SENATE BILL NO. 246-SENATOR NEAL

MARCH 9, 2023

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR S-1028)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 3) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring the City Councils of the City of Las Vegas and the City of North Las Vegas to establish a workforce development program; requiring the City Councils to receive updates on the programs and post information about the programs; requiring every public utility which is owned or operated by the City of Las Vegas or the City of North Las Vegas to include certain information in utility bills; requiring that certain information be posted in each building owned by the City of Las Vegas or the City of North Las Vegas; requiring the City Councils to submit an annual report to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau relating to the workforce development program; making an appropriation to Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board to carry out the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Improvement Project; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The existing Charter of the City of Las Vegas authorizes the City Council of the City to exercise such powers and enact such ordinances, not in conflict with the laws of this State, as the City Council determines are necessary and proper for the development and provisions of programs relating to employment and training. (Las





Vegas City Charter § 3.300) **Section 1** of this bill requires the City Council to establish a workforce development program, in coordination with all applicable agencies which provide workforce development services, to reduce the rate of unemployment in all areas of the City that have a high rate of poverty. **Section 1** further requires: (1) the City Council to receive an update to the program at every meeting of the City Council; (2) the City Council to post information about the program in a conspicuous place on the Internet website of the City; (3) every public utility owned or operated by the City to include certain information regarding opportunities available in workforce development in each utility bill; (4) each building that is owned in the City to have posted in a clear and conspicuous place all job openings that are available in the building; and (5) the City Council to provide a written report each year to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau relating to the workforce development program. **Section 3** of this bill sets forth the same requirements for the City of North Las Vegas.

Section 2 of this bill creates an exception to the provision that authorizes but does not require the City Council of the City of Las Vegas to exercise powers and enact ordinances relating to programs relating to employment and training.

Section 4 of this bill makes an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board for purposes of carrying out the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Improvement Project.

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

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1391, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 3.310, immediately following section 3.300, to read as follows:

Sec. 3.310 Workforce development.

- 1. The City Council shall establish a workforce development program, in coordination with all applicable agencies which provide workforce development services, to reduce the rate of unemployment in all areas of the City that have a high rate of poverty. The workforce development program established pursuant to this section:
- (a) Must prioritize outreach and assistance in neighborhoods that have historically had high rates of poverty; and
- (b) Must not prioritize any one minority group over another.
 - 2. The City Council shall:
- (a) Receive an update on the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1 at every meeting of the City Council.
- (b) Post information about the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1 in a conspicuous place on the Internet website of the City.





- 3. Every public utility which is owned or operated by the City shall include in each utility bill sent to a customer clear and conspicuous notification of the Internet address that sets forth opportunities in workforce development available to residents of the City.
- 4. In each building that is owned by the City, there must be posted in a clear and conspicuous place all job openings that are available in the building.
- 5. The City Council shall provide a written report each year to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative Commission, describing the efforts made by the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1.
- **Sec. 2.** Section 3.300 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 338, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 1532, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.300 Programs: Employment and training.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 *and section 3.310* and in addition to any other powers authorized by specific statute, the City Council may exercise such powers and enact such ordinances, not in conflict with the laws of this State, as the City Council determines are necessary and proper for the development and provision of programs relating to employment and training.
- 2. The City Council shall not impose or increase a tax for the purposes set forth in subsection 1 unless the tax or increase is otherwise authorized by specific statute.
- **Sec. 3.** The Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1210, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as section 3.110, immediately following section 3.100, to read as follows:

Sec. 3.110. Workforce development.

- 1. The City Council shall establish a workforce development program, in coordination with all applicable agencies which provide workforce development services, to reduce the rate of unemployment in areas of the City that have a high rate of poverty. The workforce development program established pursuant to this section:
- (a) Must prioritize outreach and assistance in neighborhoods that have historically had high rates of poverty; and





- (b) Must not prioritize any one minority group over another.
 - 2. The City Council shall:

(a) Receive an update on the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1 at every meeting of the City Council.

(b) Post information about the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1 in a conspicuous place on the Internet website of the City.

- 3. Every public utility which is owned or operated by the City shall include in each utility bill sent to a customer clear and conspicuous notification of the Internet address that sets forth opportunities in workforce development available to residents of the City.
- 4. In each building that is owned by the City, there must be posted in a clear and conspicuous place all job openings that are available in the building.
- 5. The City Council shall provide a written report each year to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative Commission, describing the efforts made by the workforce development program established pursuant to subsection 1.
- **Sec. 4.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board the sum of \$5,000,000 for purposes of carrying out the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Improvement Project.
- 2. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1, the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board agrees to:
- (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 20, 2024, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board through December 1, 2024;
- (b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 19, 2025, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board through June 30, 2025; and
- (c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board,





regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.





