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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.

TAXES: Administration

AB 178 – Transferable Tax Credits for the Rehabilitation of Historical Buildings

Introduced by Assemblymen Swank, Bilbray-Axelrod, et al and referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR 32-297)

Authorizes application to the Office of Historic Preservation for transferable tax credits against the costs of rehabilitating a qualified nonresidential historic building. Sets parameters for qualification of a nonresidential building as historic. Sets the minimum eligible costs at \$20,000 and the maximum transferable tax credits at \$3 million. The transferable tax credits are to equal 20% of the eligible costs and expenses of the rehabilitation. The transferable tax credits may be applied to mining, financial institutions and business taxes imposed by NRS 363 A and B, or gaming license fees or a combination.

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

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6281/Text>

TAXES: Business

SB 194 – Modified Business Tax: Credits for Individual Development Account

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-780)

An extensive bill which contains provisions requiring the Department of Taxation to authorize credits against Modified Business Taxes (NRS 364A and 364B) not to exceed the amount appropriated for that fiscal year. Other provisions include, but are not limited to creating the Nevada Statewide Council on Financial Independence. The Council is to develop statewide priorities to help persons who receive public assistance or social services.

NTA Comment: See Appropriations Not in Executive Budget for additional information. Additionally, 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/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB194.pdf>

TAXES: Fuel and Vehicle

SB 181 – Special License Plates

Introduced by Senator Settelmeyer and referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 43-663)

DMV shall design, prepare and issue special license plates for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles that are wholly or partly powered by an electric motor. The fee for the plates is \$150, in addition to applicable governmental services taxes and the renewal fee is \$75. One-half of the fees are remitted to the State Highway Fund and the remaining half is remitted to the Office of Energy created to be used for the Nevada Electric Highway.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB181.pdf>

TAXES: Property**AB 198 – Ownership of Real Property**

Introduced by Assemblymen Leavitt, Roberts, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Hardy and Hammond and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 20-953)

If a private property owner has occupied for at least 20 years a portion of adjacent property in the belief the property is owned by the private owner but is in fact owned by the county, the Board of County Commissioners may deed the property to the private owner at no cost. The property must then be put on the tax rolls.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6304/Text>

SB 199 – Penalty and Interest Waiver

Introduced by Senators Scheible and Parks and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 32-747)

Under specified circumstances requires, rather than authorizes, county treasurers or assessors to waive interest and or penalties for late payment of property taxes. Requires real estate agents, brokers, escrow agents and agencies and title agents to provide written notice to a purchaser of the amount of taxes that must be paid on a property. Failure to provide this information makes a licensee liable in a civil action to the purchaser for any penalties and interest.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6342/Text>

FEES, FINES & PENALTIES

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

AB 175 – Environmental Health Specialists - Requires 2/3 Majority

Introduced by Assemblywoman Peters and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-669)

Creates the Board of Environmental Health Specialists which must meet at least twice a year. Board members are entitled to a salary of \$150 per day and per diem and travel expenses. These costs are to be paid out of fees collected. Fees, to be set by the Board, are not to exceed \$250 application fee, \$100 registration fee, and other fees ranging between \$50 and \$200. Sets requirements for eligibility to qualify for registration to engage in the practice of environmental health. Fines of up to \$5,000 may be levied against persons acting as an environmental health specialist without a license.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6278/Text>

AB 188 – State Park and Recreational Areas

Introduced by Assemblyman Ellison and referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining. (BDR 35-649)

Eliminates administrative fees for the issuance of State Park entry permits to seniors (over 65) and honorably discharged veterans.

