SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Grants Management Advisory Committee. (BDR 18-148)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

AN ACT relating to grants; requiring a member of the Grants Management Advisory Committee to abstain from voting on matters related to an entity with which the member is affiliated; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Grants Management Advisory Committee within the Department of Human Services. (NRS 232.383) Existing law requires the Advisory Committee to: (1) review requests received by the Department for awards of money; and (2) submit recommendations to the Director of the Department concerning each request for an award that the Advisory Committee believes should be granted. (NRS 232.385) Also, existing law prohibits an entity from receiving a grant if the entity employs a member of the Advisory Committee. (NRS 232.383) **Section 1** of this bill eliminates this prohibition. Further, **section 1** requires a member of the Advisory Committee who is affiliated with an entity that is related to a matter before the Advisory Committee to disclose

his or her affiliation to the Advisory Committee and abstain from voting or otherwise participating in the matter.

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

Section 1. NRS 232.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.383 1. The Grants Management Advisory Committee is hereby created within the Department.

2. The Advisory Committee consists of the following 15 members appointed by the Director:

(a) A superintendent of a county school district or the superintendent's designee;

(b) A director of a local agency which provides services for abused or neglected children, or the director's designee;

(c) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to children;

(d) A representative of a department of juvenile justice services;

(e) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens;

(f) Two members who possess knowledge, skill and experience in finance or in business generally;

(g) A representative of the Nevada Association of Counties;

(h) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in building partnerships between the public sector and the private sector;

(i) Two members of the public who possess knowledge of or experience in the provision of services to persons or families who are disadvantaged or at risk;

(j) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to persons with disabilities;

(k) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services relating to the cessation of the use of tobacco;

(l) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of health services to children; and

(m) A representative who is a member of the Nevada Commission on Aging, created by NRS 427A.032, who must not be a Legislator.

3. ~~[An entity who employs]~~ ***If*** a member of the Advisory Committee ~~[is not eligible to receive a grant. This subsection does not prohibit]~~ ***is affiliated with*** an entity that ~~[serves solely as the fiscal agent for a recipient of a grant from employing a member of]~~ ***is related to a matter before*** the Advisory Committee ~~[.]~~ ***, the member shall disclose his or her affiliation to the Advisory Committee and abstain from voting or otherwise acting upon such matter.***

4. The Director shall ensure that, insofar as practicable, the members whom the Director appoints reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this State.

5. After the initial terms, each member of the Advisory Committee serves for a term of 2 years. Each member of the Advisory Committee continues in office until his or her successor is appointed.

6. Each member of the Advisory Committee who is not an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State is entitled to receive a salary of not more than $80 per day, fixed by the Director, while engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee.

7. While engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee, each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

8. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

9. A member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee to:

(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

10. The Advisory Committee shall:

(a) At its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chair from among its members;

(b) Meet at the call of the Director, the Chair or a majority of its members as necessary, within the budget of the Advisory Committee, but not to exceed six meetings per year; and

(c) Adopt rules for its own management and government.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.