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This issue of Legislative Report contains a summary of bills which directly or indirectly will have an impact on our members or be of interest to our members. It does not include industry specific bills.

Notes:

- Page numbers continue in sequence from the last issue.
- To access the full text of the bills reported in this issue, use the link which appears at the end of the bill summary.
- Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2017.
- To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, go to www.leg.state.nv.us and click on "Session Information – 2017".

NEW BILLS INTRODUCTIONS

FEES

AB 515 – Payday Lending – Emergency Request of Speaker Frierson

Assemblymen Frierson and Swank and referred to the Committee on Government Affairs (BDR 52-1227)

This bill requires the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to develop, implement and maintain a database for payday and title loans in Nevada. Each licensee must enter and update its customer information to the database. The vendor which creates and maintains the database is required to charge a fee, established by the Commissioner by regulation.

The bill is effective on October 1, 2017.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB515.pdf>

BUSINESS

SB 554 – Transportation Network Companies

Senators Ford and Atkinson and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy (BDR 58-1247)

Requires that a driver for a transportation network company provide verification to the TNC that he holds a valid state business license not later than 6 months after the driver is allowed to receive connections and annually thereafter. The TNC is required to terminate any driver who fails to do so.

Effective October 1, 2017

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB554.pdf>

EDUCATION: K-12

AB 516 – Clark County School District Reorganization – Emergency Request of Speaker Frierson

Assemblyman Frierson and Senator Ford and referred to the Committee on Education (BDR 34-1234)

This bill changes the effective date for the Clark County Achievement School District to the 2018-2019 fiscal year (rather than 2017-2018). It also proposes to reduce the items that may be controlled at the local school level upon decision by the superintendent. It reduces the percentage of funds controlled at the local school level. The bill alters the weighted student formula by allowing the district to establish categories of pupils and weights for each category unless it elects not to use its own categories and weights in which case it reverts to the state's categories and weights. It also repeals Section 38 of AB469, 2015 Session, to remove local autonomy for contracts and requires contracts be aggregated to the entire district.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB516.pdf>

SB 547 – Professional Development Incentives in Clark County

Senator Ford and referred to the Committee on Finance (BDR 34-1241)

Requires school districts with more than 100,000 pupils enrolled, currently only Clark County, to establish through negotiations with its employee organization a salary incentive program for professional growth for teachers. The bill also makes this incentive program to be within the scope of mandatory collective bargaining.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB547.pdf>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT**SB 552 – Public Employees Benefits for Non-State, Non-Medicaid Eligible Employees**

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR 23-1226)

Requires local governments to provide funding for their non-Medicaid eligible employees to align their benefits to State non-Medicare employees. It provides that the state funds at 100% for fiscal year 2017-2018, 75% in 2018-2019, 50% in 2019-2020 and 25% in 2020-2021. For fiscal year 2021-2022 and thereafter, the local government is required to pay 100% of the costs.

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB552_R1.pdf

STATE BUDGET**APPROPRIATIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET****AB 517 – State Employee Compensation Funding**

Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same (BDR S-1188)

Provides for the compensation of state employees for the 2017-2019 biennium.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB517.pdf>

AB 518 – State Government Funding

Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same (BDR S-1185)

Makes appropriations from the General Fund and the Highway Fund for the support of civil government for the 2017-2019 biennium.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB518.pdf>

SB 544 – K-12 Funding

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR 34-1189)

Appropriates and directs funding from the Distributive School Account in the State General Fund for K-12 education for the 2017-2019 biennium. Highlights of this bill include Sections 1 and 2 which include the per pupil basic support of \$5,897 for fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$5,967 for fiscal year 2018-2019. The bill enumerates the county allocations and provides estimated ad valorem adjustments for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The bill also funds the various programs requested by the Governor and recommended for approval by the Ways & Means and Finance Committees.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB544.pdf>

SB 545 – State Agency Funding

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1186)

Provides the appropriations to the various agencies of the state government for the 2017-2019 biennium.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB545.pdf>

SB 546 – Capital Improvement Funding – 2/3 vote required

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1187)

Appropriates \$48,009,701 to the State Public Works Division to carry out the program of capital improvements for the 2017-2019 biennium.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB546.pdf>

SB 551 – Public Employees Benefit System

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1242)

Provides the state funding amounts for the Public Employee Benefit System for the 2017-2019 biennium for current and retired state employees.

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB551_R1.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET**AB 519 – Voting Machine Appropriation**

Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same (BDR S-1238)

Appropriates \$8 million to the Secretary of State to assist the counties in the purchase of voting machines and related costs. The money is apportioned \$4.5 million to Clark County, \$1.7 million to Washoe County, and \$1.8 million to the remaining counties.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB519.pdf>

AB 520 – Springs Preserve Playground

Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same (BDR S-1243)

Appropriates \$500,000 to the Nevada State Museum for the Springs Preserve to construct a playground.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB520.pdf>

AB 521 – Veterans Assistance for Disinterment and Relocation

Assemblyman Paul Anderson, et al and Senator Hammond (and referred to Ways and Means (BDR 37-1236)

Makes an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Department of Veterans Services to assist the family of a veteran who is interred in a cemetery that is not a veterans cemetery with disinterment and relocation in a veterans cemetery.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB521.pdf>

AB 522 – NevadaTeach Program Appropriation

Assemblymen Frierson and Benitez Thompson and referred to Ways and Means (BDR S-1246)

Makes and appropriation of \$300,000 to the University of Nevada, Reno to the NevadaTeach Program to assist students in certification to each mathematics, science or engineering at the middle school and high school level.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AB/AB522.pdf>

SB 543 – Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health Appropriation

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1235)

Appropriates \$2 million to the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health for research, clinical studies, operations and educational programs. Requires a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 21, 2018 and again on September 20, 2019.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB543.pdf>