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

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6291/Text>

SB 186 - Physical Therapy Compact - Requires 2/3 Majority

Introduced by Senator Seevers Gansert and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-514)

Incorporates the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact into Nevada law. Specifies the conditions for honoring the interstate compact and authorizes Nevada Physical Therapy Board to administer the Compact in this State and to set fees by regulation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/SB/SB186.pdf>

SB 195 – Virtual Currency Businesses Act – Requires 2/3 Majority

Introduced by Senator Ohrenschall and referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 59-594)

Enacts the Uniform Regulation of Virtual-Currency Business Act requiring, among other things, that persons engaged in certain business activity involving virtual currency must be licensed by the Department of Business and Industry. Defines virtual currency business activity. Fees for applications and licenses and renewals are to be set by the Department, as are fines for violations. Under certain conditions, if a person's annual volume of virtual currency business is under \$35,000, they may operate without a license if certain actions are taken.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6337/Text>

SB 228 – Cannabis Control Commission

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 54-180)

Creates the Cannabis Control Commission and requires it to review any application for a medical marijuana or marijuana establishment. Makes various changes related to health care and wellness professions, including but not limited to authorizing these professionals to administer and recommend marijuana and help products without disciplinary action from boards. Prohibits the Department of Taxation from issuing these certificates or licenses without Commission approval.

Effective: Sections 12, 13, and 14 of this Act become effective January 2, 2020.

NTA Comment: This is similar to the Commission created by Governor Sisolak by Executive Order.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6374/Text>

BUSINESS ISSUES**AB 181 – Employee Sick Leave Notification**

Introduced by Assemblymen Assefa, McCurdy, et al. Joint Sponsor Senator Harris and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 53-833)

Prohibits employers from requiring an employee to be present to deliver notification the employee is sick or injured. Allows employers to require sick leave notification from employees and allows employers to require a note from a medical facility documenting the illness or injury. Violations of these provisions may subject an employer to fines of up to \$5,000 plus expenses for investigative and attorney fees by the Labor Commissioner.

Effective: October 1, 2019

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6284/Text>

AB 197 – Consumer Practices

Introduced by Assemblymen Flores; Benitez-Thompson, et al and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 52-899)

Creates rebuttable presumption that specifies contractual terms that are substantially unconscionable when included in a form contract to which one of the parties is a natural person residing in Nevada who did not draft the form contract. Also provides for statutory damages.

Effective: The provisions of this act apply only to a contract entered into on or after October 1, 2019.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/AB/AB197.pdf>

AB 199 – Career and Technical Education Collaboration

Introduced by Assemblymen Leavitt, Hardy, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Hardy and Hammond and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-954)

Allows school districts and charter schools to collaborate with a trade or professional organization or a labor union to provide career and technical training. Amends teacher licensing requirements and endorsements by the Commission on Professional Standards to a maximum of 5 years work experience for employment as a teacher or trainer in career and technical subjects.

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

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6305/Text>

AB 207 – Private Corporations

Introduced by Assemblymen Frierson, Benitez-Thompson, et al and referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 7-146)

This is an extensive bill clarifying statutes regarding private corporations, including, but not limited to, certain recordkeeping, director liability, stockholder rights and obligations and various corporate actions.

Effective: Certain amendatory provisions apply to a limited liability company on or after October 1, 2019 or before if the limited liability company expressly elects to accept the provisions before October 1, 2019.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6322/Text>

SB 166 – Employment Practices

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Cannizzaro, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-5)

Sets rules about costs, damages, and civil penalties that may be levied by the Equal Rights Commission for discrimination violations by employers. In most cases, the penalty or fine is to be deposited in the State General Fund, among other issues.

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

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6256/Text>

SB 176 – Nevada Industrial Insurance Act

Introduced by Senator Settelmeyer and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 53-179)

Provides that the choice of health care provider under the Industrial Insurance Act or the Occupational Diseases Act is the right of the injured employee. Stipulations are made on how lists of health care providers are to be put together and updated.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6277/Text>

SB 177 – Discriminatory Practices: Right to Sue Notice

Introduced by Senators Cancela, Spearman, et al and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 53-723)

A person who files a complaint of unlawful discrimination with the Equal Rights Commission may request a right-to-sue notice from the Commission if 180 days have passed since the complaint filing. Written notice of the filer's right to request a right-to-sue notice must be sent to the complainant by the Commission as soon as practicable. The notice allows the person to bring a civil action in district court against the person named in the complaint. If the court finds an employee has been injured, it may award the same damages as a Title VII protection.

