

Assembly Bill No. 443—Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

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AN ACT relating to the Legislature; providing for the creation of Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature; specifying the powers and duties of the Joint Interim Standing Committees; repealing various statutory committees; repealing the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice and the subcommittee of the Advisory Commission; reassigning certain powers and duties of repealed statutory committees and the Advisory Commission to the Joint Interim Standing Committees; reassigning the powers and duties of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; revising provisions governing requests for legislative measures by certain statutory committees; making various other changes relating to legislative activity during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature; requiring the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing to submit a biennial report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections; making an appropriation; 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 209.4817, 439B.200, 459.0085, 482.367004) Existing law also creates the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information Sharing. (NRS 176.0123, 176.01248) This bill repeals several of those committees, the Advisory Commission and its subcommittee and creates Joint Interim Standing Committees that parallel the standing committees established by the Legislature during its regular biennial sessions. **Section 6** of this bill creates the following Joint Interim Standing Committees: (1) Commerce and Labor; (2) Education; (3) Government Affairs; (4) Growth and Infrastructure; (5) Health and Human Services; (6) Judiciary; (7) Legislative Operations and Elections; (8) Natural Resources; and (9) Revenue. **Section 6** also prescribes the manner of appointing the regular members and the alternate members to the Joint Interim Standing Committees after the adjournment of each regular session of the Legislature. **Section 7** of this bill provides for meetings of the Committees and the compensation of the members. **Section 6** requires the Legislative Commission to select a Chair and Vice Chair of each Committee. **Section 8** of this bill authorizes the Committees to review matters within the jurisdictions of their corresponding standing committees from the preceding regular session of the Legislature and to conduct studies directed by the Legislature and the Legislative Commission, and requires the Committees to report to each regular session of the Legislature. **Section 8** also: (1) requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and



Human Services, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee, to evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare; (2) requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee, to evaluate and review issues relating to juvenile justice; and (3) authorizes the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing. **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. (NRS 218E.110) **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. (NRS 439B.227) **Section 50** of this bill revises the designated members of this State to serve on the cooperating committee established by the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement to include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (NRS 481A.020) **Section 51** of this bill modifies the composition of the Commission on Special License Plates to include the members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, with the three nonvoting members remaining on the Commission. (NRS 482.367004)

Existing law establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Lands and prescribes the membership, duties and powers of the Committee. (NRS 218E.500-218E.525) **Section 13.5** of this bill replaces the Committee with the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, consisting of members appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee. **Sections 13-15** of this bill transfer the existing powers and duties of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to the Subcommittee on Public Lands. **Section 51.5** of this bill makes conforming changes to Assembly Bill No. 95 of this session.

Existing law authorizes various statutory, interim and other committees to request the drafting of a certain number of legislative measures for a regular session. (NRS 218D.160) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes a Joint Interim Standing Committee, other than the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, to request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures. **Section 4** also authorizes: (1) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to child welfare; (2) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary to request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to juvenile justice; and (3) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources to request the drafting of not more than 14 legislative measures, at least 4 of which must relate to matters relating to public lands based on the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Public Lands. Finally, **section 4** reduces the number of legislative measures that the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs is authorized to request from 10 measures to 6 measures.

Existing law: (1) prescribes the membership of the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing; (2) requires the Commission to meet not less than quarterly to study practices in governmental purchasing and laws relating thereto; and (3) requires the Commission to make recommendations to the Legislature with respect to those laws. (NRS 332.215) **Section 31.5** of this bill requires the Commission to submit a biennial report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections that includes any recommendations of the Commission for legislation relating to governmental purchasing.



Section 55 of this bill repeals the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Information Sharing of the Advisory Commission, the Committee on Industrial Programs, the Legislative Commission's standing committee to consult with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Legislative Committee on Education, the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, the Legislative Committee on Energy, the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste.

Section 51.7 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Legislative Fund for the costs related to supporting the work of interim studies during the 2021-2022 interim.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 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 pursuant to 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, without limitation, 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 ~~H~~ or a joint rule or concurrent resolution ~~H~~ of the Legislature:

(a) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), 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) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to child welfare.*

(c) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary may request the drafting of not more than 15 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to juvenile justice.*

(d) *The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources may request the drafting of not more than 14 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 4 of which must relate to matters relating to public lands based on the recommendations for legislation submitted by the Subcommittee on Public Lands pursuant to NRS 218E.525.*

(e) Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than *the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750* or 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.

