

Amendment No. 654

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 507	(BDR 17-1126)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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S.B. No. 507—Revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature.
(BDR 17-1126)



SENATE BILL NO. 507—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature.
(BDR 17-1126)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 the Legislature; providing for the establishment of Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature; specifying the powers and duties of the Joint Interim Standing Committees; repealing various statutory committees; assigning certain powers and duties of repealed statutory committees to the Joint Interim Standing Committees; making various other changes relating to interim legislative activity; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes various committees on which Legislators serve throughout the biennium. (Chapter 218E of NRS, NRS 176.0123, 209.4817, 439B.200, 459.0085, 482.367004) This bill would repeal several of those committees and establish Joint Interim Standing Committees that parallel standing committees established by the Legislature during its biennial regular sessions. **Section 6** of this bill establishes the Joint Interim Standing Committees and specifies their structure. **Section 7** of this bill provides for meetings of the Committees. **Section 8** of this bill authorizes the Committees to review matters within the jurisdiction of their corresponding standing committees and to conduct studies directed by the Legislature and the Legislative Commission, and requires the Committees to report to each session of the Legislature. **Section 9** of this bill makes the sections of existing law governing the supplemental powers of interim committees applicable to the Joint Interim Standing Committees. **Section 47** of this bill transfers the responsibilities of the Legislative Committee on Health Care to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. **Section 51** of this bill ~~transfers~~ **modifies** the ~~responsibilities~~ **composition** of the Commission on Special License Plates to include the members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Transportation ~~+~~, with the three nonvoting members remaining on the Commission. **Section 55** of this bill repeals the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, the Committee on Industrial Programs, the Legislative Commission's standing committee to consult with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, ~~the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee,~~ the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, ~~the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System,~~ the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs, the Legislative Committee on

25 Energy, the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Committee on High-Level
26 Radioactive Waste.

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

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

“Joint Interim Standing Committee” means a Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act.

Sec. 2. NRS 218A.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218A.003 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 218A.006 to 218A.090, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 218D.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.130 1. On July 1 preceding each regular session, and each week thereafter until the adjournment of the Legislature sine die, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare a list of all requests received by the Legislative Counsel for the drafting of legislative measures for the regular session.

2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make copies of the list available to the public for a reasonable sum fixed by the Director.

3. In preparing the list:

(a) The requests must be listed numerically by a unique serial number which must be assigned to the legislative measures by the Legislative Counsel for the purposes of identification in the order that the Legislative Counsel received the requests.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the list must only contain the name of each requester, the date and a brief summary of the request.

(c) If a standing or special committee of the Legislature, *including a Joint Interim Standing Committee*, requests a legislative measure on behalf of a Legislator or organization, the list must include:

(1) The name of the ~~standing or special~~ committee; and

(2) The name of the Legislator or organization on whose behalf the legislative measure was originally requested.

4. Upon the request of a Legislator who has requested the drafting of a legislative measure, the Legislative Counsel shall add the name of one or more other Legislators from either or both Houses as joint requesters of the legislative measure. The Legislative Counsel:

(a) Shall not add the name of a joint requester to the list until the Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the joint request from the primary requester of the legislative measure and from the Legislator to be added as a joint requester.

(b) Shall remove the name of a joint requester upon receipt of a request to do so made by the primary requester or the joint requester.

(c) Shall cause the names to appear on the list in the order in which the names were received by the Legislative Counsel beginning with the primary requester.

(d) Shall not act upon the direction of a joint requester to withdraw the requested legislative measure or modify its substance until the Legislative Counsel has received confirmation of the withdrawal or modification from the primary requester.

5. If the primary requester of a legislative measure will not be returning to the Legislature for the regular session in which the legislative measure is to be considered:

(a) The primary requester may authorize a Legislator who will be serving during that regular session to become the primary sponsor of the legislative measure, either individually or as the chair on behalf of a standing committee.

(b) A Legislator who agrees to become or have the committee become the primary sponsor of the legislative measure shall notify the Legislative Counsel of that fact.

(c) Upon receipt of such notification, the Legislative Counsel shall list the name of that Legislator or the name of the committee as the primary requester of the legislative measure on the list.

6. For the purposes of all limitations on the number of legislative measures that may be requested by a Legislator:

(a) A legislative measure with joint requesters must only be counted as a request of the primary requester.

(b) A legislative measure for which a Legislator or standing committee becomes the primary sponsor pursuant to subsection 5 must be counted as a request of that Legislator or committee.

Sec. 4. NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Legislative Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its employees, including legislative measures requested by the legislative staff.

2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule or concurrent resolution ~~of the Legislature~~:

(a) *A Joint Interim Standing Committee may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.*

(b) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than an interim legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

~~(b)(c)~~ (c) Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of the Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation, except that such a committee or subcommittee may request the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional request by a majority vote.

~~(b)(d)~~ (d) Any other committee established by the Legislature which conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the study or investigation.

↳ The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular session unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request after that date.

4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by the Legislative Counsel.

5. The Legislative Counsel shall not assign a number to a request for the drafting of a legislative measure submitted pursuant to this section to establish the priority of the request until sufficient detail has been received to allow complete drafting of the legislative measure.

Sec. 5. Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 6, 7 and 8 of this act.

Sec. 6. 1. There are hereby created the following Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:

- (a) *Commerce, Labor and Energy;*
- (b) *Education;*
- (c) *Government Affairs;*
- (d) *Health and Human Services;*
- (e) *Judiciary;*
- (f) *Legislative Operations and Elections;*
- (g) *Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining;*
- (h) *Revenue and Taxation; and*
- (i) *Transportation.*

2. Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is practicable following the adjournment of each regular session of the Legislature:

(a) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and two members of the Assembly as alternate members of each Committee.

(b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint two members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and one member of the Assembly as an alternate member of each Committee.

(c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator as a regular member of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee

3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that, to the extent practicable:

(a) At least five regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or committees during the preceding regular session of the Legislature.

(b) Not more than five regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

4. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee. The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature. Each of those officers holds the position until a successor is appointed following the next regular session of the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. The membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be,

1 *may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired*
2 *term.*

3 *6. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the*
4 *same manner as original appointments.*

5 *Sec. 7. 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the*
6 *members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee shall meet not earlier than*
7 *November 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the*
8 *following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the*
9 *Chair or a majority of the Committee.*

10 *2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his or her designee*
11 *shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of each Joint Interim Standing*
12 *Committee.*

13 *3. Five members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee constitute a*
14 *quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on a*
15 *Committee, except that any recommended legislation proposed by a Committee*
16 *must be approved by a majority of members of the Senate and a majority of*
17 *members of the Assembly serving on the Committee.*

18 *4. Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, for each*
19 *day or portion of a day during which a member of a Joint Interim Standing*
20 *Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the*
21 *work of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:*

22 *(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature*
23 *during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;*

24 *(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally;*
25 *and*

26 *(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.*

27 *↳ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the members of*
28 *a Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.*

29 *Sec. 8. 1. A Joint Interim Standing Committee may:*

30 *(a) Evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the corresponding*
31 *standing committee or committees from the preceding regular session of the*
32 *Legislature;*

33 *(b) Exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to*
34 *218E.140, inclusive; and*

35 *(c) Within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct studies directed by*
36 *the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.*

37 *2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and*
38 *work program of each Joint Interim Standing Committee and any changes to the*
39 *budget or work program.*

40 *3. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a comprehensive*
41 *report of the Committee's activities in the interim and its findings and any*
42 *recommendations for proposed legislation. The report must be submitted to the*
43 *Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the ensuing session*
44 *of the Legislature.*

45 *Sec. 9. NRS 218E.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

46 *218E.110 1. "Committee" means the Legislative Commission , a Joint*
47 *Interim Standing Committee and any other legislative committee or subcommittee*
48 *created by a specific statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative*
49 *Commission to conduct studies or investigations or perform any other legislative*
50 *business during the legislative interim.*

51 *2. The term does not include any legislative committee or subcommittee*
52 *appointed by the Legislature or either House to conduct or perform legislative*

business during a regular or special session, including, without limitation, any joint, standing, temporary, special or select committee or committee of the whole.

Sec. 10. NRS 218E.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.185 1. In the discharge of any duty imposed or power conferred by this title or any law or resolution, the Legislative Commission may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.

2. The Legislative Commission may delegate its authority pursuant to subsection 1 to a subcommittee or interim or special committee, *including a Joint Interim Standing Committee*, established pursuant to NRS 218E.200.

Sec. 11. NRS 218E.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.200 1. The Legislative Commission may conduct studies or investigations concerning governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest ~~††~~ *or may assign such studies or investigations to a Joint Interim Standing Committee.*

2. The Legislative Commission may establish subcommittees and interim or special committees as official agencies of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to conduct such studies or investigations or otherwise to deal with such governmental problems, important issues of public policy or questions of statewide interest ~~††~~ *or may assign such matters to a Joint Interim Standing Committee.* The subcommittees and interim or special committees may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.

