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AN ACT relating to governmental administration; enacting the State and Local Government Cooperation Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

This bill enacts the State and Local Government Cooperation Act.

Section 7 of this bill provides that the purpose of the Act is to encourage communication, cooperation and coordinated working relationships between state agencies and local governments. To carry out this purpose, **section 7** provides that state agencies and local governments should, to the extent practicable: (1) inform each other of certain plans or amendments thereto; (2) solicit and consider comments from each other; and (3) consider whether the state agency or local government, as applicable, can make the proposed plan or amendment consistent with certain other plans.

Sections 5-6 of this bill define “local government,” “plan” and “state agency” for the purposes of the Act.

Section 9 of this bill provides that nothing in the Act shall be interpreted to limit the power of a state agency or local government to carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 277 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. *Sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act may be cited as the State and Local Government Cooperation Act.*

Sec. 3. *As used in sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 5, 5.5 and 6 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. *“Local government” means any county or city.*

Sec. 5.5. *“Plan” means:*

1. In the case of a local government, a master plan adopted by the local government pursuant to NRS 278.160 or any part thereof.

2. In the case of a state agency, a plan adopted by the state agency that may affect a master plan, or any part thereof, adopted by the local government pursuant to NRS 278.160.



Sec. 6. *“State agency” means an agency, bureau, board, commission, department, division or any other unit of the Executive Department of State Government.*

Sec. 7. *1. It is the purpose of the State and Local Government Cooperation Act to encourage communication, cooperation and coordinated working relationships between state agencies and local governments.*

2. To carry out the purposes set forth in subsection 1:

(a) If a state agency intends to adopt a plan or an amendment thereto, the state agency should, to the extent practicable:

(1) Inform local governments that may be affected of the state agency’s intent to adopt a plan or amendment thereto.

(2) Solicit and consider comments from local governments that may be affected by the plan or amendment thereto.

(3) If a local government informs the state agency that the proposed plan or amendment thereto will be inconsistent or incompatible with a plan of the local government, consider whether the state agency can make the proposed plan or amendment consistent or compatible with the plan of the local government.

(b) If a local government intends to adopt a plan or an amendment thereto, the local government should, to the extent practicable:

(1) Inform state agencies that may be affected of the local government’s intent to adopt a plan or amendment thereto.

(2) Solicit and consider comments from state agencies that may be affected by the plan or amendment thereto.

(3) If a state agency informs the local government that the proposed plan or amendment thereto will be inconsistent or incompatible with a plan of the state agency, consider whether the local government can make the proposed plan or amendment consistent or compatible with the plan of the state agency.

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. *Nothing in the State and Local Government Cooperation Act shall be interpreted to limit the power of a state agency or local government to carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities.*