~~(f)~~ (f) *The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 may request the drafting of not more than 6 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.*



(g) 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.

~~(h)~~ (h) 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.

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 and Labor;*
- (b) *Education;*
- (c) *Government Affairs;*
- (d) *Growth and Infrastructure;*
- (e) *Health and Human Services;*
- (f) *Judiciary;*
- (g) *Legislative Operations and Elections;*
- (h) *Natural Resources; and*
- (i) *Revenue.*

2. *Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is practicable after 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 of the 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 of the 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 after 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, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. In addition to the authorized scope of issues set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

(a) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare.

(b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary shall, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating to juvenile justice.



(c) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections may evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing, including, without limitation, recommendations submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee by the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing pursuant to NRS 332.215.

3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program of each Joint Interim Standing Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

4. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a comprehensive report of the Committee's activities in the interim and its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation. The report must be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the next regular session of the Legislature.

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

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

2. The term does not include any legislative committee or subcommittee 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 established pursuant to NRS 218E.200 *or to a Joint Interim Standing Committee created pursuant to section 6 of this act.*

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 ~~that~~ **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 ~~that~~ **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** 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** 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 ~~that~~ **or conducted by a Joint**



Interim Standing Committee or subcommittee thereof, 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 ~~[a 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.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218E.500 The Legislature finds and declares that:

1. Policies and issues relating to public lands and state sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land are matters of continuing concern to this State.



2. This concern necessarily includes an awareness that all federal statutes, policies and regulations which affect the management of public lands are likely to have extensive effects within the State and must not be ignored or automatically dismissed as beyond the reach of the state's policymakers.

3. Experience with federal regulations relating to public lands has demonstrated that the State of Nevada and its citizens are subjected to regulations which sometimes are unreasonable, arbitrary, beyond the intent of the Congress or the scope of the authority of the agency adopting them and that as a result these regulations should be subjected to legislative review and comment, and judicially tested where appropriate, to protect the rights and interests of the State and its citizens.

4. Other western states where public lands comprise a large proportion of the total area have shown an interest in matters relating to public lands and those states, along with Nevada, have been actively participating in cooperative efforts to acquire, evaluate and share information and promote greater understanding of the issues. Since Nevada can both contribute to and benefit from such interstate activities, it is appropriate that a ~~{committee}~~ *subcommittee* on matters relating to public lands be assigned primary responsibility for participating in them.

Sec. 13.3. NRS 218E.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.505 As used in NRS 218E.500 to 218E.525, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, ~~{“Committee”}~~ *“Subcommittee”* means the ~~{Legislative Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* on Public Lands ~~{H}~~ *of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources.*

Sec. 13.5. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.510 1. There is hereby ~~{established a Legislative Committee}~~ *created the Subcommittee* on Public Lands *of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources*, consisting of ~~{four}~~ members ~~{of the Senate, four members of the Assembly and one}~~ *appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, who must include:*

(a) Two members of the Senate who are members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;

(b) Two members of the Assembly who are members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources; and

(c) One elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed ~~{by the Legislative~~



~~Commission~~ with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands.

2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

~~{2.—The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.}~~

3. The ~~{members}~~ *Chair* of the *Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* shall ~~{select}~~ *appoint* a *Chair of the Subcommittee* from one House and a *Vice Chair of the Subcommittee* from the other House. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the ~~{members of the Committee shall select a replacement}~~ *vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment* for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. Any member of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session convenes.

5. Vacancies on the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

6. The ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* may appoint alternates for members of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*. The Chair of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*:

(a) May designate an alternate appointed by the ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

(b) Shall ~~{appoint}~~ , *for a member who is a Legislator, designate* an alternate *appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* who is a member of the same House and political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

Sec. 13.7. NRS 218E.515 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.515 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* shall meet not earlier than ~~{September}~~ *November* 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the



Chair *of the Subcommittee* or a majority of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*.

2. The Research Director or the Research Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* shall prescribe rules for its own management and government.

4. ~~{Five}~~ *A majority of the* members of the ~~{Committee constitute}~~ *Subcommittee constitutes* a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*.

5. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which members of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* who are Legislators attend a meeting of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* or are otherwise engaged in the business of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*, the members are entitled to receive:

(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.

6. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses *of the members of the Subcommittee who are Legislators* must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

7. The member of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* who represents a local political subdivision is entitled to receive the subsistence allowances and travel expenses provided by law for his or her position for each day of attendance at a meeting of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* and while engaged in the business of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee*, to be paid by the local political subdivision.

Sec. 14. NRS 218E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218E.520 1. The ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* 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}~~ Subcommittee 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}~~ Subcommittee 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}~~ Subcommittee or by a majority of the members of the ~~{Committee}~~ Subcommittee.

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. 15. NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:
218E.525 1. The ~~{Committee}~~ Subcommittee 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 ~~{Committee:}~~ **Subcommittee:**

(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;

(b) ***Shall submit recommendations for legislation to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;***

(c) Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the ~~{Director}~~ ***Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources*** for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and

~~{(e)}~~ (d) 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. 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 ~~H~~ *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 Growth and Infrastructure** 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

~~{(c)}~~ (b) Provide the independent contractor retained 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 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 Office of Finance 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 200.3788 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.3788 1. A statewide program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits must be established in this State. The Attorney General shall, pursuant to the recommendation of the Sexual Assault Kit Working Group, designate a department or division of the Executive Department of State Government to establish the program. The designated department or division may contract with any appropriate public or private agency, organization or institution to carry out the provisions of this section.

2. The program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits must:

(a) Track the location and status of sexual assault forensic evidence kits, including, without limitation, the initial forensic medical examination, receipt by a law enforcement agency and receipt and genetic marker analysis at a forensic laboratory.

(b) Allow providers of health care who perform forensic medical examinations, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, forensic laboratories and any other entities having sexual assault forensic evidence kits in their custody to track the status and location of sexual assault forensic evidence kits.

(c) Allow a victim of sexual assault to anonymously track or receive, by telephone or on an Internet website, updates regarding the status and location of his or her sexual assault forensic evidence kit.

3. The department or division designated pursuant to subsection 1 shall, on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, submit to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the ~~{Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice}~~ *Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary* and post on the Internet website maintained by the department or division a report concerning the statewide program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits. The report must include:

(a) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits in the program in each county.

(b) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits for which genetic marker analysis has been completed for each county for the last 6 months.

(c) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits added to the program in each county during the last 6 months.

(d) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits for which genetic marker analysis has been requested but not completed for each county.



(e) For this State as a whole and each county, the average and median time between a forensic medical examination and receipt of a sexual assault forensic evidence kit by a forensic laboratory for genetic marker analysis, overall and for the last 6 months.

(f) For this State as a whole and each county, the average and median time between receipt of a sexual assault forensic evidence kit by a forensic laboratory and genetic marker analysis, overall and for the last 6 months.

(g) The number of sexual assault forensic evidence kits in each county awaiting genetic marker analysis for more than 1 year and 6 months after forensic medical examination.

4. Each law enforcement agency, prosecutor, forensic laboratory and provider of health care who performs forensic medical examinations in this State shall participate in the statewide program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits for the purpose of tracking the status of any sexual assault forensic evidence kits in the custody of the agency, prosecutor, laboratory or provider, or a third party under contract with such agency, prosecutor, laboratory or provider.

5. Any agency or person who acts pursuant to this section in good faith and without gross negligence is immune from civil liability for those acts.

6. The department or division designated pursuant to subsection 1 may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money to carry out the provisions of this section.

7. As used in this section, “Sexual Assault Kit Working Group” means the statewide working group led by the Office of the Attorney General to create policies and procedures to address the backlog of sexual assault forensic evidence kits that have not been tested.

Sec. 24. 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. 25. 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;

(3) The Office of Economic Development; and

(4) Representatives of organized labor in this State.

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

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

Sec. 26. NRS 209.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.461 1. The Director shall:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

(a) Employ the maximum number of offenders possible;

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

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

(d) Provide occupational training for offenders.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The selling expenses of the Central Administrative Office of the programs for the employment of offenders. As used in this paragraph, "selling expenses" means delivery expenses, salaries of



sales personnel and related payroll taxes and costs, the costs of advertising and the costs of display models.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) A personal guarantee to secure an amount fixed by the Director of:

(1) For a contract that does not relate to construction, not less than 25 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract but not more than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract, a surety bond made payable to the State of Nevada in an amount fixed by the Director of not less than 25 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract but not more than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract; or

(2) For a contract that relates to construction, not less than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount of the contract, a surety bond made payable to the State of Nevada in an amount fixed by the Director of not less than 100 percent of the prorated annual amount



of the contract and conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, ➔ or a security agreement to secure any debt, obligation or other liability of the private employer under the contract, including, without limitation, lease payments, wages earned by offenders and compensation earned by personnel of the Department. The Director shall appear before the *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on ~~[Industrial Programs]~~ *the Judiciary* to explain the reasons for the amount fixed by the Director for any personal guarantee or surety bond.