3. The membership of ~~the†~~ *any* subcommittees and interim or special committees ~~††~~ *established pursuant to subsection 2:*

(a) Must be designated by the Legislative Commission; and

(b) May consist of members of the Legislative Commission and Legislators other than members of the Legislative Commission, employees of the State of Nevada or citizens of the State of Nevada.

4. For each day or portion of a day during which ~~the~~ *the* members of ~~the†~~ *any* subcommittees and interim or special committees *established pursuant to subsection 2* who are not Legislators attend meetings or are otherwise engaged in the business of the subcommittees and interim or special committees, the members:

(a) Shall serve without salary.

(b) Are entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund the per diem allowances and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

5. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which ~~the~~ *the* members of ~~the†~~ *any* subcommittees and interim or special committees *established pursuant to subsection 2* who are Legislators attend meetings of the subcommittees and interim or special committees or are otherwise engaged in the business of the subcommittees and interim or special committees, the members are entitled to receive out of the Legislative Fund:

(a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

Sec. 12. NRS 218E.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.205 1. Between regular sessions, the Legislative Commission:

(a) Shall fix the work priority of all studies and investigations assigned to it by a statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an order of the Legislative Commission ~~††~~ *or conducted by a Joint Interim Standing Committee*, within the limits of available time, money and staff.

(b) Shall not make studies or investigations directed by a resolution of only one House or studies or investigations proposed but not approved during the preceding regular session.

2. All requests for the drafting of legislative measures to be recommended as the result of a study or investigation must be made in accordance with NRS 218D.160.

3. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 218E.210, between regular sessions, a study or investigation may not be initiated or continued by the Fiscal Analysts, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Counsel or the Research Director and their staffs, except studies and investigations which have been specifically authorized by ~~the statute, concurrent resolution~~ *the Legislature* or ~~order of~~ the Legislative Commission.

4. A study or investigation may not be carried over from one regular session to the next without additional authorization by a statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission, except audits in progress whose carryover has been approved by the Legislative Commission.

5. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not serve as primary administrative or professional staff for a committee established by a statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission to conduct a study or investigation, unless the chair of the committee is required by the statute, concurrent resolution or order of the Legislative Commission to be a Legislator.

6. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program and any changes to the budget or work program for each study or investigation conducted by the Legislative Commission or a committee or subcommittee established by the Legislative Commission.

~~7. A committee or subcommittee established to conduct a study or investigation assigned to the Legislative Commission by a statute or concurrent resolution or directed by an order of the Legislative Commission must, unless otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, meet not earlier than January 1 of the even numbered year and not later than June 30 of that year.~~

Sec. 13. NRS 218E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.520 1. The *Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining* may:

(a) Review and comment on any administrative policy, rule or regulation of the:

(1) Secretary of the Interior which pertains to policy concerning or management of public lands under the control of the Federal Government; and

(2) Secretary of Agriculture which pertains to policy concerning or management of national forests;

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its review, including, but not limited to, investigating the effect on the State, its citizens, political subdivisions, businesses and industries of those policies, rules, regulations and related laws ; ~~and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive;~~

(c) Consult with and advise the State Land Use Planning Agency on matters concerning federal land use, policies and activities in this State;

(d) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its research, investigations, review and comment;

(e) Recommend to the Legislature as a result of its review any appropriate state legislation or corrective federal legislation;

(f) Advise the Attorney General if it believes that any federal policy, rule or regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the sovereignty respecting land or

water or their use which has been reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution of the United States;

(g) Enter into a contract for consulting services for land planning and any other related activities, including, but not limited to:

(1) Advising the Committee and the State Land Use Planning Agency concerning the revision of the plans pursuant to NRS 321.7355;

(2) Assisting local governments in the identification of lands administered by the Federal Government in this State which are needed for residential or economic development or any other purpose; and

(3) Assisting local governments in the acquisition of federal lands in this State;

(h) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to assist the Committee in carrying out its duties; and

(i) Review and comment on any other matter relating to the preservation, conservation, use, management or disposal of public lands deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Committee or by a majority of the members of the Committee.

2. Any reference in this section to federal policies, rules, regulations and related federal laws includes those which are proposed as well as those which are enacted or adopted.

Sec. 14. NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.525 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee *on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining* shall:

(a) Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in the western states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land.

(b) Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and national forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public lands.

(c) Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in the management of public lands and will increase the disposal of public lands.

2. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee ~~†~~ *on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining*:

(a) Shall review the programs and activities of:

(1) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;

(2) All public water authorities, districts and systems in the State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin Valley Water District, the Carson Water Subconservancy District, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and

(3) All other public or private entities with which any county in the State has an agreement regarding the planning, development or distribution of water resources, or any combination thereof; *and*

(b) ~~Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and~~

~~—(e)†~~ May review and comment on other issues relating to water resources in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use, allocation and management of water in this State; and

(2) The status of existing information and studies relating to water use, surface water resources and groundwater resources in this State.

Sec. 15. ~~NRS 218E.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~218E.565 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee *on Government Affairs* shall:~~

~~[1.] (a) Provide appropriate review and oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System;~~

~~[2.] (b) Review the budget, programs, activities, responsiveness and accountability of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System in such a manner as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Committee;~~

~~[3.] (c) Study the role, authority and activities of:~~

~~[(a)] (1) The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency regarding the Lake Tahoe Basin; and~~

~~[(b)] (2) The Marlette Lake Water System regarding Marlette Lake; and~~

~~[4.] (d) Continue to communicate with members of the Legislature of the State of California to achieve the goals set forth in the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.~~

~~2. The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs may:~~

~~(a) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations and use any such gifts, grants or donations to aid the Committee in carrying out its duties; and~~

~~(b) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its research, investigations, review and studies.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 16. NRS 218E.615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.615 The **Joint Interim Standing** Committee **on Education** may:

1. Evaluate, review and comment upon issues related to education within this State, including, but not limited to:

(a) Programs to enhance accountability in education;

(b) Legislative measures regarding education;

(c) The progress made by this State, the school districts and the public schools in this State in satisfying the goals and objectives of the statewide system of accountability for public schools;

(d) Methods of financing public education;

(e) The condition of public education in the elementary and secondary schools;

(f) The program to reduce the ratio of pupils per class per licensed teacher prescribed in NRS 388.700, 388.710 and 388.720;

(g) The development of any programs to automate the receipt, storage and retrieval of the educational records of pupils; and

(h) Any other matters that, in the determination of the Committee, affect the education of pupils within this State.

2. Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section. ~~and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.~~

3. Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.

4. Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the manner in which public education may be improved.

Sec. 17. NRS 218E.625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.625 1. The Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation is hereby created within the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysts shall appoint to the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation a Chief and such other personnel as the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary for the Bureau to carry out its duties pursuant to this section.

2. The Bureau shall, as the Fiscal Analysts determine is necessary or at the request of the **Joint Interim Standing** Committee **on Education**:

(a) Collect and analyze data and issue written reports concerning:

(1) The effectiveness of the provisions of chapter 385A of NRS in improving the accountability of the schools of this State;

(2) The statewide program to reduce the ratio of pupils per class per licensed teacher prescribed in NRS 388.700, 388.710 and 388.720;

(3) The statewide program to educate persons with disabilities that is set forth in NRS 388.5223 to 388.5243, inclusive;

(4) The results of the examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress that are administered pursuant to NRS 390.830; and

(5) Any program or legislative measure, the purpose of which is to reform the system of education within this State.

(b) Conduct studies and analyses to evaluate the performance and progress of the system of public education within this State. Such studies and analyses may be conducted:

(1) As the Fiscal Analysts determine are necessary; or

(2) At the request of the Legislature.

➤ This paragraph does not prohibit the Bureau from contracting with a person or entity to conduct studies and analyses on behalf of the Bureau.

(c) On or before October 1 of each even-numbered year, submit a written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to the Director for transmission to the next regular session. The Bureau shall, on or before October 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a written report of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to the Director for transmission to the Legislative Commission and to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education.

3. The Bureau may, pursuant to NRS 218F.620, require a school, a school district, the Nevada System of Higher Education or the Department of Education to submit to the Bureau books, papers, records and other information that the Chief of the Bureau determines are necessary to carry out the duties of the Bureau pursuant to this section. An entity whom the Bureau requests to produce records or other information shall provide the records or other information in any readily available format specified by the Bureau.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS 239.0115, any information obtained by the Bureau pursuant to this section shall be deemed a work product that is confidential pursuant to NRS 218F.150. The Bureau may, at the discretion of the Chief and after submission to the Legislature or Legislative Commission, as appropriate, publish reports of its findings pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 2.

5. This section does not prohibit the Department of Education or the State Board of Education from conducting analyses, submitting reports or otherwise reviewing educational programs in this State.