Effective: October 1, 2019

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6295/Text>

SB 192 – Minimum Wage Increase & Office of Ombudsman for Hospital Patients

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 53-781)

Sets the specific level of health care coverage required to qualify for paying the lower hourly minimum wage per the Constitution. The employer must provide health insurance coverage in each of twelve categories and at specified levels of care. Creates the Office of Ombudsman for Hospital Patients within the Aging and Disability Services Division of HHS. Directs the Ombudsman to train advocate to receive and investigate complaints and other acts related to the well-being and rights of hospital patients. The office is to be financed from money received from licensing of medical and dependent care facilities.

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

NTA Comment: The 2017 Legislative session passed SJR 6 to amend the minimum wage provisions in Nevada's Constitution, Article 15 section 16. (See https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SJR/SJR6_EN.pdf.) If SJR 6 is passed again this session, it will appear on the November 2020 general election ballot. If passed by voters the change, Section 1 of SB 192 will be repealed

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6334/Text>

SB 195 – Virtual Currency Businesses Act – Requires 2/3 Majority

NTA Comment: See Fees this issue for summary.

EDUCATION: K-12

AB 190 – Prevailing Wage Requirements

Introduced by Assemblymen Daly, McCurdy, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Parks, Ohrenschall, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-637)

This is an extensive bill covering prevailing wage issues including, but not limited to, defining the bona fide benefits to be paid to workers on a public work that allow the workers to be paid less than the prevailing wage. Sets administrative penalties for compliance failure. Reduces applicable threshold for NSHE projects to \$100,000 from \$250,000. Amends the procedure used by the Labor Commission to determine prevailing wage, among other matters.

NTA Comment: Also see AB 155, Issue 19-5 page 41 and SB 231 this issue under Education – NSHE for summary.

NTA POSITION: OPPOSE. The changes proposed in this bill will reduce the amount of money available for the repair and building of State and local government facilities, including schools and the university system.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6293/Text>

AB 218 – Education Savings Accounts

Introduced by Assemblymen Hafen, Kramer, et al and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 31-850)

Reduces the required minimum enrollment in a public school to one quarter of a school year for Education Savings Account eligibility. Sets a procedure for reapplication to participate for those who applied prior to July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$24,276,354 in FY20 and \$34,108,556 in FY21 for the purposes of carrying out education savings account program.

NTA Comment: Also see Appropriations Not in Executive Budget this issue.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6379/Text>

SB 188 – School Expenditures

Introduced by Senators Pickard, Hammond, et al. Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Hafen, Hansen, et al and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 34-632)

By August 15 each year the Board of Trustees of each school district is to submit to the Department of Education a detailed report of expenditures of the previous year. If available, the report is to be published on the school's website. The budget for the upcoming year of each district is to be based on the amount of money available per pupil in the previous year, using generally accepted accounting principles.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6328/Text>

SB 191 – School Library

Introduced by Senator Woodhouse and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-562)

Requires each school in a district, including charter schools, to establish and maintain a school library according to the minimum requirements to be established by the State Board of Education. A school librarian is to be employed in each school in Washoe and Clark counties. In other counties, various options of providing library services are outlined. A librarian position in charter schools is up to the governing body of that school.

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/6333/Text>

SB 233 – Capital Improvements

Introduced by Senator Goicoechea and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 34-152)

Removes the requirement that assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district is declining and other capital resources are diminishing in order to receive money from the Fund to Assist School District in Financing Capital Improvements. Other qualifying factors remain unchanged.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6386/Text>

EDUCATION: NSHE**AB 216 – Database for Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Introduced by Assemblymen Tolles, Thompson, et al. Joint Sponsors Hardy, Pickard, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-858)

Directs the State Treasurer to create and maintain a statewide database of financial assistance sources for higher education or career advancement. Outlines the minimum information on each funding source to be included on an internet website and a toll-free information number. The Attorney General's office is to market this availability to victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. Donations may be accepted to fund the effort.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6377/Text>

SB 196 – NSHE Construction Contracts

Introduced by Senators Cannizzaro, Parks, et al and referred to the Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-66)

Among other measures, amends the regulations covering NSHE design-build projects of over \$50,000,000 where private money covers 75 percent or more of the anticipated cost. Increases the amount of preference given to contractors and design-build teams who meet certain criteria and submit certain affidavits of compliance.