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

2. Unless the proposed regulation is submitted to the Legislative Counsel between July 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year, the Legislative



Counsel shall deliver the approved or revised text of the regulation within 30 days after it is submitted to the Legislative Counsel. If the proposed or revised text of a regulation is changed before adoption, the agency shall submit the changed text to the Legislative Counsel, who shall examine and revise it if appropriate pursuant to the standards of subsection 1. Unless it is submitted between July 1 of an even-numbered year and July 1 of the succeeding odd-numbered year, the Legislative Counsel shall return it with any appropriate revisions within 30 days. If the agency is a licensing board as defined in NRS 439B.225 and the proposed regulation relates 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 Legislative Counsel shall also deliver one copy of the approved or revised text of the regulation to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Health ~~Care~~ *and Human Services*.

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

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

Sec. 29. NRS 233B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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



temporary regulation with the Legislative Counsel, together with the informational statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.066.

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

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

5. The Secretary of State shall file, with the original of each agency's rules of practice, the current statement of the agency concerning the date and results of its 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. 30. NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.293, 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170, 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113, 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200, 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345, 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880, 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280, 119A.280, 119A.653, 119A.677, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140, 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057, 127.130, 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 130.712, 136.050, 159.044, 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, ~~176.01249,~~ 176.015, 176.0625, 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691, 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 200.3771, 200.3772, 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 209.3923, 209.3925, 209.419, 209.429, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131, 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625, 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 226.300, 228.270, 228.450, 228.495, 228.570, 231.069, 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300, 239.0105, 239.0113, 239.014, 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210, 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 239C.420, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030, 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 247.540, 247.550, 247.560, 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 268.095, 268.0978, 268.490, 268.910, 269.174, 271A.105, 281.195, 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 281A.685, 281A.750, 281A.755, 281A.780, 284.4068, 286.110, 286.118, 287.0438, 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503, 293.504, 293.558, 293.5757, 293.870, 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 293B.135, 293D.510, 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379, 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205, 353A.049, 353A.085, 353A.100, 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247, 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.2242, 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180, 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300, 379.0075, 379.008, 379.1495, 385A.830, 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455, 388.259, 388.501, 388.503, 388.513, 388.750, 388A.247, 388A.249, 391.033, 391.035, 391.0365, 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147, 392.264, 392.271, 392.315, 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335, 392.850, 393.045, 394.167, 394.16975, 394.1698, 394.447, 394.460, 394.465, 396.3295, 396.405, 396.525, 396.535, 396.9685, 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 408.5484, 412.153, 414.280, 416.070, 422.2749, 422.305, 422A.342, 422A.350,