Sec. 18. NRS 218E.815 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.815 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee *on Commerce, Labor and Energy* may:

(a) Evaluate, review and comment upon matters related to energy policy within this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Policies, plans or programs relating to the production, consumption or use of energy in this State;

(2) Legislative measures regarding energy policy;

(3) The progress made by this State in satisfying the goals and objectives of Senate Bill No. 123 of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature;

(4) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on rates or rate payers;

(5) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on economic development in this State;

(6) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on the environment;

(7) Any contracts or requests for proposals relating to the purchase of capacity;

(8) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation which provides for the construction or acquisition of facilities for the generation of electricity;

(9) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on the development of a market in this State for electricity generated from renewable energy;

(10) The infrastructure and transmission requirements of any policy, plan, program or legislation; and

(11) Any other matters or topics that, in the determination of the Committee, affect energy policy in this State.

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section. ~~and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.~~

(c) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.

(d) Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the manner in which energy policy may be implemented or improved.

2. As used in this section, "renewable energy" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 701.070.

Sec. 19. NRS 62H.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62H.320 1. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish within the Department a program to compile and analyze data concerning juvenile sex offenders. The program must be designed to:

(a) Provide statistical data relating to the recidivism of juvenile sex offenders; and

(b) Use the data provided by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 62H.220 to assess the effectiveness of programs for the treatment of juvenile sex offenders.

2. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall report the statistical data and findings from the program to:

(a) The Legislature at the beginning of each regular session.

(b) The ~~Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary* on or before January 31 of each even-numbered year.

3. The data acquired pursuant to this section is confidential and must be used only for the purpose of research. The data and findings generated pursuant to this section must not contain information that may reveal the identity of a juvenile sex offender or the identity of an individual victim of a crime.

Sec. 20. NRS 176.0127 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.0127 1. The Department of Corrections shall:

(a) Provide the ~~Commission~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary* with any available statistical information or research requested by the ~~Commission~~ *Committee* and assist the ~~Commission~~ *Committee* in the compilation and development of information requested by the ~~Commission~~ *Committee*, including, but not limited to, information or research concerning the facilities and institutions of the Department of Corrections, the offenders who are or were within those facilities or institutions, rates of recidivism, the effectiveness of

educational and vocational programs and the sentences which are being served or were served by those offenders;

~~[(b) If requested by the Commission, make available to the Commission the use of the computers and programs which are owned by the Department of Corrections;] and~~

~~[(e)] (b)~~ Provide the independent contractor retained by the Department of Administration pursuant to NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the projections required by NRS 176.0129.

2. The Division shall:

(a) Provide the ~~[(Commission)]~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary with any available statistical information or research requested by the ~~[(Commission)]~~ Committee and assist the ~~[(Commission)]~~ Committee in the compilation and development of information concerning sentencing, probation, parole and any offenders who are or were subject to supervision by the Division;

~~[(b) If requested by the Commission, make available to the Commission the use of the computers and programs which are owned by the Division;] and~~

~~[(e)] (b)~~ Provide the independent contractor retained by the Department of Administration pursuant to NRS 176.0129 with any available statistical information requested by the independent contractor for the purpose of performing the projections required by NRS 176.0129.

Sec. 21. NRS 176.0128 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.0128 The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History shall:

1. Facilitate the collection of statistical data in the manner approved by the Director of the Department of Public Safety and coordinate the exchange of such data with agencies of criminal justice within this State, including:

- (a) State and local law enforcement agencies;
- (b) The Office of the Attorney General;
- (c) The Court Administrator;
- (d) The Department of Corrections; and
- (e) The Division.

2. Provide the ~~[(Commission)]~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary with available statistical data and information requested by the ~~[(Commission)]~~ Committee.

Sec. 22. NRS 176.0129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

176.0129 The Department of Administration shall, on an annual basis, contract for the services of an independent contractor, in accordance with the provisions of NRS 333.700, to ~~[(~~

~~1. Review] review~~ sentences imposed in this State and the practices of the State Board of Parole Commissioners and project annually the number of persons who will be:

- ~~[(a)] 1.~~ In a facility or institution of the Department of Corrections;
- ~~[(b)] 2.~~ On probation;
- ~~[(c)] 3.~~ On parole; and
- ~~[(d)] 4.~~ Serving a term of residential confinement,

~~↪ during the 10 years immediately following the date of the projection. [(; and~~

~~2. Review preliminary proposals and information provided by the Commission and project annually the number of persons who will be:~~

- ~~— (a) In a facility or institution of the Department of Corrections;~~
- ~~— (b) On probation;~~
- ~~— (c) On parole; and~~
- ~~— (d) Serving a term of residential confinement;~~

~~→ during the 10 years immediately following the date of the projection, assuming the preliminary proposals were recommended by the Commission and enacted by the Legislature.]~~

Sec. 23. NRS 209.192 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.192 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a Fund for New Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries as a capital projects fund. The Director shall deposit in the Fund the deductions made pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 or paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 209.463. The money in the Fund must only be expended:

(a) To house new industries or expand existing industries in the industrial program to provide additional employment of offenders;

(b) To relocate, expand, upgrade or modify an existing industry in the industrial program to enhance or improve operations or security or to provide additional employment or training of offenders;

(c) To purchase or lease equipment to be used for the training of offenders or in the operations of prison industries;

(d) To pay or fund the operations of prison industries, including, without limitation, paying the salaries of staff and wages of offenders if the cash balance in the Fund for Prison Industries is below the average monthly expenses for the operation of prison industries;

(e) To advertise and promote the goods produced and services provided by prison industries; or

(f) For any other purpose authorized by the Legislature.

2. Before money in the Fund may be expended:

(a) As described in paragraphs (b) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 1, the Director shall submit a proposal for the expenditure to the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* and the State Board of Examiners.

(b) For construction, the Director shall submit a proposal for the expenditure to the State Board of Examiners.

3. Upon making a determination that the proposed expenditure is appropriate and necessary, the State Board of Examiners shall recommend to the Interim Finance Committee, or the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means when the Legislature is in general session, that the expenditure be approved. Upon approval of the appropriate committee or committees, the money may be so expended.

4. If any money in the Fund is used as described in paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the Director shall repay the amount used as soon as sufficient money is available in the Fund for Prison Industries.

5. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Fund.

6. As used in this section, "Fund" means Fund for New Construction of Facilities for Prison Industries.

Sec. 24. NRS 209.459 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.459 1. The Director shall:

(a) Submit a report to the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* identifying the potential impacts of any new program for the employment of offenders on private employers and labor in this State. In preparing such a report, the Director shall include any information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 7 of NRS 209.461 and must perform due diligence in obtaining such information from:

(1) The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation;

(2) The Department of Business and Industry;

1 (3) The Office of Economic Development; and

2 (4) Representatives of organized labor in this State.

3 (b) Seek and present the recommendations of the *Joint Interim Standing*
4 Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* to the Board of State Prison
5 Commissioners and, with the approval of the Board of State Prison Commissioners,
6 establish and carry out a program for the employment of offenders in services and
7 manufacturing conducted by institutions of the Department or by private
8 employers.

9 2. Before any new program for the employment of offenders is established
10 pursuant to this section, the Director shall submit any contract related to the
11 employment of such offenders to the State Board of Examiners for approval.

12 **Sec. 25.** NRS 209.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 209.461 1. The Director shall:

14 (a) To the greatest extent possible, approximate the normal conditions of
15 training and employment in the community.

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, to the extent practicable,
17 require each offender, except those whose behavior is found by the Director to
18 preclude participation, to spend 40 hours each week in vocational training or
19 employment, unless excused for a medical reason or to attend educational classes in
20 accordance with NRS 209.396. The Director shall require as a condition of
21 employment that an offender sign an authorization for the deductions from his or
22 her wages made pursuant to NRS 209.463. Authorization to make the deductions
23 pursuant to NRS 209.463 is implied from the employment of an offender and a
24 signed authorization from the offender is not required for the Director to make the
25 deductions pursuant to NRS 209.463.

26 (c) Use the earnings from services and manufacturing conducted by the
27 institutions and the money paid by private employers who employ the offenders to
28 offset the costs of operating the prison system and to provide wages for the
29 offenders being trained or employed.

30 (d) Provide equipment, space and management for services and manufacturing
31 by offenders.

32 (e) Employ craftsmen and other personnel to supervise and instruct offenders.

33 (f) Contract with governmental agencies and private employers for the
34 employment of offenders, including their employment on public works projects
35 under contracts with the State and with local governments.

36 (g) Contract for the use of offenders' services and for the sale of goods
37 manufactured by offenders.

38 (h) On or before January 1, 2014, and every 5 years thereafter, submit a report
39 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the *Joint*
40 *Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary*. The report
41 must include, without limitation, an analysis of existing contracts with private
42 employers for the employment of offenders and the potential impact of those
43 contracts on private industry in this State.

44 (i) Submit a report to each meeting of the Interim Finance Committee
45 identifying any accounts receivable related to a program for the employment of
46 offenders.

47 2. Every program for the employment of offenders established by the Director
48 must:

49 (a) Employ the maximum number of offenders possible;

50 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 209.192, provide for the use of
51 money produced by the program to reduce the cost of maintaining the offenders in
52 the institutions;

1 (c) Have an insignificant effect on the number of jobs available to the residents
2 of this State; and

3 (d) Provide occupational training for offenders.

