Senate Bill No. 104–Senator Pazina

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymembers Jauregui, Monroe-Moreno and Yeager

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to governmental financial administration; making an appropriation for allocation to nonprofit organizations to provide programs for the creation and maintenance of school gardens; making appropriations to certain other nonprofit organizations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Other State Education Programs Account in the State General Fund for the cost of creating and maintaining programs for school gardens that meet the requirements of subsection 3 the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ..... $200,000

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2. The Department of Education shall allocate the money appropriated by subsection 1 to nonprofit organizations to provide at a public school a program for a school garden which meets the requirements set forth in subsection 3.

3. For a nonprofit organization to receive an allocation of money to provide a program for a school garden pursuant to subsection 2, the program must:

(a) Create and maintain a school garden at the school.

(b) Have a curriculum that:

(1) Includes a comprehensive science, technology, engineering and mathematics school garden program. Such a program must include, without limitation, a science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum for outdoor or hydroponic gardens for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 that is tailored to pupils of the appropriate grade levels at the school;

(2) Is written specifically for Nevada and the desert environment of Nevada;

(3) Complies with the standards of content and performance for a course of study in science adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to NRS 389.520;

(4) Uses experiential learning or project-based learning to teach science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics;

(5) Is designed with the assistance of teachers and other educational personnel with experience at the appropriate grade levels at the school; and

(6) Involves supervised learning experiences for the pupils at the school in a classroom and a school garden.

(c) Provide the school with assistance from members of the community, including, without limitation, trained educators, local farmers and local chefs.

(d) Provide pupils with the:

(1) Ability to operate a farmer's market to sell the produce from the school garden; and

(2) Opportunity to have a local chef or employee of a school who works in food services demonstrate how to cook a meal using the produce grown from the school garden.

(e) Establish garden teams comprised of teachers and, if such persons are available, parents and members of the community. Each garden team shall meet at least once each month.

(f) Require any local nonprofit or community-based organization which will provide services to implement the program for a school garden to have at least 2 years of experience implementing such a program.

4. Money allocated pursuant to subsection 2 may be used to:

(a) Provide professional development for teachers regarding the:

(1) Use of a school garden to teach pupils with disabilities, including, without limitation, training for teaching such pupils science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum and vocational training to create a career path in horticulture;

(2) Development and implementation of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics curricula that incorporate the use of a school garden;

(3) Development and implementation of training that may be provided to a group or individually to teachers in how to establish and maintain school gardens to increase the time teachers allocate to teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

(4) Development and implementation of a food safety plan designed to ensure that food grown in a school garden is properly handled and safe to sell and consume;

(b) Pay for any travel expenses associated with the attendance of a teacher at any training or conference relating to school gardens; and

(c) Pay for the costs of a conference regarding school gardens held in this State.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Public school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007.

(b) "School garden" includes, without limitation, a hydroponic garden.

Sec. 2. Upon acceptance of the money allocated pursuant to section 1 of this act, a nonprofit organization agrees to:

1. Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before October 1, 2026, that describes each expenditure made from the money allocated pursuant to section 1 of this act from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit organization through June 30, 2026;

2. Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before October 1, 2027, that describes each expenditure made from the money allocated pursuant to section 1 of this act from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit organization through June 30, 2027; and

3. 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 nonprofit organization, regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money allocated pursuant to section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 1 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years 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 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, respectively, 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 18, 2026, and September 17, 2027, respectively.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Mob Museum the sum of $250,000 for the planning phase of its expansion.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,

2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 5. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges the sum of $100,000 for the purpose of supporting the Nevada Judicial Resource Center on Firearms.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 6. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to Raise the Future the sum of $250,000 to support its programs in this State.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

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