425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 432.205, 432B.175, 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902, 432C.140, 432C.150, 433.534, 433A.360, 437.145, 437.207, 439.4941, 439.840, 439.914, 439B.420, 439B.754, 439B.760, 440.170, 441A.195, 441A.220, 441A.230, 442.330, 442.395, 442.735, 442.774, 445A.665, 445B.570, 445B.7773, 447.345, 449.209, 449.245, 449.4315, 449A.112, 450.140, 450B.188, 453.164, 453.720, 453A.610, 453A.700, 458.055, 458.280, 459.050, 459.3866, 459.555, 459.7056, 459.846, 463.120, 463.15993, 463.240, 463.3403, 463.3407, 463.790, 467.1005, 480.535, 480.545, 480.935, 480.940, 481.063, 481.091, 481.093, 482.170, 482.5536, 483.340, 483.363, 483.575, 483.659, 483.800, 484A.469, 484E.070, 485.316, 501.344, 503.452, 522.040, 534A.031, 561.285, 571.160, 584.655, 587.877, 598.0964, 598.098, 598A.110, 599B.090, 603.070, 603A.210, 604A.303, 604A.710, 612.265, 616B.012, 616B.015, 616B.315, 616B.350, 618.341, 618.425, 622.238, 622.310, 623.131, 623A.137, 624.110, 624.265, 624.327, 625.425, 625A.185, 628.418, 628B.230, 628B.760, 629.047, 629.069, 630.133, 630.2673, 630.30665, 630.336, 630A.555, 631.368, 632.121, 632.125, 632.3415, 632.405, 633.283, 633.301, 633.4715, 633.524, 634.055, 634.214, 634A.185, 635.158, 636.107, 637.085, 637B.288, 638.087, 638.089, 639.2485, 639.570, 640.075, 640A.220, 640B.730, 640C.580, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745, 640C.760, 640D.190, 640E.340, 641.090, 641.221, 641.325, 641A.191, 641A.262, 641A.289, 641B.170, 641B.282, 641B.460, 641C.760, 641C.800, 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870, 645.180, 645.625, 645A.050, 645A.082, 645B.060, 645B.092, 645C.220, 645C.225, 645D.130, 645D.135, 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330, 647.0945, 647.0947, 648.033, 648.197, 649.065, 649.067, 652.228, 653.900, 654.110, 656.105, 657A.510, 661.115, 665.130, 665.133, 669.275, 669.285, 669A.310, 671.170, 673.450, 673.480, 675.380, 676A.340, 676A.370, 677.243, 678A.470, 678C.710, 678C.800, 679B.122, 679B.124, 679B.152, 679B.159, 679B.190, 679B.285, 679B.690, 680A.270, 681A.440, 681B.260, 681B.410, 681B.540, 683A.0873, 685A.077, 686A.289, 686B.170, 686C.306, 687A.110, 687A.115, 687C.010, 688C.230, 688C.480, 688C.490, 689A.696, 692A.117, 692C.190, 692C.3507, 692C.3536, 692C.3538, 692C.354, 692C.420, 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550, 696C.120, 703.196, 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159, 711.600, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013 and unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public books and public records of a governmental entity must be open at all times



during office hours to inspection by any person, and may be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared from those public books and public records. Any such copies, abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity can redact, delete, conceal or separate, including, without limitation, electronically, the confidential information from the information included in the public book or record that is not otherwise confidential.

4. If requested, a governmental entity shall provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format by means of an electronic medium. Nothing in this subsection requires a governmental entity to provide a copy of a public record in an electronic format or by means of an electronic medium if:

(a) The public record:

- (1) Was not created or prepared in an electronic format; and
- (2) Is not available in an electronic format; or

(b) Providing the public record in an electronic format or by means of an electronic medium would:

- (1) Give access to proprietary software; or
- (2) Require the production of information that is confidential and that cannot be redacted, deleted, concealed or separated from information that is not otherwise confidential.

5. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody or control of a public record:

(a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in the medium that is requested because the officer, employee or agent has already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different medium.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require



the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself or herself.

Sec. 31. 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.

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

3. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall:

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

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

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

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

(a) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council; and



(b) ~~{Any committees of the Legislature or subcommittees of the Legislative Commission that deal with matters concerning the public lands.}~~ *The Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources.*

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

Sec. 31.5. NRS 332.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

332.215 1. Each county of this state whose population is 100,000 or more, must be a member of the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing which is composed of all purchasing agents of the local governments within those counties. Each county whose population is less than 100,000 may participate as a voting member of the Commission. The members shall select a Chair from among their number.

2. The Commission shall meet no less than quarterly or at the call of the Chair to study practices in governmental purchasing and laws relating thereto and shall make recommendations with respect to those laws to the next regular session of the Legislature.

3. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Commission shall submit a written report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections that includes any recommendations of the Commission for legislation relating to governmental purchasing.

Secs. 32 and 33. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 34. NRS 385A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385A.030 “Committee” means the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education created pursuant to ~~{NRS 218E.605.}~~ *section 6 of this act.*

Sec. 35. NRS 387.1215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1215 1. To account for variation between the counties of this State in the cost of living and the cost of labor, the Department shall establish by regulation cost adjustment factors for the school district located in, and each charter school that provides classroom-based instruction in, each county of this State.

2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the Department shall review and determine whether revisions are necessary to the cost adjustment factors for the school district located in each county of this State. The Department shall present the review and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education for consideration and recommendations by the Committee. After the meeting, the Department shall consider any recommendations of the ~~{Legislative}~~



Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education, determine whether to include those recommendations and adopt by regulation any revision to the cost adjustment factors. The Department shall submit any revision to the cost adjustment factors to each school district, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Sec. 36. NRS 387.1216 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1216 1. To account for the increased cost to a school district to operate a public school for a small number of pupils which may be necessary in certain circumstances, the Department shall establish by regulation a method to calculate an adjustment for each necessarily small school.