4 3. An offender may not engage in vocational training, employment or a
5 business that requires or permits the offender to:

6 (a) Telemarket or conduct opinion polls by telephone; or

7 (b) Acquire, review, use or have control over or access to personal information
8 concerning any person who is not incarcerated.

9 4. Each fiscal year, the cumulative profits and losses, if any, of the programs
10 for the employment of offenders established by the Director must result in a profit
11 for the Department. The following must not be included in determining whether
12 there is a profit for the Department:

13 (a) Fees credited to the Fund for Prison Industries pursuant to NRS 482.268,
14 any revenue collected by the Department for the leasing of space, facilities or
15 equipment within the institutions or facilities of the Department, and any interest or
16 income earned on the money in the Fund for Prison Industries.

17 (b) The selling expenses of the Central Administrative Office of the programs
18 for the employment of offenders. As used in this paragraph, "selling expenses"
19 means delivery expenses, salaries of sales personnel and related payroll taxes and
20 costs, the costs of advertising and the costs of display models.

21 (c) The general and administrative expenses of the Central Administrative
22 Office of the programs for the employment of offenders. As used in this paragraph,
23 "general and administrative expenses" means the salary of the Deputy Director of
24 Industrial Programs and the salaries of any other personnel of the Central
25 Administrative Office and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs of telephone
26 usage, and the costs of office supplies used and postage used.

27 5. If any state-sponsored program incurs a net loss for 2 consecutive fiscal
28 years, the Director shall appear before the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on
29 ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* to explain the reasons for the net loss and
30 provide a plan for the generation of a profit in the next fiscal year. If the program
31 does not generate a profit in the third fiscal year, the Director shall take appropriate
32 steps to resolve the issue.

33 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Director may, with the
34 approval of the Board:

35 (a) Lease spaces and facilities within any institution of the Department to
36 private employers to be used for the vocational training and employment of
37 offenders.

38 (b) Grant to reliable offenders the privilege of leaving institutions or facilities
39 of the Department at certain times for the purpose of vocational training or
40 employment.

41 7. Before entering into any contract with a private employer for the
42 employment of offenders pursuant to subsection 1, the Director shall obtain from
43 the private employer:

44 (a) A personal guarantee to secure an amount fixed by the Director but not less
45 than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract, a surety bond made
46 payable to the State of Nevada in an amount fixed by the Director but not less than
47 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract and conditioned upon the
48 faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of
49 the contract, or a security agreement to secure any debt, obligation or other liability
50 of the private employer under the contract, including, without limitation, lease
51 payments, wages earned by offenders and compensation earned by personnel of the
52 Department.

(b) A detailed written analysis on the estimated impact of the contract on private industry in this State. The written analysis must include, without limitation:

(1) The number of private companies in this State currently providing the types of products and services offered in the proposed contract.

(2) The number of residents of this State currently employed by such private companies.

(3) The number of offenders that would be employed under the contract.

(4) The skills that the offenders would acquire under the contract.

8. The provisions of this chapter do not create a right on behalf of the offender to employment or to receive the federal or state minimum wage for any employment and do not establish a basis for any cause of action against the State or its officers or employees for employment of an offender or for payment of the federal or state minimum wage to an offender.

9. As used in this section, "state-sponsored program" means a program for the vocational training or employment of offenders which does not include a contract of employment with a private employer.

Sec. 26. NRS 209.4818 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.4818 1. The *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary* shall:

(a) Be informed on issues and developments relating to industrial programs for correctional institutions;

(b) Submit a semiannual report to the Interim Finance Committee before July 1 and December 1 of each year on the status of current and proposed industrial programs for correctional institutions;

(c) Report to the Legislature on any other matter relating to industrial programs for correctional institutions that it deems appropriate;

~~(d) Meet at least quarterly and at the call of the Chair to review the operation of current and proposed industrial programs;~~

~~—(e)—~~ Recommend three persons to the Director for appointment as the Deputy Director for Industrial Programs whenever a vacancy exists;

~~(f)~~ *(e)* Before any new industrial program is established by the Director, review the proposed program for compliance with the requirements of subsections 2, 3, 4 and 7 of NRS 209.461 and submit to the Director its recommendations concerning the proposed program; and

~~(g)~~ *(f)* Review each state-sponsored industry program established pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 209.461 to determine whether the program is operating profitably. If the Committee determines that a program has incurred a net loss in 3 consecutive fiscal years, the Committee shall report its finding to the Director with a recommendation regarding whether the program should be continued or terminated. If the Director does not accept the recommendation of the Committee, the Director shall submit a written report to the Committee setting forth his or her reasons for rejecting the recommendation.

2. Upon the request of the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~Industrial Programs~~ *the Judiciary*, the Director and the Deputy Director for Industrial Programs shall provide to the Committee any information that the Committee determines is relevant to the performance of the duties of the Committee.

3. As used in this section, "state-sponsored industry program" means a program for the vocational training or employment of offenders which does not include a contract of employment with a private employer.

Sec. 27. NRS 233B.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233B.063 1. An agency that intends to adopt, amend or repeal a permanent regulation must deliver to the Legislative Counsel a copy of the proposed regulation. The Legislative Counsel shall examine and if appropriate revise the

1 language submitted so that it is clear, concise and suitable for incorporation in the
2 Nevada Administrative Code, but shall not alter the meaning or effect without the
3 consent of the agency.

4 2. Unless the proposed regulation is submitted to the Legislative Counsel
5 between July 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-
6 numbered year, the Legislative Counsel shall deliver the approved or revised text of
7 the regulation within 30 days after it is submitted to the Legislative Counsel. If the
8 proposed or revised text of a regulation is changed before adoption, the agency
9 shall submit the changed text to the Legislative Counsel, who shall examine and
10 revise it if appropriate pursuant to the standards of subsection 1. Unless it is
11 submitted between July 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding
12 odd-numbered year, the Legislative Counsel shall return it with any appropriate
13 revisions within 30 days. If the agency is a licensing board as defined in NRS
14 439B.225 and the proposed regulation relates to standards for the issuance or
15 renewal of licenses, permits or certificates of registration issued to a person or
16 facility regulated by the agency, the Legislative Counsel shall also deliver one copy
17 of the approved or revised text of the regulation to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim*
18 *Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services*.

19 3. An agency may adopt a temporary regulation between August 1 of an even-
20 numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year without following
21 the procedure required by this section and NRS 233B.064, but any such regulation
22 expires by limitation on November 1 of the odd-numbered year. A substantively
23 identical permanent regulation may be subsequently adopted.

24 4. An agency may amend or suspend a permanent regulation between August
25 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year by
26 adopting a temporary regulation in the same manner and subject to the same
27 provisions as prescribed in subsection 3.

28 **Sec. 28.** NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 233B.070 1. A permanent regulation becomes effective when the
30 Legislative Counsel files with the Secretary of State the original of the final draft or
31 revision of a regulation, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.247 or where a
32 later date is specified in the regulation.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 233B.0633, an agency that has
34 adopted a temporary regulation may not file the temporary regulation with the
35 Secretary of State until 35 days after the date on which the temporary regulation
36 was adopted by the agency. A temporary regulation becomes effective when the
37 agency files with the Secretary of State the original of the final draft or revision of
38 the regulation, together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS
39 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the temporary regulation with the
40 Legislative Counsel, together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to
41 NRS 233B.066.

42 3. An emergency regulation becomes effective when the agency files with the
43 Secretary of State the original of the final draft or revision of an emergency
44 regulation, together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS
45 233B.066. The agency shall also file a copy of the emergency regulation with the
46 Legislative Counsel, together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to
47 NRS 233B.066.

48 4. The Secretary of State shall maintain the original of the final draft or
49 revision of each regulation in a permanent file to be used only for the preparation of
50 official copies.

51 5. The Secretary of State shall file, with the original of each agency's rules of
52 practice, the current statement of the agency concerning the date and results of its
53 most recent review of those rules.

6. Immediately after each permanent or temporary regulation is filed, the agency shall deliver one copy of the final draft or revision, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State indicating that it has been filed, including material adopted by reference which is not already filed with the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator, to the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator for use by the public. If the agency is a licensing board as defined in NRS 439B.225 and it has adopted a permanent regulation relating to standards for the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits or certificates of registration issued to a person or facility regulated by the agency, the agency shall also deliver one copy of the regulation, bearing the stamp of the Secretary of State, to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services* within 10 days after the regulation is filed with the Secretary of State.

7. Each agency shall furnish a copy of all or part of that part of the Nevada Administrative Code which contains its regulations, to any person who requests a copy, and may charge a reasonable fee for the copy based on the cost of reproduction if it does not have money appropriated or authorized for that purpose.

8. An agency which publishes any regulations included in the Nevada Administrative Code shall use the exact text of the regulation as it appears in the Nevada Administrative Code, including the leadlines and numbers of the sections. Any other material which an agency includes in a publication with its regulations must be presented in a form which clearly distinguishes that material from the regulations.

