose their term of office by lot, in the following manner:

(a) Five members for terms of 2 years;

(b) Four members for terms of 3 years; and

(c) Four members for a term of 4 years.

Sec. 7. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.



Sec. 8. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