Effective: Dates vary from upon passage and approval to July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023.

NTA Comment: Also see SB 175 under State and Local Government this issue.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6338/Text>

SB 214 – Faculty Compensation

Introduced by Committee on Education on behalf of the Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education. Referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-382)

Encourages the NSHE Board of Regents to adopt a comprehensive system addressing compensation and other particulars for its unclassified employees. If such regulations are adopted, the Regents are to deliver a report on it to the Interim Finance Committee by July 1 each year. The IFC is to validate that the system meets certain criteria. NSHE is then to submit the budget for its salary system to the Budget Director.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and July 1, 2020 for all other purposes. Certain sections expire by limitation on June 30, 2023.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6358/Text>

SB 231 – Prevailing Wage Requirements

Introduced by Senators Brooks, Cannizzaro, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-910)

Decreases the threshold for applicability of prevailing wage to \$100,000 from \$250,000 for public works. The Labor Commissioner is to determine the prevailing wage in a county by surveying contractors who have performed work there in the previous year. Eliminates provisions regarding agreements with labor unions as outlined in NRS 338.1405. Does not apply to public work projects awarded prior to July 1, 2019.

NTA Comment: Also see AB 155, Issue 19-5 page 41 and SB 190 this Issue under Education-K-12 for summary.

NTA POSITION: OPPOSE. The changes proposed in this bill will reduce the amount of money available for the repair and building facilities.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6381/Text>

GOVERNMENT: State and Local

AB 174 – Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing

Introduced by Assemblymen Thompson, Duran, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Ratti, Cancela, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-94)

Establishes the Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing and prescribes the appointed and ex-officio members and meeting schedule. Members serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. DHHS is to provide administrative support. The Council is to, among other tasks, coordinate and support efforts of federal, state and local agencies addressing homelessness.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6275/Text>

AB 190 – Prevailing Wage Changes.

NTA Comment: Also see AB 155, Issue 19-5 page 41 and AB 190 this Issue under Education-K-12 and SB 231 this Issue under NSHE for summary.

SB 175 – Design-Build Construction Contracts

Introduced by Senators Parks, Brooks, et al. Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Carrillo, Ellison, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 28-618)

Eliminates the authority of a public body to contract with a design-build team for up to two public works projects of \$5 million or less each in any 12-month period.

Effective: January 1, 2021

NTA Comment: Also see SB 196 under Education - NSHE this issue.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6276/Text>

SB 180 – Information Systems: Contractor Performance Bonds

Introduced by Senator Settelmeyer and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 27-739)

Requires contractors seeking a contract for information services or information technology in excess of \$10,000,000 to post a performance bond. The amount of the bond is to be fixed by the governmental entity awarding the contract but must be at least 50 percent of the contract amount.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6308/Text>

SB 183 – Open Meeting Law

Introduced by Senators Seevers Gansert, Hardy, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-537)

Makes clarifying changes in the regulations including required posting of an agenda that has been revised, advance posting of proposed regulations, ordinances or other material, posting a detailed summary of all matters and votes at a meeting. Directs that any surveys of small businesses must allow at least 10 business days for responses.

NTA POSITION: SUPPORT. This would bring greater transparency to the process.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6311/Text>

SB 224 – Confidentiality of PERS Information

Introduced by Senators Ratti, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-598)

Confines public information on any member of a public retirement system to the person's identification number, last public employer, number of service years, date of retirement, amount of annual pension benefit, and whether a disability or service allowance is being received. With limited exception, this protection applies regardless of where the information is stored.