Sec. 29. ~~NRS 277.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~
~~277.220 1. The Account for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is hereby established in the State General Fund and consists of any money provided by direct legislative appropriation. Money in this Account must be expended for the support of, or paid over directly to, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in whatever amount and manner is directed by each appropriation or provided by law.~~
~~2. On or before January 31 of each year, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency shall submit to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau:~~
~~(a) A copy of the report of the independent audit most recently prepared for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; and~~
~~(b) A written report detailing:~~
~~(1) The nature and purpose of the expenditures made by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency during the immediately preceding calendar year from money appropriated to it by the Legislature; and~~
~~(2) The progress of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in achieving the performance measures and benchmarks included in its current biennial budget.~~
~~3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall cause copies of the materials submitted pursuant to subsection 2 to be transmitted to the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System created by NRS 218E.555.]~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs and*
~~(a) In odd numbered years, the Legislature;~~
~~(b) In even numbered years, the Interim Finance Committee.]~~ *(Deleted by amendment.)*

Sec. 30. ~~NRS 286.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~
~~286.160 1. The Board shall employ an Executive Officer who serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Executive Officer shall select a General Counsel, Operations Officer, Investment Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Information Systems, Administrative Services Coordinator and Administrative Analyst whose appointments are effective upon confirmation by the Board. The~~

~~General Counsel, Operations Officer, Investment Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Information Systems, Administrative Services Coordinator and Administrative Analyst serve at the pleasure of the Executive Officer.~~

~~2. The Executive Officer, General Counsel, Operations Officer, Investment Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Information Systems, Administrative Services Coordinator and Administrative Analyst are entitled to annual salaries fixed by the Board, with the approval of the *Joint* Interim [Retirement and Benefits] *Standing* Committee [of the Legislature created pursuant to NRS 218E.420.] *on Government Affairs*. The salaries of these employees are exempt from the limitations of NRS 281.123.~~

~~3. The Executive Officer must:~~

~~(a) Be a graduate of a 4 year college or university with a degree in business administration or public administration or equivalent degree.~~

~~(b) Possess at least 5 years' experience in a high level administrative or executive capacity, including responsibility for a variety of administrative functions such as retirement, insurance, investment or fiscal operations.~~

~~4. The General Counsel must be an attorney in good standing licensed and admitted to practice law in this State.~~

~~5. The Operations Officer, Investment Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Information Systems and Administrative Analyst must each be a graduate of a 4 year college or university with a degree in business administration or public administration or an equivalent degree.~~

~~6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 284.142, the Executive Officer shall not pursue any other business or occupation or perform the duties of any other office of profit during normal office hours unless on leave approved in advance. The Executive Officer shall not participate in any business enterprise or investment in real or personal property if the System owns or has a direct financial interest in that enterprise or property.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 31. ~~[NRS 286.211 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~286.211 1. The Board shall, with the advice of the *Joint* Interim [Retirement and Benefits] *Standing* Committee [of the Legislature created pursuant to NRS 218E.420.] *on Government Affairs*.~~

~~(a) Adopt regulations for the evaluation of requests for enrollment under the Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund; and~~

~~(b) Determine those positions eligible under the early retirement provisions for police officers and firefighters.~~

~~2. Service in any position which has not been determined by the Board to be eligible does not entitle a member to early retirement as a firefighter or police officer.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 32. ~~[NRS 286.523 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~286.523 1. It is the policy of this State to ensure that the reemployment of a retired public employee pursuant to this section is limited to positions of extreme need. An employer who desires to employ such a retired public employee to fill a position for which there is a critical labor shortage must make the determination of reemployment based upon the appropriate and necessary delivery of services to the public.~~

~~2. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 286.520 do not apply to a retired employee who accepts employment or an independent contract with a public employer under the System if:~~

~~(a) The retired employee fills a position for which there is a critical labor shortage; and~~

~~(b) At the time of the retired employee's reemployment, the retired employee is receiving:~~

~~(1) A benefit that is not actuarially reduced pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 286.510; or~~

~~(2) A benefit actuarially reduced pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 286.510 and has reached the required age at which the retired employee could have retired with a benefit that was not actuarially reduced pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 286.510.~~

~~2. A retired employee who is reemployed under the circumstances set forth in subsection 2 may reenroll in the System as provided in NRS 286.525.~~

~~4. Positions for which there are critical labor shortages must be determined in an open public meeting held by the designating authority as follows:~~

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the State Board of Examiners shall designate positions in State Government for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(b) The Supreme Court shall designate positions in the Judicial Branch of State Government for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(c) The Board of Regents shall designate positions in the Nevada System of Higher Education for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(d) The board of trustees of each school district shall designate positions within the school district for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(e) The governing body of a charter school shall designate positions within the charter school for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(f) The governing body of a local government shall designate positions with the local government for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~(g) The Board shall designate positions within the System for which there are critical labor shortages.~~

~~5. In determining whether a position is a position for which there is a critical labor shortage, the designating authority shall make findings based upon the criteria set forth in this subsection that support the designation. Before making a designation, the designating authority shall consider all efforts made by the applicable employer to fill the position through other means. The written findings made by the designating authority must include:~~

~~(a) The history of the rate of turnover for the position;~~

~~(b) The number of openings for the position and the number of qualified candidates for those openings after all other efforts of recruitment have been exhausted;~~

~~(c) The length of time the position has been vacant;~~

~~(d) The difficulty in filling the position due to special circumstances, including, without limitation, special educational or experience requirements for the position; and~~

~~(e) The history and success of the efforts to recruit for the position, including, without limitation, advertising, recruitment outside of this State and all other efforts made.~~

~~6. A designating authority that designates a position as a critical need position shall submit to the System its written findings which support that designation made pursuant to subsection 5 on a form prescribed by the System. The System shall compile the forms received from each designating authority and provide a biennial report on the compilation to the Joint Interim [Retirement and Benefits Committee of the Legislature.] **Standing Committee on Government Affairs.**~~

~~7. A designating authority shall not designate a position pursuant to subsection 4 as a position for which there is a critical labor shortage for a period longer than 2 years. To be redesignated as such a position, the designating authority must consider and make new findings in an open public meeting as to whether the~~

~~position continues to meet the criteria set forth in subsection 5.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 33. ~~NRS 287.0425 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~287.0425 1. The Executive Officer shall submit a report regarding the administration and operation of the Program to the Board and the Director of the Office of Finance, and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the appropriate committees of the Legislature or, if the Legislature is not in regular session, to the Legislative Commission and the Joint Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee of the Legislature created by NRS 218E.420.] Standing Committee on Government Affairs. The report must include, without limitation:~~

~~(a) An audited financial statement of the Program Fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The statement must be prepared by an independent certified public accountant.~~

~~(b) An audited financial statement of the Retirees' Fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The statement must be prepared by an independent certified public accountant.~~

~~(c) A report of the utilization of the Program by participants during the immediately preceding plan year, segregated by benefit, administrative cost, active employees and retirees, including, without limitation, an assessment of the actuarial accuracy of reserves.~~

~~(d) Material provided generally to participants or prospective participants in connection with enrollment in the Program for the current plan year, including, without limitation:~~

~~(1) Information regarding rates and the costs for participation in the Program paid by participants on a monthly basis; and~~

~~(2) A summary of the changes in the plan design for the current plan year from the plan design for the immediately preceding plan year.~~

~~2. The Executive Officer shall submit a biennial report to the Board and the Director of the Office of Finance, and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislature. The report must include, without limitation:~~

~~(a) An independent biennial certified actuarial valuation and report of the State's health and welfare benefits for current and future state retirees, which are provided for the purpose of developing the annual required contribution pursuant to the statements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.~~

~~(b) A biennial review of the Program to determine whether the Program complies with federal and state laws relating to taxes and employee benefits. The review must be conducted by an attorney who specializes in employee benefits.]~~

(Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 34. ~~NRS 321.7355 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~321.7355 1. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall prepare, in cooperation with appropriate federal and state agencies and local governments throughout the State, plans or statements of policy concerning the acquisition and use of lands in the State of Nevada that are under federal management.~~

~~2. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall, in preparing the plans and statements of policy, identify lands which are suitable for acquisition for:~~

~~(a) Commercial, industrial or residential development;~~

~~(b) The expansion of the property tax base, including the potential for an increase in revenue by the lease and sale of those lands; or~~

~~(c) Accommodating increases in the population of this State.~~

1 ✎ The plans or statements of policy must not include matters concerning zoning or
2 the division of land and must be consistent with local plans and regulations
3 concerning the use of private property.

4 3. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall:

5 (a) Encourage public comment upon the various matters treated in a proposed
6 plan or statement of policy throughout its preparation and incorporate such
7 comments into the proposed plan or statement of policy as are appropriate;

8 (b) Submit its work on a plan or statement of policy periodically for review and
9 comment by the Land Use Planning Advisory Council and ~~any committees of the~~
10 ~~Legislature or subcommittees of the Legislative Commission that deal with matters~~
11 ~~concerning the public lands;~~ *the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural*
12 *Resources, Agriculture and Mining;* and

13 (c) Provide written responses to written comments received from a county or
14 city upon the various matters treated in a proposed plan or statement of policy.