2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the Department shall review and determine whether revisions are necessary to the method for determining the adjustment for each necessarily small school. The Department shall present the review and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education for consideration and recommendations by the Committee. After the meeting, the Department shall consider any recommendations of the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education, determine whether to include those recommendations and adopt by regulation any revision to the method. The Department shall submit any revision to the method to each school district, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Sec. 37. NRS 387.1218 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.1218 1. To account for the increased cost per pupil to operate a school district in which relatively fewer pupils are enrolled, the Department shall establish by regulation a small district equity adjustment.

2. Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the Department shall review and determine whether revisions are necessary to the method for calculating the small district equity adjustment. The Department shall present the review and any revisions at a meeting of the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education for consideration and recommendations by the Committee. After the meeting, the Department shall consider any recommendations of the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education, determine whether to include those recommendations and adopt by regulation any revision to the method. The Department shall submit any revision to the method to each school district, the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.



Sec. 38. NRS 387.12455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.12455 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, for the purpose of establishing budgetary estimates for expenditures and revenues for the State Education Fund as prescribed by the State Budget Act, the Governor shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that an amount of money in the State General Fund is reserved in the proposed executive budget for transfer to the State Education Fund which is sufficient to fully fund:

(a) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by the State for general, unrestricted uses will increase by a rate that is greater than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in the public schools in this State in the immediately preceding biennium, an amount of money in the State General Fund for transfer to the State Education Fund for the subsequent biennium which is not less than the amount of money transferred to the State Education Fund from the State General Fund for the immediately preceding biennium increased by an amount not less than the rate of increase for the revenue collected by the State as projected by the Economic Forum.

(b) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by the State for general, unrestricted uses will increase by a rate that is not greater than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in the public schools in this State in the immediately preceding biennium, an amount of money in the State General Fund for transfer to the State Education Fund for the subsequent biennium which is not less than the amount of money transferred to the State Education Fund from the State General Fund for the immediately preceding biennium increased by an amount not less than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in the public schools in this State.

(c) If the Economic Forum projects that the revenue collected by the State for general, unrestricted uses will decrease, an amount of money in the State General Fund for transfer to the State Education Fund for the subsequent biennium which is not less than the amount of money transferred to the State Education Fund from the State General Fund for the immediately preceding biennium decreased by an amount not greater than the rate of decrease for the revenue collected by the State as projected by the Economic Forum.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, as part of the proposed executive budget, the Governor shall, to the extent practicable, include recommendations for:



(a) The statewide base per pupil funding amount, which must be equal to the statewide base per pupil funding amount for the immediately preceding biennium increased by an amount not less than the combined rate of inflation and the growth of enrollment in the public schools in this State unless the amount of money contained in the State Education Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, decreases from the immediately preceding biennium, in which event the Governor must recommend a proportional reduction to both the statewide base per pupil funding amount and the multiplier for each category of pupils pursuant to paragraph (b); and

(b) The multiplier for each category of pupils, which must not be less than the multiplier for the immediately preceding biennium unless:

(1) The amount of money contained in the State Education Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, decreases from the immediately preceding biennium, in which event the Governor must recommend a proportional reduction to both the statewide base per pupil funding amount pursuant to paragraph (a) and the multiplier for each category of pupils; or

(2) The amount of money contained in the State Education Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, increases from the preceding fiscal year but in an amount which, after recommending the statewide base per pupil funding amount pursuant to paragraph (a), is insufficient to fund the multiplier for each category of pupils, in which event the Governor must recommend the remaining money in the State Education Fund, excluding the Education Stabilization Account or any account created pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 387.1212, be used to provide a multiplier for each category of pupils which is as close as practicable to the multiplier for the preceding fiscal year.

3. When determining the amount of money to reserve for transfer from the State General Fund to the State Education Fund pursuant to subsection 1, the Governor shall consider the recommendations of the Commission, as revised by the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education, if applicable, for an optimal level of funding for education and may reserve an additional amount of money for transfer to the State Education Fund that the Governor determines to be sufficient to fund any



recommendation or any portion of a recommendation that the Governor includes in the proposed executive budget.