NTA Comment: October 2018, in a 4-3 decision, the Nevada Supreme Court ruled in a public records case involving retiree benefit information that PERS must produce information about retired public employees even if it has to produce a separate, redacted report. The majority opinion in the ruling states Nevada's Public Records Act requires a public agency to produce the information for public inspection if the agency maintains the information on an electronic database. But the court noted there are difficulties for PERS to produce the requested information from its current database. As a result, the request for records and ultimate posting to an NPRI website was put on hold pending further hearings. Three of the seven Justices filed a dissenting opinion, arguing that the majority overruled a 2013 Nevada Supreme Court case stating that a government agency does not need to create a new document in response to a public records request, further the new opinion requires the agency to go beyond its duty under the Public Records Act.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6370/Text>

GOVERNMENT: State

SB 190 – Nevada 2020 Census Commission

Introduced by Senators Woodhouse and Parks and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR S-727)

Creates the Nevada 2020 Census Commission to create and execute an outreach program that will raise awareness and encourage participation in the 2020 count of Nevadans. Commission members serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The Commission shall contract with a consultant to oversee the outreach efforts.

Effective: Upon passage and approval and expires December 31, 2020.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6332/Text>

SB 219 – Electronic Payments for Fees

Introduced by Senator Settlemeyer and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 54-646)

Requires regulatory bodies to accept electronic payments for applications, licenses and renewals. No additional fee for electronic payments is allowed. Requires two signatures for withdrawals from cash deposit accounts.

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

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6364/Text>

GOVERNMENT: Local**SB 172 – Improvement Districts**

Introduced by Senator Hardy and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 22-30)

Requires municipalities to prepare a full accounting, including estimate of future expenditures, of each active improvement district for submission to the Legislative Counsel Bureau by September 1 each year. For completed projects, a final accounting is to be prepared within a prescribed time period, including any surplus. Directs disposition by the municipality of any surplus after satisfaction of all obligations is determined by the total being above or below \$100,000. Clarifies the timing of demands for deeds on property sold for assessment satisfaction.

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/6269/Text>

SB 213 – Incorporation of Laughlin

Introduced by Senator Hardy. Joint Sponsor Assemblyman Leavitt and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-75)

Provides a charter for the City of Laughlin. Clark County is to continue to provide services and receive taxes through June 30, 2021.

Effective: Sections 2 to 10 upon passage and approval. Section 1, January 1, 2021

NTA Comments: A prior attempt to incorporate failed to meet the statutory requirements. 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/6357/Text>

STATE BUDGET: Appropriations NOT in Executive Budget**AB 191 - Mobile Outreach Safety Team**

Introduced by Assemblymen Kramer, Titus, et al. Joint Sponsor Senator Hardy and referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR S-667)

Makes an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in FY 20 and \$1,000,000 in FY21 from the General Fund to award grants of money for mental health in counties with a population of less than 100,000.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6294/Text>

AB 196 – Title 1 Schools

Introduced by Assemblymen Frierson, Thompson, et al and referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR S-144)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$10,000,000 for hiring incentives to teach at Title 1 schools.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6302/Text>

AB 208 – Volunteers

Introduced by Assemblyman Edwards and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-122)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$120,000,000 in FY20 and \$120,000,000 in FY21 to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6323/Text>

AB 209 – 2020 Election Preparation

Introduced by Assemblyman Edwards and referred to Committee on Ways and Means. (BDR S-558)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$25,000,000 to provide funding for verifying voter rolls, repairing and replacing voting machines.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6324/Text>

AB 214 – Nevada State Prison Museum

Introduced by Assemblymen Kramer, Bilbray-Axelrod, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Kieckhefer, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining. (BDR S-535)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$250,000 to complete a feasibility study of the development of a museum at the Nevada State Prison.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6362/Text>

AB 218 – Education Savings Accounts

Introduced by Assemblymen Hafen, Kramer, et al and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 31-850)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$24,276,354 in FY20 and \$34,108,556 in FY21 for the purposes of carrying out education savings account program. Reduces the required minimum enrollment in a public school to one quarter of a school year for Education Savings Account eligibility. Sets a procedure for reapplication to participate for those who applied prior to July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

NTA Comment: Also see Education K-12 in this issue.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6379/Text>

AB 224 – Nevada Grow Program

Introduced by Assemblywoman Neal and referred to Committee on Taxation. (BDR S-28)

