

SENATE BILL NO. 399—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Establishes legislative committee on correctional institutions. (BDR 17-1662)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 state legislature; establishing a legislative committee on correctional institutions and providing its duties; 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 the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, “committee”*
4 *means the legislative committee on correctional institutions.*
- 5 **Sec. 3. 1.** *There is hereby established a legislative committee on*
6 *correctional institutions consisting of six legislative members and five ex*
7 *officio, nonvoting members. The membership of the committee consists*
8 *of:*
- 9 (a) *Three members of the senate standing committee on finance,*
10 *appointed by the majority leader of the senate;*
- 11 (b) *Three members of the assembly standing committee on ways and*
12 *means, appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and*
- 13 (c) *The following ex officio, nonvoting members:*
- 14 (1) *The director of the department of prisons or a person designated*
15 *by him;*
- 16 (2) *The medical director of the department of prisons or a person*
17 *designated by him;*

1 (3) *The director of the department of administration or a person*
2 *designated by him;*

3 (4) *The state forester firewarden, or a person designated by him*
4 *who has responsibility within the division of forestry of the state*
5 *department of conservation and natural resources for the program of*
6 *conservation camps established pursuant to chapter 209 of NRS; and*

7 (5) *The assistant director for industrial programs within the*
8 *department of prisons or a person designated by him.*

9 2. *The legislative members of the committee shall select a chairman*
10 *from one house of the legislature and a vice chairman from the other.*
11 *After the initial selection of a chairman and a vice chairman, each such*
12 *officer shall hold office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of*
13 *each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or*
14 *vice chairmanship, the legislative members of the committee shall select*
15 *a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

16 3. *Any legislative member of the committee who is not a candidate*
17 *for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve until*
18 *the convening of the next regular session of the legislature.*

19 4. *Vacancies on the committee must be filled in the same manner as*
20 *original appointments.*

21 **Sec. 4.** 1. *The members of the committee shall meet throughout*
22 *each year at the times and places specified by a call of the chairman or a*
23 *majority of the legislative members of the committee. The director of the*
24 *legislative counsel bureau or a person he has designated shall act as the*
25 *nonvoting recording secretary of the committee. Four legislative*
26 *members of the committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may*
27 *exercise all the power and authority conferred on the committee.*

28 2. *Except during a regular or special session of the legislature, the*
29 *legislative members of the committee are entitled to receive the*
30 *compensation provided for a majority of the members of the legislature*
31 *during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session of the*
32 *legislature, the per diem allowance provided for state officers and*
33 *employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS*
34 *218.2207 for each day of attendance at a meeting of the committee and*
35 *while engaged in the business of the committee. Per diem allowances,*
36 *compensation and travel expenses of the legislative members of the*
37 *committee must be paid from the legislative fund.*

38 3. *The ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee are entitled to*
39 *receive the subsistence allowances and travel expenses provided by law*
40 *for their respective positions for each day of attendance at a meeting of*
41 *the committee and while engaged in the business of the committee, to be*
42 *paid by the respective agencies by which they are employed.*

- 1 **Sec. 5. *The committee:***
- 2 ***1. May review and comment on any program of the correctional***
- 3 ***institutions and conservation camps in this state;***
- 4 ***2. Shall view the operations of the institutions and facilities of the***
- 5 ***department of prisons and such other correctional institutions and***
- 6 ***conservation camps as the committee deems necessary;***
- 7 ***3. May hold hearings in connection with its review;***
- 8 ***4. May direct the legislative counsel bureau to assist in its research,***
- 9 ***review and comment;***
- 10 ***5. May recommend to the legislature as a result of its review any***
- 11 ***appropriate state legislation; and***
- 12 ***6. May apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or***
- 13 ***donations to aid the committee in carrying out its duties.***
- 14 **Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.**

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