15 4. Whenever the State Land Use Planning Agency prepares plans or
16 statements of policy pursuant to subsection 1 and submits those plans or policy
17 statements to the Governor, Legislature, *the Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
18 *Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining* or an agency of the Federal
19 Government, the State Land Use Planning Agency shall include with each plan or
20 statement of policy the comments and recommendations of:

21 (a) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council; and

22 (b) ~~Any committees of the Legislature or subcommittees of the Legislative~~
23 ~~Commission that deal with matters concerning the public lands;~~ *The Joint Interim*
24 *Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining.*

25 5. A plan or statement of policy must be approved by the governing bodies of
26 the county and cities affected by it before it is put into effect.

27 **Sec. 35.** NRS 333.3368 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 333.3368 The Purchasing Division shall, every 6 months, submit to the
29 Legislature, if it is in session, or to the Interim Finance Committee, ~~and the~~
30 ~~Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs~~
31 ~~created by NRS 218E-750;~~ if the Legislature is not in session, a report which must
32 contain, for the period since the submission of the last report:

33 1. The number of state purchasing contracts that were subject to the
34 provisions of NRS 333.3361 to 333.3369, inclusive.

35 2. The total dollar amount of state purchasing contracts that were subject to
36 the provisions of NRS 333.3361 to 333.3369, inclusive.

37 3. The number of local businesses owned and operated by veterans with
38 service-connected disabilities that submitted a bid or proposal on a state purchasing
39 contract.

40 4. The number of state purchasing contracts that were awarded to local
41 businesses owned and operated by veterans with service-connected disabilities.

42 5. The total number of dollars' worth of state purchasing contracts that were
43 awarded to local businesses owned and operated by veterans with service-
44 connected disabilities.

45 6. Any other information deemed relevant by the Director of the Legislative
46 Counsel Bureau.

47 **Sec. 36.** NRS 338.13846 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 338.13846 The Division shall, every 6 months, submit to the Legislature, if it
49 is in session, or to the Interim Finance Committee, ~~and the Legislative Committee~~
50 ~~on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs created by NRS~~
51 ~~218E-750;~~ if the Legislature is not in session, a report which must contain, for the
52 period since the submittal of the last report:

1 1. The number of contracts for public works of this State that were subject to
2 the provisions of NRS 338.1384 to 338.13847, inclusive.

3 2. The total dollar amount of contracts for public works of this State that were
4 subject to the provisions of NRS 338.1384 to 338.13847, inclusive.

5 3. The number of local businesses owned and operated by veterans with
6 service-connected disabilities that submitted a bid on a contract for a public work of
7 this State.

8 4. The number of contracts for public works of this State that were awarded to
9 local businesses owned and operated by veterans with service-connected
10 disabilities.

11 5. The total number of dollars' worth of contracts for public works of this
12 State that were awarded to local businesses owned and operated by veterans with
13 service-connected disabilities.

14 6. Any other information deemed relevant by the Director of the Legislative
15 Counsel Bureau.

16 **Sec. 37.** NRS 385A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 385A.030 "Committee" means the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
18 Committee on Education. ~~created pursuant to NRS 218E.605.~~

19 **Sec. 38.** NRS 387.122 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 387.122 1. For making the apportionments of the State Distributive School
21 Account in the State General Fund required by the provisions of this title, the basic
22 support guarantee per pupil for each school district is established by law for each
23 school year. The formula for calculating the basic support guarantee may be
24 expressed as an estimated weighted average per pupil, based on the total
25 expenditures for public education in the immediately preceding even-numbered
26 fiscal year, plus any legislative appropriations for the immediately succeeding
27 biennium, minus those local funds not guaranteed by the State pursuant to NRS
28 387.163.

29 2. The estimated weighted average per pupil for the State must be calculated
30 as a basic support guarantee for each school district through an equity allocation
31 model that incorporates:

32 (a) Factors relating to wealth in the school district;

33 (b) Salary costs;

34 (c) Transportation; and

35 (d) Any other factor determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
36 after consultation with the school districts and the State Public Charter School
37 Authority.

38 3. The basic support guarantee per pupil must include a multiplier for pupils
39 with disabilities. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the funding
40 provided to each school district and charter school through the multiplier for pupils
41 with disabilities is limited to the actual number of pupils with disabilities enrolled
42 in the school district or charter school, not to exceed 13 percent of total pupil
43 enrollment for the school district or charter school. If a school district or charter
44 school has reported an enrollment of pupils with disabilities equal to more than 13
45 percent of total pupil enrollment, the school district or charter school must receive
46 an amount of money necessary to satisfy the requirements for maintenance of effort
47 under federal law.

48 4. Not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Superintendent of
49 Public Instruction shall review and, if necessary, revise the factors used for the
50 equity allocation model adopted for the previous biennium and present the review
51 and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing*
52 Committee on Education for consideration and recommendations by the
53 Committee. After the meeting, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall

consider any recommendations of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education, determine whether to include those recommendations in the equity allocation model and adopt the model. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall submit the equity allocation model to the:

(a) Governor for inclusion in the proposed executive budget.

(b) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.

5. The Department shall make available updated information regarding the equity allocation model on the Internet website maintained by the Department.

Sec. 39. NRS 388.787 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.787 "Committee" means the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education. ~~created pursuant to NRS 218E.605.~~

Sec. 40. NRS 390.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.270 1. The Department shall, by regulation or otherwise, adopt and enforce a plan setting forth procedures to ensure the security of examinations that are administered to pupils pursuant to NRS 390.105 and 390.600 and the college and career readiness assessment administered pursuant to NRS 390.610.

2. A plan adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

(a) Procedures pursuant to which pupils, school officials and other persons may, and are encouraged to, report irregularities in testing administration and testing security.

(b) Procedures necessary to ensure the security of test materials and the consistency of testing administration.

(c) Procedures that specifically set forth the action that must be taken in response to a report of an irregularity in testing administration or testing security and the actions that must be taken during an investigation of such an irregularity. For each action that is required, the procedures must identify:

(1) By category, the employees of the school district, Achievement School District, charter school or Department, or any combination thereof, who are responsible for taking the action; and

(2) Whether the school district, Achievement School District, charter school or Department, or any combination thereof, is responsible for ensuring that the action is carried out successfully.

(d) Objective criteria that set forth the conditions under which a school, including, without limitation, a charter school or a school district, or both, is required to file a plan for corrective action in response to an irregularity in testing administration or testing security for the purposes of NRS 390.295.

3. A copy of the plan adopted pursuant to this section and the procedures set forth therein must be submitted on or before September 1 of each year to:

(a) The State Board; and

(b) The ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education. ~~created pursuant to NRS 218E.605.~~

Sec. 41. NRS 390.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.275 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall, for each public school in the district, including, without limitation, charter schools, adopt and enforce a plan setting forth procedures to ensure the security of examinations and assessments.

2. A plan adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must include, without limitation:

(a) Procedures pursuant to which pupils, school officials and other persons may, and are encouraged to, report irregularities in testing administration and testing security.

(b) Procedures necessary to ensure the security of test materials and the consistency of testing administration.

(c) With respect to secondary schools, procedures pursuant to which the school district or charter school, as appropriate, will verify the identity of pupils taking an examination or assessment.

(d) Procedures that specifically set forth the action that must be taken in response to a report of an irregularity in testing administration or testing security and the action that must be taken during an investigation of such an irregularity. For each action that is required, the procedures must identify, by category, the employees of the school district or charter school who are responsible for taking the action and for ensuring that the action is carried out successfully.

➤ The procedures adopted pursuant to this subsection must be consistent, to the extent applicable, with the procedures adopted by the Department pursuant to NRS 390.270.

3. A copy of each plan adopted pursuant to this section and the procedures set forth therein must be submitted on or before September 1 of each year to:

(a) The State Board; and

(b) The ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education . ~~† created pursuant to NRS 218E.605.†~~

4. On or before September 30 of each school year, the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school shall provide a written notice regarding the examinations and assessments to all teachers and educational personnel employed by the school district or governing body, all personnel employed by the school district or governing body who are involved in the administration of the examinations and assessments, all pupils who are required to take the examinations or assessments and all parents and legal guardians of such pupils. The written notice must be prepared in a format that is easily understood and must include, without limitation, a description of the:

(a) Plan adopted pursuant to this section; and

(b) Action that may be taken against personnel and pupils for violations of the plan or for other irregularities in testing administration or testing security.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Assessment" means the college and career readiness assessment administered to pupils enrolled in grade 11 pursuant to NRS 390.610.

(b) "Examination" means:

(1) The examinations that are administered to pupils pursuant to NRS 390.105 or 390.600; and

(2) Any other examinations which measure the achievement and proficiency of pupils and which are administered to pupils on a district-wide basis.

