SENATE BILL NO. 223–COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 19, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing committee on benefits. (BDR 23-20)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to the committee on benefits; increasing the number of members of the committee; revising the method of appointing members of the committee; providing that public employees do not lose accrued leave for the time spent away from their employment while serving as members of the committee; 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. NRS 287.041 is hereby amended to read as follows:

287.041 ***1.*** There is hereby created the committee on benefits to be composed of **[**~~five members as follows:~~

~~1. Two members must be selected by the board of directors of the State of Nevada Employees Association.~~

~~2. One member must be the director of the department of administration.~~

~~3. Two members, one of whom must be an employee retired from state service, must be appointed by the governor.~~**]** ***:***

(a) Four members who are participants in this state's program of group insurance; and

(b) Three members who are not participants in this state's program of group insurance and who have experience in the management of employee benefits or a program of group insurance, or both.

2. The members who are participants in this state's program of group insurance must be appointed as follows:

(a) Two members by the governor;

(b) One member by the majority leader of the senate; and

(c) One member by the speaker of the assembly.

3. The members who are not participants in this state's program of group insurance must be appointed as follows:

(a) One member by the governor;

(b) One member by the majority leader of the senate; and

(c) One member by the speaker of the assembly.

4. The director of the department of administration is an ex officio nonvoting member of the committee. The director may designate a representative to serve in his place on the committee or to attend a meeting of the committee in his place.

5. After the initial terms, the term of each appointed member of the committee is 3 years.

6. A vacancy in the appointed membership of the committee must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Sec. 2. NRS 287.042 is hereby amended to read as follows:

287.042 1. A majority of the members of the committee on benefits constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. No member who is a public employee may receive any compensation for his services as a member of the committee. Any member who is **[**~~employed in the service of the state~~**]** ***a public employee*** must be granted leave from his duties to engage in the business of the committee without loss of his regular compensation. Such leave does not reduce the amount of the member's **[**~~annual~~**]** ***other accrued*** leave.

3. A member of the committee who is not a public employee is entitled to receive $80 per day for his attendance at meetings of the committee.

Sec. 3. 1. The terms of the persons who are members of the committee on benefits on September 30, 1999, expire on that date.

2. As soon as is practicable on or before October 1, 1999, the governor shall appoint as members of the committee on benefits:

(a) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2000.

(b) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2001.

(c) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2002.

3. As soon as is practicable on or before October 1, 1999, the majority leader of the senate shall appoint as members of the committee on benefits:

(a) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2000.

(b) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2002.

4. As soon as is practicable on or before October 1, 1999, the speaker of the assembly shall appoint as members of the committee on benefits:

(a) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2000.

(b) One person to an initial term that begins on October 1, 1999, and expires on September 30, 2001.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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