Transfers the Nevada Grow program from the Office of Economic Development to the College of Southern Nevada and makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to NSHE of \$425,000 to facilitate the transfer and integration.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/AB/AB224.pdf>

SB 169 – Training of Peace Officers

Introduced by Senator Settlemeyer and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-645)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$4,000,000 for the training of peace officers.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6266/Text>

SB 193 – History, Law, Civics Educational Programs

Introduced by Senators Woodhouse, Dondero Loop, et al. Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Spiegel, Carlton, et al and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-368)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$175,000 in FY20 and \$175,000 in FY21 to support We the People: The Citizen & Constitution Programs in Nevada's K-12 schools.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6335/Text>

SB 194 – Modified Business Tax: Credits for Individual Development Account

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-780)

Makes appropriation of \$5 million for FY 2020, \$5.5 million in FY 2021 from the General Fund for a new program, the Nevada Council on Financial Independence.

NTA Comment: For additional information see Business Taxes this issue.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6336/Text>

SB 205 – Office of Grant Procurement

Introduced by Senators Dondero Loop, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR S-807)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$2,500,000 in FY20 and \$2,500,000 in FY21 to fund the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management for a pilot program to provide matching funds required by federal grants to eligible governmental and nonprofit organizations.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6349/Text>

SB 211 – Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs

Introduced by Senators Atkinson, Brooks, et al and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 31-587)

Makes an appropriation to the Commission on Minority Affairs from the General Fund of \$15,126 in FY20 and \$9,109 in FY21 for operating expenses.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6355/Text>

ELECTIONS**AB 186 – Eliminates Electoral College**

Introduced by Assemblymen Thompson, Miller, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Ohrenschaal, Harris, et al and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-678)

Enacts the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote, an interstate compact that takes effect once states representing a majority of electoral votes have enacted it.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6289/Text>

COURTS**SJR 2 – Judicial Appointments**

Introduced by Senators Pickard and Hammond et al and Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Hansen and Roberts (BDR C-766)

Amends the Constitution to revise the provisions for the appointment of judicial officers and vacancies.

NTA Comment: If passed this session, it will be returned to the 2021 session. If passed for the second time it will be on the November 2022 ballot.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6326/Text>

GENERAL INTEREST**AB 182 – State Element**

Introduced by Assemblymen Peters, Watts, et al and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-670)

Designates neon as the State element.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6285/Text>

AB 200 – Investigative Technology: Cell Phones to Police

Introduced by Assemblywoman Gorelow and referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 43-845)

Requires an individual stopped by police to provide their cell phone to police in order for police to investigate.

Effective: October 1, 2019

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6307/Text>

SB 209 – Testing of Hemp Products

Introduced by Senators Atkinson, Ratti, et al and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 49-584)

Requires the Board of Agriculture to adopt regulations for the testing of products intended for human consumption using industrial hemp. The regulations are to be modeled on those already in place for testing edible marijuana products.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6353/Text>

STUDIES

ACR 4 – Wildfires

Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. On behalf of Legislative Committee on Public Lands. (BDR R-509)

Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study on wildfires including reduction methods, early response issues and economic impact. The report to be delivered to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the 81st Legislative Session.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/80th2019/Bills/ACR/ACR4.pdf>

SB 203 – Programs for Blind and Deaf Children

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Woodhouse, et al and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-77)

Study concerning the feasibility of establishing a public school for pupils who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for sections 1, 2, 4-13, 15-17. Sections 3 and 14 July 1, 2020.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6347/Text>

SCR 1 – Study on Renewable and Clean Energy

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Brooks et al and referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations. (BDR R-117)

Directs the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim Study on the development of renewable and clean energy sources in Nevada.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6238/Text>

SCR 2 – Washoe County Fire Protection Study

Introduced by Senator Kieckhefer and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR R-155)

Conduct an interim study concerning fire protection and related emergency services in Washoe County.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6274/Text>

SCR 3 – Electric Vehicles

Introduced by Senators Spearman, Parks, et al and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
(BDR R-779)

Conduct an interim study relating to the use of electric vehicles in Nevada

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6343/Text>

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