4. As part of the proposed executive budget, the Governor may recommend to the Legislature a revision to any appropriation made by law pursuant to NRS 387.1214, including, without limitation, the statewide base per pupil funding amount, the adjusted base per pupil funding for any school district, the multiplier for weighted funding for any category of pupils or the creation or elimination of a category of pupils to receive additional weighted funding. The Governor may recommend additional funding for any recommendation made pursuant to this subsection.

5. If the Governor determines that it would be impracticable to prepare the proposed executive budget as described in subsection 1 or 2, the Governor may instead include in the proposed executive budget a recommendation for such funding for the public schools in this State as he or she determines to be appropriate. If the Governor includes in the proposed executive budget recommendations pursuant to this subsection, the recommendations must be accompanied by such recommendations for legislation as the Governor determines to be appropriate to improve the method by which funding for the public schools in this State is determined.

6. As used in this section, “rate of inflation” means the percentage of increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the United States Department of Labor for the immediately preceding calendar year or, if that index ceases to be published by the United States Department of Labor, the published index that most closely resembles that index, as determined by the Governor.

Sec. 39. NRS 387.12463 is hereby amended to read as follows:

387.12463 1. The Commission shall:

(a) Provide guidance to school districts and the Department on the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

(b) Monitor the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan and make any recommendations to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education that the Commission determines would, within the limits of appropriated funding, improve the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan or correct any deficiencies of the Department or any school district or public school in carrying out the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

(c) Review the statewide base per pupil funding amount, the adjusted base per pupil funding for each school district and the multiplier for weighted funding for each category of pupils



appropriated by law pursuant to NRS 387.1214 for each biennium and recommend any revisions the Commission determines to be appropriate to create an optimal level of funding for the public schools in this State, including, without limitation, by recommending the creation or elimination of one or more categories of pupils to receive additional weighted funding. If the Commission makes a recommendation pursuant to this paragraph which would require more money to implement than was appropriated from the State Education Fund in the immediately preceding biennium, the Commission shall also identify a method to fully fund the recommendation within 10 years after the date of the recommendation.

(d) Review the laws and regulations of this State relating to education, make recommendations to the ~~[Legislative]~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education for any revision of such laws and regulations that the Commission determines would improve the efficiency or effectiveness of public education in this State and notify each school district of each such recommendation.

(e) Review and recommend to the Department revisions of the cost adjustment factors for each county established pursuant to NRS 387.1215, the method for determining the adjustment for each necessarily small school established pursuant to NRS 387.1216 and the method for calculating the small district equity adjustment established pursuant to NRS 387.1218.

2. The Commission shall present any recommendations pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1 at a meeting of the ~~[Legislative]~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education for consideration and revision by the Committee. The ~~[Legislative]~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education shall review each recommendation of the Commission and determine whether to transmit the recommendation or a revised version of the recommendation to the Governor or the Legislature.

Sec. 40. 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.]~~ **section 6 of this act.**

Sec. 41. 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. 42. NRS 391.492 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.492 1. There is hereby created the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force consisting of the following members:

(a) One licensed teacher employed by each school district located in a county whose population is less than 100,000, appointed by the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education;

(b) Two licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, appointed by the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education; and

(c) Three licensed teachers employed by each school district located in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, appointed by the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education.

2. After the initial terms, each member of the Task Force serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed to one additional 2-year term following his or her initial term. If any member of the Task Force ceases to be qualified for the position to which he or she was appointed, the position shall be deemed vacant and the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

3. The Task Force shall, at its first meeting and each odd-numbered year thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members.

4. The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair or a majority of the members of the Task Force. In even-numbered years, the Task Force shall have three meetings before the final meeting of the ~~{Legislative}~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education. In even-numbered



years, the fourth meeting of the Task Force must be a presentation to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force made pursuant to NRS 391.496.

5. Ten members of the Task Force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Task Force.

6. Members of the Task Force serve without compensation, except that for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Task Force attends a meeting of the Task Force or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force, the member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

7. Each member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of the State or a local government must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of his or her regular compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Task Force and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Task Force to make up the time the member is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member, and shall not require the member to take annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.

8. The Department shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

Sec. 43. NRS 391.494 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.494 1. Each member of the Task Force must:

(a) Be a licensed teacher with at least 5 consecutive years of experience teaching in a public school in this State;

(b) Be currently employed as a teacher and actively teaching in a public school in this State, and remain employed as a teacher in a public school in this State for the duration of the member's term; and

(c) Not be currently serving on any other education-related board, commission, council, task force or similar governmental entity.

