

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 350—ASSEMBLYWOMEN BENITEZ-THOMPSON
AND KIRKPATRICK

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the submission of reports to the Legislature. (BDR 17-794)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 governmental administration; imposing requirements on legislation which requires the submission of a report to the Legislature; requiring the Legislative Commission to review certain requirements to submit reports to determine the need to repeal, revise or continue those requirements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires that any provision of state legislation which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature must: (1) expire by limitation 5 years after the effective date of the provision; or (2) be accompanied by a statement justifying the continued need for the requirement. **Section 1** further requires the Legislative Commission to review the requirements in state legislation to submit such reports that are more than 4 years old to determine whether the requirements should be repealed, revised or continued.

Section 2 of this bill requires the Legislative Commission to: (1) review the requirements in state legislation for submitting a report to the Legislature that were enacted during the 2007, 2009 and 2011 Legislative Sessions to determine whether the requirements should be repealed, revised or continued; and (2) prepare a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the requirements and transmit the report to the Legislature.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 218D of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Any provision of state legislation enacted on or after July 1, 2013, which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature must:

(a) Expire by limitation 5 years after the effective date of the addition or revision of the requirement; or

(b) Contain a statement by the Legislature setting forth the justifications for continuing the requirement for more than 5 years. The statement must include, without limitation:

(1) If the requirement is being revised, the date the requirement was enacted;

(2) If the requirement concerns a report regarding the implementation or monitoring of a new program, an analysis of the continued usefulness of such a report after 5 years; and

(3) An identification and analysis of any costs or benefits associated with or expected to be associated with the report.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review the requirements in state legislation for submitting a report to the Legislature which have been in existence for 4 years or more to determine whether the requirements should be repealed, revised or continued. In making its determination pursuant to this subsection, the Legislative Commission shall:

(a) Identify and analyze any costs or benefits associated with the report;

(b) Consider the ability of the Legislature to obtain the information provided in the report from another source; and

(c) Consider any other criteria determined by the Legislative Commission to be appropriate.

3. The Legislative Commission may, based upon its review of the requirements pursuant to subsection 2, make recommendations to the Legislature regarding whether the requirements in state legislation for submitting those reports should be repealed, revised or continued.

Sec. 2. 1. The Legislative Commission shall review the requirements in state legislation for submitting a report to the Legislature that were enacted during the 2007, 2009 and 2011 Legislative Sessions to determine whether the requirements should be repealed, revised or continued. In making its determination, the Legislative Commission shall use the criteria set forth in subsection 2 of section 1 of this act.



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- 1 2. On or before January 15, 2015, based on its review of the
2 requirements pursuant to subsection 1, the Legislative Commission
3 shall:
4 (a) Prepare a written report of the:
5 (1) Findings regarding whether the costs of the reports
6 exceed the benefits of the reports; and
7 (2) Recommendations regarding whether the requirements in
8 state legislation for submitting those reports should be repealed,
9 revised or continued; and
10 (b) Transmit the report to the Legislature.
11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

