SENATE BILL NO. 230-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS)

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes department of prisons to suspend without pay peace officers or certain other employees under certain circumstances. (BDR 23-457)

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 state employment; authorizing the department of prisons to suspend without pay peace officers and certain other employees under certain circumstances; 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 284 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 284.385, the department of prisons may suspend without pay a peace officer or an employee who has access to records or reports that are confidential if:
 - (a) The peace officer or employee is arrested for a felony;
- 7 (b) The department of prisons reasonably believes the suspension 8 without pay:
 - (1) Is in the best interest of the public; or
- (2) Will ensure the safety and security of a facility or institution;
- (c) The suspension begins within a reasonable time after the arrest.
- 2. A suspension without pay does not become effective until the
- 14 peace officer or employee is notified in writing of the suspension and the
- 15 reason for the suspension.

- 3. For the purposes of this section:
 (a) "Facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.065.
 (b) "Institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 209.071.