

SENATE BILL NO. 421—SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 21, 2019

Referred to Committee on Revenue and
Economic Development

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment and carrying out of a program relating to certain unmanned aircraft systems. (BDR 18-31)

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

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

AN ACT relating to aeronautics; requiring the establishment and carrying out of a program relating to certain unmanned aircraft systems; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor. (NRS 231.043) The Office of Economic Development is responsible for carrying out various economic development programs within the State. (NRS 231.020-231.1597) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Office of Economic Development, to the extent of available money, to establish and carry out a program to facilitate the growth and safe integration of small unmanned aircraft systems in Nevada. **Section 1:** (1) requires the Office to ensure that the program complies with all applicable federal law; and (2) authorizes the program, upon the request of operators of small unmanned aircraft systems, to provide training, conduct testing and provide assistance with complying with any safety standards relating to small unmanned aircraft developed by the Federal Aviation Administration. Additionally, **section 1** authorizes the Office to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization for the operation of the program. **Section 2** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Office to carry out the program.



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

Section 1. Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Office shall, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, establish and carry out a program to facilitate the growth and safe integration of small unmanned aircraft systems in Nevada. The Office shall ensure that the program complies with all applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations.

2. The program established pursuant to subsection 1 may, upon the request of an operator of a small unmanned aircraft system:

(a) Provide training;

(b) Conduct testing; and

(c) Provide assistance with complying with any safety standards developed by the Federal Aviation Administration regarding small unmanned aircraft systems.

3. In carrying out the program, the Office may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization for the operation of the program. Such a nonprofit organization must have expertise relating to small unmanned aircraft systems.

4. The Office may accept any gifts, grants or donations for the support of the program.

5. As used in this section, "small unmanned aircraft system" has the meaning ascribed to it in 14 C.F.R. § 107.3.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor the sum of \$1,000,000 to carry out the program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