SB 548 – Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR 34-1232)

Establishes the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation and makes a \$1 million appropriation to provide grants for teacher training focused on student learning, particularly those who are at risk.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB548.pdf>

SB 549 – Library and Archives Appropriation

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1240)

Appropriates \$500,000 to the State Library and Archives for library collection development, bookmobile services, statewide databases and emerging technology.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB549.pdf>

SB 550 – Clark County School District Computer System

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1231)

Makes a \$17 million appropriation to the Clark County School District to upgrade its human resource management information system.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB550.pdf>

SB 553 – Planning for Engineering Building at UNLV

Committee on Finance and referred to same (BDR S-1244)

Appropriates \$1,750,000 to the State Public Works Board for advanced planning for the UNLV College of Engineering Academic and Research Building.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB553.pdf>

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**AJR 14 – Affordable Emergency Medical Care as Constitutional Amendment**

Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same (BDR C-1218)

Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require that hospitals charge no more than 150% of the rate for emergency care that they receive from a federal public insurer (Medicaid).

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/AJR/AJR14.pdf>

SJR 16 – Gender Equality as Constitutional Amendment – Emergency Request of Minority Leader

Senator Roberson, et al and referred to Legislative Operations and Elections (BDR C-1233)

This resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for equal protection under the law and prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SJR/SJR16.pdf>

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**Effective May 8, 2017**

AB 35, 1st Reprint – Insurance Regulation (effective for regulations and July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018 for implementation) (Issue 2, page 7)

AB 469 – Clark County Schools Reorganization (Issue 7, page 52)

Effective May 19, 2017

AB 12, 1st Reprint – Insurance Adjusters (effective for regulations and July 1, 2018 for implementation) (Issue 1, page 3)

AB 170, 1st Reprint – Economic Development Reporting (Section 1 expires June 30, 2032 and Section 2 expires June 30, 2036) (Issue 2, page 9)

SB 197 – Lake Tahoe Basin Bonding (Issue 3, page 22)

SB 198 – Natural Resources Bonding Extension (Issue 3, page 22)

Effective May 22, 2017

AB 50, 1st Reprint – Environmental Fees and Fines (Issue 2, page 7)

Effective May 23, 2017

AB 279, 1st Reprint – Financial Institutions Regulation (Issue 4, page 26)

Effective May 24, 2017

SB 313 – Library Foundations (Issue 4, page 30)

Effective May 25, 2017

AB 61, 1st Reprint – Foreign Trust Companies (Issue 2, page 7)

AB 165, 1st Reprint – Health Executive Licensing (effective for regulations and January 1, 2018 for implementation) (Issue 1, page 4)

AB 195, 1st Reprint – Cosmetology (effective for regulations and January 1, 2018 for implementation) (Issue 1, page 5)

SB 176, 1st Reprint – Body Cameras (effective for regulations and January 1, 2018 for implementation) (Issue 2, page 8)

Effective May 26, 2017

SB 64 – Aviation Fuel Taxes (Issue 1, page 3)

Effective July 1, 2017

AB 6 – State Business License Exemptions for Motion Pictures (Issue 1, page 3)

AB 13 – State Business License Name Change (Issue 1, page 3)

AB 32, 1st Reprint – Pest Control Licensing (Issue 1, page 4)

AB 33, 1st Reprint – Abolish Mining Oversight Committee (Issue 2, page 9)

AB 62, 1st Reprint – Master Settlement Agreement (Issue 1, page 1)

AB 70, 1st Reprint – Las Vegas Redevelopment District (Issue 2, page 12)

AB 114 – Irrigation Districts (Issue 1, page 4)

AB 134, 1st Reprint – Special District Reporting (Issue 2, page 12)

AB 202, 1st Reprint – Higher Education Interim Study (Issue 2, page 12)

AB 231, 1st Reprint – Economic Development (Issue 3, page 21)

AB 282, 1st Reprint – Service Member Contracts (Issue 4, page 27)

AB 310, 1st Reprint – Public Administrators (Issue 4, page 29)

AB 317, 1st Reprint – Fictitious Firm Names (Issue 4, page 32)

AB 324, 1st Reprint – Document Preparation Services (Issue 5, page 36)

AB 425, 1st Reprint – Addiction Counselors (Issue 7, page 49)

AB 439, 1st Reprint – Veterinarian Tax Status (Issue 7, page 47)

SB 37 – Nevada Anniversary License Plates (Issue 1, page 5)

SB 54, 1st Reprint – Infrastructure Tax Use Expansion (Issue 1, page 3)

SB 78, 1st Reprint – Enterprise Funds (North Las Vegas)

SB 160, 1st Reprint – Administrative Regulations

SB 182, 1st Reprint – Eviction Fees (Issue 1, page 6)

SB 301, 1st Reprint – Education Administration (Issue 4, page 28)

SB 513 – Water Distribution Assessments (Issue 7, page 50)

Signed Bills, continued**Effective October 1, 2017**

AB 169, 2nd Reprint – County Recorder Fees (Issue 1, page 5)
AB 297, 2nd Reprint – Online Buyer Seller Meeting Places (Issue 4, page 29)
AB 452 – Energy Choice Interim Study (Issue 7, page 56)
SB 117 – Election Accessibility for Elderly or Handicapped Voters

Additional reporting will be provided following *sine die*.

BILLS THAT FAILED THE MAY 26, 2017 DEADLINE*

Keeping in mind that nothing is truly dead until *sine die

AB 194 – Behavioral Care Specialists (Issue 1, page 5)
AB 294 – Traveler Connectivity Room Taxes (Issue 4, page 25)
SB 236 – Public Marijuana Consumption (Issue 3, page 22)