2. On or before December 1, 2019, the Department shall prescribe a uniform application for a teacher to use to apply to serve on the Task Force.

3. A teacher who wishes to serve on the Task Force must submit an application prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 to the ~~Legislative~~ *Joint Interim Standing* Committee on Education on or



before January 15 of an even-numbered year. On or before February 1 of each even-numbered year, the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education shall select one or more teachers, as applicable, to serve as a member of the Task Force.

Sec. 44. NRS 391.496 is hereby amended to read as follows:
391.496 The Task Force shall:

1. Evaluate the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State;

2. Make recommendations to the ~~{Legislative}~~ **Joint Interim Standing** Committee on Education to address the challenges in attracting and retaining teachers throughout this State, including, without limitation, providing incentives to attract and retain teachers; and

3. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature describing the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

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}~~ *Growth and Infrastructure* or a person designated by the Chair; and

2. The *Vice* Chair of the ~~{Assembly}~~ *Joint Interim* Standing Committee on ~~{Transportation}~~ *Growth and Infrastructure* 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 members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure* 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 482.3746, 482.3751, 482.3752, 482.3757, 482.3783, 482.3785, 482.3787, 482.37901, 482.37902, 482.37906, 482.3791, 482.3794 or 482.3817.

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, including, without limitation, pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NRS 482.38279. 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. 51.5. Section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 95 of this session is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.510 1. There is hereby ~~established a Legislative Committee~~ *created the Subcommittee* on Public Lands *of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources*, consisting of ~~1~~:

~~—(a) Four~~ *members appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, who must include:*

(a) Two members of the Senate ~~1~~:

~~—(b) Four~~ *who are members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;*

(b) Two members of the Assembly ~~1~~ *who are members of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources;*

(c) One elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed ~~by the Legislative Commission~~ with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands; and

(d) One member representing tribal governments in Nevada who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization, ~~and~~ appointed ~~by the Legislative Commission~~ with appropriate regard for their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands;

2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

3. ~~{The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.~~

~~—4.~~ The ~~members~~ *Chair* of the *Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* shall ~~{select}~~ *appoint* a Chair *of the Subcommittee* from one House and a Vice Chair *of the Subcommittee* from the other House. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the ~~members of the Committee shall select a replacement~~ *vacancy must be filled in the*



same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

~~{5.}~~ 4. Any member of the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session convenes.

~~{6.}~~ 5. Vacancies on the ~~{Committee}~~ *Subcommittee* must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

~~{7.}~~ 6. The ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* may appoint alternates for members of the ~~{Committee.}~~ *Subcommittee.* The Chair of the ~~{Committee.}~~ *Subcommittee:*

(a) May designate an alternate appointed by the ~~{Legislative Commission}~~ *Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

(b) Shall, for a member who is a legislator, ~~{appoint}~~ *designate* an alternate *appointed by the Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources* who is a member of the same House and political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

Sec. 51.7. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Legislative Fund created by NRS 218A.150 the sum of \$35,000 for costs to the Legislative Counsel Bureau related to supporting the work of interim studies during the 2021-2022 interim.

Sec. 52. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or any other 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 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature, assign a power or duty to a committee or commission abolished by this act or require the submission of a report, document or information to such a committee or commission:

(a) The provisions of the other statute, act or resolution that assign the power or duty or require the submission of the report, 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 report,



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 or commission, including, without limitation, a statutory legislative committee or commission abolished by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 53. 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. 54. On the effective date of this section, the State Controller shall transfer the remaining balance, if any, in the Special Account for the Support of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice created pursuant to NRS 176.01255 to the State General Fund.

Sec. 55. NRS 176.0121, 176.0123, 176.01248, 176.01249, 176.0125, 176.01255, 176.0126, 209.4817, 218E.225, 218E.600, 218E.605, 218E.610, 218E.700, 218E.705, 218E.710, 218E.715, 218E.720, 218E.800, 218E.805, 218E.810, 439B.200, 439B.210 and 459.0085 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 56. 1. This section and sections 1 to 34, inclusive, 39 to 51, inclusive, 51.7 and 52 to 55, inclusive, of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 35 to 38, inclusive, and 51.5 of this act become effective on July 1, 2021.

