

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 355—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

(ON BEHALF OF NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

MARCH 2, 1999

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing legislative measures which require local governments to establish, provide or increase programs or services. (BDR 17-518)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to local governments; requiring a legislative measure to include on its face a disclosure concerning unfunded mandates under certain circumstances; placing a monetary limitation on the programs and services for which a specified source for additional revenue must be authorized; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section to read as follows:
3 *If any provision contained in a legislative measure will have the effect*
4 *of requiring one or more local governments to establish, provide or*
5 *increase a program or service which is estimated to cost in excess of*
6 *\$2,000 per local government and a specified source for the additional*
7 *revenue to pay the expense is not authorized by a specific statute, the face*
8 *of the measure must indicate that the measure contains an unfunded*
9 *mandate.*
10 **Sec. 2.** NRS 354.599 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 354.599 1. If the legislature directs one or more local governments
12 to ~~[establish]~~ :
13 **(a) Establish** a program or provide a service ~~[, or to increase]~~ ; **or**

1 **(b) Increase** a program or service already established which requires
2 additional funding,
3 **and the expense required to be paid by each local government to**
4 **establish, provide or increase the program or service is \$2,000 or more,** a
5 specified source for the additional revenue to pay the expense must be
6 authorized by a specific statute. The additional revenue may only be used
7 to pay expenses directly related to the program or service. If a local
8 government has money from any other source available to pay such
9 expenses, that money must be applied to the expenses before any money
10 from the revenue source specified by statute.

11 2. In any year in which the legislature by law increases or decreases
12 the revenues of a local government, and that increase or decrease was not
13 included or anticipated in the local government's final budget as adopted
14 pursuant to NRS 354.598, the governing body of any such local
15 government may, before August 15 of the budget year, file an amended
16 budget with the department of taxation increasing or decreasing its
17 anticipated revenues and expenditures from that contained in its final
18 budget to the extent of the actual increase or decrease of revenues resulting
19 from the legislative action.

20 3. In any year in which the legislature enacts a law requiring an
21 increase or decrease in expenditures of a local government, which was not
22 anticipated or included in its final budget as adopted pursuant to NRS
23 354.598, the governing body of any such local government may, before
24 August 15 of the budget year, file an amended budget with the department
25 of taxation providing for an increase or decrease in expenditures from that
26 contained in its final budget to the extent of the actual amount made
27 necessary by the legislative action.

28 4. The amended budget, as approved by the department of taxation, is
29 the budget of the local government for the current fiscal year.

30 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.