(c) "Irregularity in testing administration" means the failure to administer an examination or assessment in the manner intended by the person or entity that created the examination or assessment.

(d) "Irregularity in testing security" means an act or omission that tends to corrupt or impair the security of an examination or assessment, including, without limitation:

(1) The failure to comply with security procedures adopted pursuant to this section or NRS 390.270;

(2) The disclosure of questions or answers to questions on an examination or assessment in a manner not otherwise approved by law; and

(3) Other breaches in the security or confidentiality of the questions or answers to questions on an examination or assessment.

Sec. 42. NRS 390.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.305 1. The Department shall establish procedures for the uniform documentation and maintenance by the Department of irregularities in testing administration and testing security reported to the Department pursuant to NRS

390.285 and investigations of such irregularities conducted by the Department pursuant to NRS 390.280. The procedures must include, without limitation:

(a) A method for assigning a unique identification number to each incident of irregularity; and

(b) A method to ensure that the status of an irregularity is readily accessible by the Department.

2. In accordance with the procedures established pursuant to subsection 1, the Department shall prepare and maintain for each irregularity in testing administration and each irregularity in testing security, a written summary accompanying the report of the irregularity. The written summary must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of whether the procedures prescribed by the Department pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 390.270 were followed in response to the irregularity;

(b) The corrective action, if any, taken in response to the irregularity pursuant to NRS 390.295;

(c) An evaluation of whether the corrective action achieved the desired result; and

(d) The current status and the outcome, if any, of an investigation related to the irregularity.

3. The Department shall prepare a written report that includes for each school year:

(a) A summary of each irregularity in testing administration and testing security reported to the Department pursuant to NRS 390.285 and each investigation conducted pursuant to NRS 390.280.

(b) A summary for each school that was required to provide additional administration of examinations pursuant to NRS 390.290. The summary must include, without limitation:

(1) The identity of the school;

(2) The type of additional examinations that were administered pursuant to NRS 390.290;

(3) The date on which those examinations were administered;

(4) A comparison of the results of pupils on the:

(I) Examinations in which an additional irregularity occurred in the second school year described in NRS 390.290; and

(II) Additional examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.290.

(c) Each written summary prepared by the Department pursuant to subsection 2.

(d) The current status of each irregularity that was reported for a preceding school year which had not been resolved at the time that the preceding report was filed.

(e) The current status and the outcome, if any, of an investigation conducted by the Department pursuant to NRS 390.280.

(f) An analysis of the irregularities and recommendations, if any, to improve the security of the examinations and the consistency of testing administration.

4. On or before September 1 of each year, the Department shall submit the report prepared pursuant to subsection 3 for the immediately preceding school year to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education ~~created pursuant to NRS 218E.605~~ and the State Board.

Sec. 43. NRS 390.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.800 1. In addition to any other test, examination or assessment required by state or federal law, the board of trustees of each school district may require the administration of district-wide tests, examinations and assessments that the board of

trustees determines are vital to measure the achievement and progress of pupils. In making this determination, the board of trustees shall consider any applicable findings and recommendations of the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education.

2. The tests, examinations and assessments required pursuant to subsection 1 must be limited to those which can be demonstrated to provide a direct benefit to pupils or which are used by teachers to improve instruction and the achievement of pupils.

3. The board of trustees of each school district and the State Board shall periodically review the tests, examinations and assessments administered to pupils to ensure that the time taken from instruction to conduct a test, examination or assessment is warranted because it is still accomplishing its original purpose.

Sec. 44. NRS 390.830 is hereby amended to read as follows:

390.830 1. The State Board shall:

(a) In accordance with guidelines established by the National Assessment Governing Board and National Center for Education Statistics and in accordance with 20 U.S.C. §§ 6301 et seq. and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, adopt regulations requiring the schools of this State that are selected by the National Assessment Governing Board or the National Center for Education Statistics to participate in the examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

(b) Report the results of those examinations to the:

(1) Governor;

(2) Board of trustees of each school district of this State;

(3) ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education ; ~~created pursuant to NRS 218E.605;~~ and

(4) Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation created pursuant to NRS 218E.625.

(c) Include in the report required pursuant to paragraph (b) an analysis and comparison of the results of pupils in this State on the examinations required by this section with:

(1) The results of pupils throughout this country who participated in the examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

(2) The results of pupils on the achievement and proficiency examinations administered pursuant to this chapter.

2. If the report required by subsection 1 indicates that the percentage of pupils enrolled in the public schools in this State who are proficient on the National Assessment of Educational Progress differs by more than 10 percent of the pupils who are proficient on the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.105 and the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.600, the Department shall prepare a written report describing the discrepancy. The report must include, without limitation, a comparison and evaluation of:

(a) The standards of content and performance for English language arts and mathematics established pursuant to NRS 389.520 with the standards for English language arts and mathematics that are tested on the National Assessment.

(b) The standards for proficiency established for the National Assessment with the standards for proficiency established for the examinations that are administered pursuant to NRS 390.105 and the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 390.600.

3. The report prepared by the Department pursuant to subsection 2 must be submitted to the:

(a) Governor;

(b) ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education;

(c) Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation;
and

(d) Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools.

4. The Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools shall review and evaluate the report provided to the Council pursuant to subsection 3 to identify any discrepancies in the standards of content and performance established by the Council that require revision and a timeline for carrying out the revision, if necessary. The Council shall submit a written report of its review and evaluation to the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education and Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation.

Sec. 45. NRS 439.983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.983 Upon the resolution of a public health emergency or other health event, the emergency team shall:

1. Make recommendations to the State Board of Health and local boards of health with respect to regulations or policies which may be adopted to prevent public health emergencies and other health events or to improve responses to public health emergencies and other health events; and

2. Evaluate the response of each state agency, division, board or other entity represented on the emergency team and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature or, if the Legislature is not in session, to the Legislative Commission and the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human Services with respect to actions and measures that may be taken to improve such responses.

Sec. 46. NRS 439B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439B.040 "Committee" means the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human Services.

Sec. 47. NRS 439B.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439B.227 The ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human Services shall:

1. After each regular session of the Legislature, review any chapter added to this title or title 39 or 54 of NRS that authorizes or requires the issuance of a license, permit or certificate to a person who provides any service related to health care to determine if the person should be included as a person required to make a report pursuant to NRS 432B.220; and

2. Before the beginning of the next regular session of the Legislature, prepare a report concerning its findings pursuant to subsection 1 and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature. The report must include, without limitation, any recommended legislation.

Sec. 48. NRS 449.465 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.465 1. The Director may, by regulation, impose fees upon admitted health insurers to cover the costs of carrying out the provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive. The maximum amount of fees collected must not exceed the amount authorized by the Legislature in each biennial budget.

2. The Director shall impose a fee of \$50 each year upon admitted health insurers for the support of the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human Services. The fee imposed pursuant to this subsection is in addition to any fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1. The fee collected for the support of the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health ~~Care~~ and Human Services must be deposited in the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 49. NRS 449.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.520 1. On or before October 1 of each year, the Director shall prepare and transmit to the Governor, the ~~Legislative~~ Joint Interim Standing Committee

on Health ~~†Care†~~ *and Human Services* and the Interim Finance Committee a report of the Department's operations and activities for the preceding fiscal year.

2. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 must include:

(a) Copies of all reports, summaries, compilations and supplementary reports required by NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, together with such facts, suggestions and policy recommendations as the Director deems necessary;

(b) A summary of the trends of the audits of hospitals in this State that the Department required or performed during the previous year;

(c) An analysis of the trends in the costs, expenses and profits of hospitals in this State;

(d) An analysis of the methodologies used to determine the corporate home office allocation of hospitals in this State;

(e) An examination and analysis of the manner in which hospitals are reporting the information that is required to be filed pursuant to NRS 449.490, including, without limitation, an examination and analysis of whether that information is being reported in a standard and consistent manner, which fairly reflect the operations of each hospital;

(f) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used by hospitals in this State to provide discounted services to, and to reduce charges for services provided to, persons without health insurance;

(g) A review and comparison of the policies and procedures used by hospitals in this State to collect unpaid charges for services provided by the hospitals; and

(h) A summary of the status of the programs established pursuant to NRS 439A.220 and 439A.240 to increase public awareness of health care information concerning the hospitals and surgical centers for ambulatory patients in this State, including, without limitation, the information that was posted in the preceding fiscal year on the Internet website maintained for those programs pursuant to NRS 439A.270.

3. The ~~†Legislative†~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~†Care†~~ *and Human Services* shall develop a comprehensive plan concerning the provision of health care in this State which includes, without limitation:

(a) A review of the health care needs in this State as identified by state agencies, local governments, providers of health care and the general public; and

(b) A review of the capital improvement reports submitted by hospitals pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 449.490.

Sec. 50. NRS 481A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

481A.020 The designated representatives of this State to serve on the cooperating committee established by Article IV of the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement are:

1. The Chair of the ~~†Senate†~~ *Joint Interim* Standing Committee on Transportation or a person designated by the Chair; and

2. The *Vice* Chair of the ~~†Assembly†~~ *Joint Interim* Standing Committee on Transportation or a person designated by the *Vice* Chair.

