

SENATE BILL NO. 157—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts the State and Local Government Cooperation Act. (BDR 22-706)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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; enacting the State and Local Government Cooperation Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill enacts the State and Local Government Cooperation Act.

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

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

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

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

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

4 **Sec. 2.** *Sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act may be cited as*
5 *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.



1 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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

