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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, 2019. (The Legislative default date is October 1.)
- ♦ Some bills have a fiscal note, which is not indicated in the summary, as specific fiscal information is not currently provided.
- ♦ To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, click [here](#) or go to www.leg.state.nv.us and click on "Session Information – 80th (2019) Session."

FEES, FINES & PENALTIES

(See Issue 19-1, page 5, NTA's position on fees.)

SB 130 – Licensing for Radiation Administrators: Requires 2/3 Majority

Introduced by Senator Woodhouse and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 40-61)

Creates Radiation Therapy and Radiological Imaging Advisory Committee which consists of 7 members who meet at least annually and receive per diem and travel reimbursement. Authorizes the committee to set fees by regulation for licenses created and required to be obtained.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulatory and administrative tasks. January 1, 2020 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6141/Text>

EDUCATION: NSHE

SB 132 – Allocation of Rent and Lease Proceeds

Introduced by Senators Goicoechea and Settlemeyer and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-80)

Requires proceeds and rents from the sale or lease of any property that has been exclusively dedicated by original grant to College of Agriculture be used to support programs or develop new programs, or expand existing programs, relating to agriculture.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6155/Text>

GOVERNMENT: State and Local

SB 129 – Nevada Ethics in Government Law

Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. On behalf of the Ethics Commission. (BDR 23-191)

This is an extensive bill that clarifies and expands the responsibility of the Ethics Commission over state and local entity officers and employees and allows the employment of outside counsel.

NTA Comment: This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by affected local government. It provides the statutory provision (NRS 354.599) that prohibits unfunded mandates to local government does not apply to this bill.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6140/Text>

GOVERNMENT: State**SB 135 – Collective Bargaining by State Employees**

Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to the same. (BDR 23-650)

Allows collective bargaining for executive branch classified employees and University classified employees. Includes but is not limited to provisions establishing bargaining units, subjects of bargaining, procedure for recognition of labor organizations. Places the bargaining units under the Government Employee-Management Relations Board (GEMRB), formerly the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board and reduces membership in the Board from five to three. Assesses an annual fee of \$10 per government employee.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

NTA POSITION. OPPOSE. Unlike local governments where the elected officials are both the legislative and executive branches of the local government, state employees fall under the jurisdiction of two separate branches of government – executive and legislative. Can a Governor demand the Legislature approve the legislation required by the bargaining agreement? What if there aren't enough new funds to cover the financial expenses contained in the agreement? Does this mean that other proposed expenditures must be reduced or does the agreement need to be amended? Additionally, with the reduction of the GEMRB to three persons, doesn't that ignore the fact that there are filings which come before the board from local governments? How are these new responsibilities supposed to be handled with fewer Board members?

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6159/Text>

SB 136 – Tahoe Regional Planning Compact

Introduced by Committee on Natural Resources and referred to same. (BDR 22-736)

Changes the composition of the Tahoe board of transportation by allowing the Governors of Nevada and California to each appoint a replacement committee member.

Effective: Upon a proclamation by the Governor of this State and enactment of amendments that are substantially identical to those in Section 1 by the State of California.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6160/Text>

STATE BUDGET: Appropriations NOT in Executive Budget**SB 133 – Educational Leadership Training Programs**

Introduced by Committee on Finance and referred to the same. (BDR S-107)

Makes an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in both FY20 and FY21 from the state general fund for implementation and operation of educational leadership training programs upon matching funds being received.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2019 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6157/Text>

GENERAL INTEREST**AB 118 – Short-term Loans**

Introduced by Assembly members Swank, Cohen, Duran, Fumo, Nguyen, Peters, Sprinkle, and Watts. Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 52-621)

Limits the maximum interest to 36% for loans extended to a party to a lawsuit where the lender would receive a portion of the settlement. Also limits maximum allowable interest to 36% for certain short-term loans.

Effective: Amendatory provisions do not apply to a contract entered into before October 1, 2019 unless renewed or extended.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6156/Text>

SB 131 – Secondary Ticket Market

Introduced by Senator Woodhouse. Joint Sponsor Assemblyman Yeager and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 52-64)

Adds requirements for the seller of secondary tickets to provide additional information about the tickets and increases the amount of damages the buyer can receive for the first violation with a provision to increase damages for each subsequent violation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6142/Text>

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City of Las Vegas
Office of Community Services
Courtyard Homeless Resource Center
(City over 100k)

The Harbor
Clark County Juvenile Assessment Center
(County over 400k)

Patty L. Mamola, PE, Executive Director
Nevada Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors
(State)

Darren Schulz
Carson City Director of Public Works
(City under 100k)

The winner will be announced at the NTA's Biennial Legislative Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting
February 21, 2019 – Carson Nugget, Carson City, Nevada

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