Sec. 51. NRS 482.367004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

482.367004 1. There is hereby created the Commission on Special License Plates ~~†The Commission is advisory to the Department and consists of five Legislators†~~ *consisting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Transportation* and three nonvoting members. ~~†as follows:†~~

~~—(a) Five Legislators appointed by the Legislative Commission:~~

~~—(1) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must be another Legislator who also served~~

~~on the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session.~~

~~(2) One of whom is the Legislator who served as the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session. That Legislator may designate an alternate to serve in place of the Legislator when absent. The alternate must be another Legislator who also served on the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation during the most recent legislative session.~~

~~(b) Three~~

~~2. The three~~ nonvoting members ~~consisting of:~~

~~(1) of the Commission consist of:~~

(a) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a designee of the Director.

~~(2)~~ (b) The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or a designee of the Director.

~~(3)~~ (c) The Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, or a designee of the Director.

~~2. Each member of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 serves a term of 2 years, commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A vacancy on the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

3. ~~Members~~ The nonvoting members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation for their travel or per diem expenses.

4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide administrative support to the Commission.

5. The Commission shall recommend to the Department that the Department approve or disapprove:

(a) Applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that are submitted to the Department pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 482.367002;

(b) The issuance by the Department of special license plates that have been designed and prepared pursuant to NRS 482.367002; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, applications for the design, preparation and issuance of special license plates that have been authorized by an act of the Legislature after January 1, 2007.

➤ In determining whether to recommend to the Department the approval of such an application or issuance, the Commission shall consider, without limitation, whether it would be appropriate and feasible for the Department to, as applicable, design, prepare or issue the particular special license plate. For the purpose of making recommendations to the Department, the Commission shall consider each application in the chronological order in which the application was received by the Department.

6. On or before September 1 of each fiscal year, the Commission shall compile a list of each special license plate for which the Commission, during the immediately preceding fiscal year, recommended to the Department that the Department approve the application for the special license plate or approve the issuance of the special license plate. The list so compiled must set forth, for each such plate, the cause or charitable organization for which the special license plate generates or would generate financial support, and the intended use to which the financial support is being put or would be put. The Commission shall transmit the information described in this subsection to the Department and the Department shall make that information available on its Internet website.

7. The provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 5 do not apply with regard to special license plates that are issued pursuant to NRS 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787 or 482.37901.

8. The Commission shall:

(a) Recommend to the Department that the Department approve or disapprove any proposed change in the distribution of money received in the form of additional fees. As used in this paragraph, "additional fees" means the fees that are charged in connection with the issuance or renewal of a special license plate for the benefit of a particular cause, fund or charitable organization. The term does not include registration and license fees or governmental services taxes.

(b) If it recommends a proposed change pursuant to paragraph (a) and determines that legislation is required to carry out the change, recommend to the Department that the Department request the assistance of the Legislative Counsel in the preparation of a bill draft to carry out the change.

Sec. 52. ~~NRS 528.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~528.150 1. On or before January 1 of each year, the State Forester Firewarden shall, in coordination and cooperation with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the fire chiefs within the Lake Tahoe Basin, submit a report concerning fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to:~~

~~(a) The [Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Marlette Lake Water System created by NRS 218E.555] **Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs** and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature;~~

~~(b) The Governor;~~

~~(c) The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; and~~

~~(d) Each United States Senator and Representative in Congress who is elected to represent the State of Nevada.~~

~~2. The report submitted by the State Forester Firewarden pursuant to subsection 1 must address, without limitation:~~

~~(a) The status of:~~

~~(1) The implementation of plans for the prevention of fires in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including, without limitation, plans relating to the reduction of fuel for fires;~~

~~(2) Efforts concerning forest restoration in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and~~

~~(3) Efforts concerning rehabilitation of vegetation, if any, as a result of fire in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.~~

~~(b) Compliance with:~~

~~(1) The goals and policies for fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and~~

~~(2) Any recommendations concerning fire prevention or public safety made by any fire department or fire protection district in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.~~

~~(c) Any efforts to:~~

~~(1) Increase public awareness in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin regarding fire prevention and public safety; and~~

~~(2) Coordinate with other federal, state, local and private entities with regard to projects to reduce fire hazards in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.] **(Deleted by amendment.)**~~

Sec. 53. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or another provision of this act, if the provisions of any other provision of the Nevada Revised Statutes or any other act or resolution passed by any session of the Nevada

Legislature, including, without limitation, the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature, assign a power or duty to a committee abolished by this act or require the submission of a document or information to such a committee:

(a) The provisions of the other statute, act or resolution that assign the power or duty or require the submission of the document or information are superseded and abrogated by the provisions of this act; and

(b) The Legislative Counsel shall, in revising the Nevada Revised Statutes, assign the power or duty or require the document or information to be submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act which has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the power, duty, document or information.

2. A Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act may conduct a legislative study or investigation only within the limits of the Committee's budget and work program established pursuant to section 8 of this act. If the subject matter of a legislative study or investigation falls within the jurisdiction of more than one Joint Interim Standing Committee created by section 6 of this act, the Legislative Commission shall assign the study or investigation based on the budgets and work programs approved by the Legislative Commission for the Joint Interim Standing Committees.

3. As used in this section, "legislative study or investigation" includes, without limitation, any:

(a) Interim legislative study or investigation; or

(b) Legislative study or investigation assigned to a statutory legislative committee, including, without limitation, a statutory legislative committee abolished by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 54. 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. 55. 1. NRS 176.0121, 176.0123, 176.0124, 176.01245, 176.01246, 176.01247, 176.0125, 176.01255, 176.0126, 209.4817, 218E.225, ~~218E.420,~~ 218E.500, 218E.505, 218E.510, 218E.515, ~~218E.550, 218E.555, 218E.560,~~ ~~218E.570,~~ 218E.600, 218E.605, 218E.610, 218E.700, 218E.705, 218E.710, 218E.715, 218E.720, 218E.745, 218E.750, 218E.755, 218E.760, 218E.800, 218E.805, 218E.810, 439B.200, 439B.210 and 459.0085 are hereby repealed.

2. Section 2 of chapter 53, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 238 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 56. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS OF NRS AND TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION OF STATUTES OF NEVADA

176.0121 "Commission" defined.

176.0123 Creation; members and appointing authorities; Chair; terms; vacancies; salaries and per diem; staff.

176.0124 Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice; creation; Chair; members; duties; salaries and per diem.

176.01245 Subcommittee on Victims of Crime; creation, Chair; members; duties; salaries and per diem.

176.01246 Subcommittee to Review Arrestee DNA: Creation; Chair; members; duties; salaries and per diem.

176.01247 Subcommittee on Medical Use of Marijuana: Creation; Chair; members; duties; salaries and per diem.

176.0125 Duties of Commission.

176.01255 Grants, bequests, devises, donations and gifts; Special Account for the Support of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice.

176.0126 Subpoenas: Power to issue; compelling performance.

209.4817 Committee on Industrial Programs: Creation; members; terms of appointed members; appointment of alternate members; payment of compensation, allowances and travel expenses.

218E.225 Committee to review management, organization and operation of Legislative Counsel Bureau.

~~218E.420 Creation; membership; budget; officers; meetings; investigations; hearings; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.~~

218E.500 Legislative findings and declarations.

218E.505 "Committee" defined.

218E.510 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies; alternates.

218E.515 Meetings; rules; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

~~218E.550 "Committee" defined.~~

~~218E.555 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies; reports.~~

~~218E.560 Meetings; rules; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.~~

~~218E.570 General powers.~~

218E.600 "Committee" defined.

218E.605 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.610 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

218E.700 "Committee" defined.

218E.705 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.710 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

218E.715 General duties.

218E.720 General powers.

218E.745 "Committee" defined.

218E.750 Creation; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.755 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

218E.760 General powers.

218E.800 "Committee" defined.

218E.805 Creation of Legislative Committee on Energy; membership; budget; officers; terms; vacancies.

218E.810 Meetings; quorum; compensation, allowances and expenses of members.

439B.200 Creation; appointment of and restrictions on members; officers; terms of members; vacancies; annual reports.

439B.210 Meetings; quorum; compensation.

459.0085 Creation; membership; duties; compensation and expenses of members.

Section 2 of chapter 53, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 238:

Sec. 2. 1. The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice created by NRS 176.0123 shall appoint a subcommittee to conduct an interim study concerning parole, and make a report thereof.

2. The study and report must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of:

(1) The federal Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 which established determinate sentencing and abolished parole;

(2) The parole systems of this State and other states and territories of the United States;

(3) The states that replaced discretionary parole systems with mandatory parole systems; and

(4) Any other matter that the Advisory Commission determines is relevant to the discussion.

(b) Recommendations regarding, without limitation, necessary statutory changes to the current parole system.

3. The subcommittee shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the full Advisory Commission not later than September 1, 2016.