ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 653-COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to peace officers employed by state. (BDR 23-1700)

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 peace officers; requiring a peace officer to reimburse his state employer for the cost of training at a law enforcement training academy under certain circumstances; authorizing a state employer of a peace officer to recover the cost of training from the paycheck of an employee under certain circumstances; requiring the personnel commission of the department of personnel to adopt certain regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- Section 1. Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
- 2 a new section to read as follows:
- 3 1. A state employee who:
- (a) Attends training at a law enforcement training academy at the
- 5 expense of his state employer; and
- 6 (b) Resigns from state employment within 2 years after graduating from the academy,
- 8 shall reimburse his employer for the cost of the training.
- 9 2. An employer who is entitled to reimbursement pursuant to
- subsection 1 may deduct the cost of the training from the unencumbered
- 11 portion of the final paychecks of the employee. If the unencumbered
- 12 amount of the final paychecks of the employee is insufficient to
- 13 reimburse the employer in full, the employer may obtain a writ of
- 14 attachment or garnishment against the property or wages of the
- 15 employee pursuant to NRS 31.010 to 31.460, inclusive, to the extent
- 16 necessary to reimburse the employer in full for the cost of the training.

- The personnel commission of the department of personnel, in cooperation with the director of the budget division of the department of administration, shall adopt regulations which:
- (a) Define "law enforcement training academy" for the purposes of this section. The definition must include, without limitation:
- (1) An academy which provides training required for certification as a peace officer pursuant to the standards established by the peace officers' standards and training committee; and
- (2) An academy which provides training required for appointment as an officer of the Nevada highway patrol; and

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- (b) Determine the direct cost to a state agency of the training at each 11 such academy and set forth the amount of reimbursement required in 13 each circumstance pursuant to this section.
 - Sec. 2. 1. The personnel commission of the department of personnel shall adopt the regulations required pursuant to section 1 of this act on or before November 1, 1999.
- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of this act, the required reimbursement does not apply to a state employee who begins training at a 18 law enforcement training academy before January 1, 2000.
- **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. 20