

Senate Bill No. 419—Senators James, Porter and Titus

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Bache, Cegavske and Perkins

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to economic development; authorizing 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:

Section 1. Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 3. *“Commission” means the commission on economic development.*

Sec. 4. *“Community college” means a community college of the University and Community College System of Nevada.*

Sec. 5. *“Department” means the department of employment, training and rehabilitation.*

Sec. 6. *“Director” means the director of the department.*

Sec. 7. *“Program” means a course of training administered by a community college for employees of a business.*

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

2. *Each application must include:*

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the business;*
- (b) The number and types of jobs for the business that are available or will be available upon completion of the program;*
- (c) A statement of the objectives of the proposed program;*
- (d) The estimated cost for each person enrolled in the program; and*
- (e) A statement signed by the applicant certifying that, if the program set forth in the application is approved and money is granted by the director to a community college for the program, each employee who completes the program:*

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

(2) While employed in that position, will be paid not less than 80 percent of the lesser of the average industrial hourly wage in:

(I) This state; or

(II) The county in which the business is located, as determined by the employment security division of the department on July 1 of each fiscal year.

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

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the commission shall approve or deny each application at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. When considering an application, the commission shall give priority to a business that:

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

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

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

6. If the commission approves an application, it shall notify the applicant, in writing, within 10 days after the application is approved.

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

Sec. 9. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the director may grant an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per fiscal year to the commission to pay for programs that the commission approves pursuant to section 8 of this act.

2. If the commission expends the amount granted pursuant to subsection 1 before the end of the fiscal year, the commission may request that the director grant additional money to pay for programs that the commission approves pursuant to section 8 of this act.

3. Upon receipt of a request for additional money pursuant to subsection 2, the director shall decide whether to grant the additional money and shall send written notice of his decision to the commission in a timely manner.

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

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

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

- (a) Must be deposited in the state treasury and accounted for separately in the state general fund;*
- (b) May only be used to carry out those provisions; and*
- (c) Does not revert to the state general fund at the end of any fiscal year.*

2. The director shall administer the account. Any interest or income earned on the money in the account must be credited to the account. Any claims against the account must be paid as other claims against the state are paid.

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

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

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