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AN ACT relating to state financial administration; creating the Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance; providing for the membership, powers and duties of the Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

This bill generally creates the Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance for the purposes of advising and assisting state and local agencies with respect to obtaining and maximizing federal assistance that may be available from any agency or authority of the Federal Government. **Section 3** of this bill creates the Council and prescribes the membership of the Council. **Sections 4 and 5** of this bill set forth the duties and powers of the Council. **Section 4** requires the Council to meet at least once annually and authorizes the Council, for the purpose of carrying out its duties, to: (1) appoint committees from its members; (2) engage the services of volunteers and consultants without compensation; and (3) apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions and other money from any source. **Section 4** further requires the Council to submit annual reports to the Governor and the Legislature outlining the activities and recommendations of the Council. **Section 5** requires the Council, within the scope of its authority, to advise and assist state and local agencies with respect to obtaining and maximizing federal assistance. **Section 5** authorizes the Council to request certain information in accordance with its stated purpose and authorizes a state or local agency to cooperate with the Council for the purpose of obtaining and maximizing federal assistance that may be available to the agency. **Section 5** requires the Council to: (1) address methods and models for identifying, procuring, utilizing and maintaining federal assistance; and (2) develop legislative and executive recommendations.

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

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 353 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, “Council” means the Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance created by section 3 of this act.*

**Sec. 3.** *1. The Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance is hereby created. The Council consists of the following seven members:*

*(a) One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.*



*(b) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

*(c) One member appointed by the Governor who represents a nonprofit organization that provides grants in this State.*

*(d) One member appointed by the Governor who represents a local government.*

*(e) One member appointed by the Governor who represents private businesses.*

*(f) The Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration.*

*(g) The Administrator of the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of Administration.*

*2. The members described in:*

*(a) Paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 1 are voting members.*

*(b) Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection 1 are nonvoting members.*

*3. The Governor shall, to the extent practicable, collaborate to ensure that the persons appointed pursuant to paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection 1 are representative of the urban and rural areas of this State.*

*4. Each appointed member of the Council serves a term of 2 years.*

*5. An appointed member of the Council:*

*(a) May be reappointed.*

*(b) Shall not serve more than three terms.*

*6. Any vacancy occurring in the appointed membership of the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve as a member of the Council for the remainder of the original term of appointment.*

*7. Each member of the Council:*

*(a) Serves without compensation; and*

*(b) While engaged in the business of the Council, is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.*

*8. The Department of Administration shall provide the Council with administrative support.*

**Sec. 4.** *1. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Council shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, and shall adopt the rules and procedures of the Council.*



2. *The Council shall meet at least once each calendar year and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of its members.*

3. *A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a quorum may exercise any power or authority conferred on the Council.*

4. *The Council may:*

(a) *For the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Council:*

(1) *Appoint committees from its members.*

(2) *Engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants without compensation.*

(b) *For the purpose of carrying out the duties set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of section 5 of this act, apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or other money from any source.*

5. *The Council shall, on or before December 31 of each year, prepare and submit a report outlining the activities and recommendations of the Council to:*

(a) *The Governor; and*

(b) *The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:*

(1) *The Legislative Commission if the report is submitted in an odd-numbered year; or*

(2) *The next regular session of the Legislature if the report is submitted in an even-numbered year.*

**Sec. 5.** 1. *The Council shall, within the scope of its authority, advise and assist state and local agencies with respect to obtaining and maximizing federal assistance.*

2. *The Council may request information from state and local agencies for the purposes of evaluating and monitoring the success of such agencies in accordance with the stated purpose of the Council pursuant to subsection 1. A state or local agency may provide any information, collaborate with the Council or utilize any assistance offered by the Council for the purpose of obtaining and maximizing any federal assistance that may be available to the state or local agency.*

3. *The Council shall:*

(a) *Address methods and models for identifying, procuring, utilizing and maintaining federal assistance, including, without limitation:*

(1) *Streamlining process, regulatory, structural and other barriers to the acquisition of federal assistance that may exist at each level of federal, state or local government.*



*(2) Developing and expanding opportunities for obtaining matching funds for federal assistance.*

*(3) Ensuring sufficient personnel and technical expertise in state and local governments and nonprofit organizations.*

*(4) Developing and expanding opportunities to work with nonprofit organizations to achieve common goals.*

*(5) Standards for balancing the costs to a state or local agency of maximizing eligibility for federal assistance relative to the ability of the agency to utilize effectively such federal assistance.*

*(b) Develop legislative and executive recommendations on matters described in paragraph (a).*

*4. As used in this section, "federal assistance" means money, equipment, material or services that may be available to a state or local agency from any agency or authority of the Federal Government pursuant to a federal program.*

**Sec. 6.** 1. The members of the Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance created by section 3 of this act who are appointed to initial terms in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 1 of section 3 of this act must be appointed on or before October 1, 2015.

2. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the Council, which must take place on or before December 31, 2015.

**Sec. 7.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

**Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

