

SENATE BILL NO. 419—SENATORS JAMES, PORTER AND TITUS

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN BACHE, CEGAVSKE AND PERKINS

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning economic development. (BDR 18-23)

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 economic development; authorizing in skeleton form for certain businesses to apply to the commission on economic development for approval of a program to train employees of that business; requiring the director of the department of employment, training and rehabilitation to grant money to programs approved by the commission 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:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.
3 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act, unless the*
4 *context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to*
5 *7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those*
6 *sections.*
7 **Sec. 3.** *“Commission” means the commission on economic*
8 *development.*
9 **Sec. 4.** *“Community college” means a community college of the*
10 *University and Community College System of Nevada.*
11 **Sec. 5.** *“Department” means the department of employment,*
12 *training and rehabilitation.*
13 **Sec. 6.** *“Director” means the director of the department.*

1 **Sec. 7. "Program" means a course of training conducted by a**
2 **community college for employees of a business.**

3 **Sec. 8. 1. A person who operates a business or will operate a**
4 **business in this state may apply to the commission for approval of a**
5 **program. The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the**
6 **commission.**

7 **2. Each application must include:**

8 **(a) The name, address and telephone number of the business;**

9 **(b) The number and types of jobs for the business that are available or**
10 **will be available upon completion of the program;**

11 **(c) The qualifications required for employees for those jobs;**

12 **(d) A statement of the objectives of the proposed program;**

13 **(e) The estimated cost for each person enrolled in the program; and**

14 **(f) A statement signed by the applicant certifying that, if the program**
15 **set forth in the application is approved and money is granted by the**
16 **director to a community college for the program, each employee who**
17 **completes the program:**

18 **(1) Will be employed in a full-time and permanent position in the**
19 **business; and**

20 **(2) While employed in that position, will be paid not less than 80**
21 **percent of the average industrial hourly wage in this state as established**
22 **by the employment security division of the department on July 1 of each**
23 **fiscal year.**

24 **3. Upon request, the commission may assist an applicant in**
25 **completing an application pursuant to the provisions of this section.**

26 **4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the commission**
27 **shall approve or deny each application within 30 days after it is filed with**
28 **the commission. When considering an application, the commission shall**
29 **give priority to a business that:**

30 **(a) Provides high-skill and high-wage jobs to residents of this state;**
31 **and**

32 **(b) To the greatest extent practicable, uses materials for the business**
33 **that are produced or bought in this state.**

34 **5. Before approving an application, the commission shall establish**
35 **the amount of matching money that the applicant must provide for the**
36 **program. The amount established by the commission for that applicant**
37 **must not be less than 25 percent of the amount the commission approves**
38 **for the program.**

39 **6. If the commission approves an application, it shall:**

40 **(a) Notify the applicant, in writing, within 10 days after the**
41 **application is approved; and**

1 **(b) Submit the application to the director and include any documents**
2 **or other information the director may require to award a grant for the**
3 **program approved by the commission.**

4 **7. If the commission denies an application, it shall, within 10 days**
5 **after the application is denied, notify the applicant in writing. The notice**
6 **must include the reason for denying the application.**

7 **Sec. 9. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, upon**
8 **receipt of an approved application and any documents or other**
9 **information submitted by the commission pursuant to section 8 of this**
10 **act, the director shall grant to a community college the amount approved**
11 **by the commission for the program.**

12 **2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the director shall**
13 **not grant more than \$500,000 per fiscal year pursuant to subsection 1. If**
14 **the director receives an approved application and any documents or**
15 **other information specified in subsection 1, and the award of the grant**
16 **will require the director to exceed that amount for that fiscal year, the**
17 **director shall:**

18 **(a) Notify the commission of that fact; and**

19 **(b) Request the commission to submit to the director a statement**
20 **setting forth the reason why he should grant the amount approved by the**
21 **commission for the program.**

22 **3. The commission shall provide to the director the statement**
23 **requested pursuant to subsection 2 not later than 30 days after**
24 **commission receives the request. Upon receipt of the statement from the**
25 **commission, the director shall decide whether to grant the amount**
26 **approved by the commission for the program. If the director decides not**
27 **to grant the amount approved by the commission for the program, he**
28 **shall send written notice of his decision to the applicant and commission.**

29 **Sec. 10. 1. The director may apply for or accept any gifts, grants,**
30 **donations or contributions from any source to carry out the provisions of**
31 **sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.**

32 **2. Any money the director receives pursuant to subsection 1 must be**
33 **deposited in the state treasury pursuant to section 11 of this act.**

34 **Sec. 11. 1. Any money the director receives pursuant to section 10**
35 **of this act or that is appropriated to carry out the provisions of sections 2**
36 **to 12, inclusive, of this act:**

37 **(a) Must be deposited in the state treasury and accounted for**
38 **separately in the state general fund;**

39 **(b) May only be used to carry out those provisions; and**

40 **(c) Does not revert to the state general fund at the end of any fiscal**
41 **year.**

42 **2. The director shall administer the account. Any interest or income**
43 **earned on the money in the account must be credited to the account. Any**

1 *claims against the account must be paid as other claims against the state*
2 *are paid.*

3 **Sec. 12. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
4 *director may adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the*
5 *provisions of sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.*

6 **2.** *The commission may adopt such regulations as are necessary to*
7 *carry out the provisions of sections 8 and 9 of this act.*

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