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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, 2021. (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](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) and click on “Session Information – 81<sup>st</sup> (2021) Session.
- ♦ **NEW:** The 2021 Legislative Session 120-Day Calendar includes important bill introduction and budget related deadlines. The calendar may be viewed [here](#).

## BUSINESS ISSUES

### **AB 166 – Elections Communications: Text Messages**

Introduced by Assemblyman Hafen and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-867)

Requires a person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party to disclose the name of the person, committee for political action, political party or committee sponsored by a political party that paid for the communication when distributed via text message.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and January 1, 2022 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7513/Overview>

### **AB 181 – Provisions Relating to Mental Health**

Introduced by Assemblywoman Peters and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-522)

Requires organizations providing health coverage to submit a report demonstrating mental health parity and addiction equity compliance.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and January 1, 2022 for all other purposes.

NTA Comment: This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the 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/81st2021/Bill/7551/Overview>

### **SB 141 – Public Works: Construction Managers at Risk**

Introduced by Senator Brooks and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR S-44)

Removes the expiration date of June 30, 2021 and makes permanent the provisions that authorize public bodies to enter into contracts with construction managers at risk.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7520/Overview>

### **SB 145 – Financial Institutions: CRA Reporting**

Introduced by Senator Spearman and referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 55-481)

Requires the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Business and Industry to post the Community Reinvestment Act rating for every financial institution subject to the CRA on its internet website.

Fiscal Impact: As currently drafted, the Financial Institutions Division cannot determine a fiscal impact as the Division is unsure if legislation is for all financial institutions subject to CRA in Nevada, including National and non-state chartered Nevada depositories, or solely for Nevada state-chartered financial institutions.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7525/Overview>

**GOVERNMENT: State and Local****AB 178 – Prescription Drugs: Issuing During Emergency**

Introduced by Assemblywomen Hardy, Titus, et al (1). Joint Sponsors Senators Hardy, Buck, et al (1). Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 57-71)

Waives any restrictions on the time period within which a prescription may be refilled for an insured who resides in the area to which a state of emergency or declaration of disaster applies if the insured requests the refill within a certain time.

*NTA Comment:* This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the 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/81st2021/Bill/7550/Overview>

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**AB 183 – Collective Bargaining: Open Meetings**

Introduced by Assemblymen Matthews, Titus, et al (13). Joint Sponsors Senators Hardy and Pickard. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-803)

Requires a meeting to be open for proceedings between a local government employer and an employee organization or employees as individuals. Requires the same in proceedings between the Executive Department and a labor organization or employees as individuals.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7553/Overview>

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<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7520/Overview>

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**SB 148 – Reporting of Hate Crimes**

Introduced by Senator Harris and referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 15-715)

Requires law enforcement agencies to maintain records of hate crimes and submit such records on a quarterly basis to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History.

*Effective:* Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and October 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

*NTA Comment:* This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the 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/81st2021/Bill/7537/Overview>

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**GOVERNMENT: State****SB 145 – Financial Institutions: CRA Reporting**

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**EDUCATION: K-12****AB 159 – Public School: COVID Civil Liability**

Introduced by Assemblywomen Hansen, Titus, et al (11). Joint Sponsors Senators Hansen, Hammond, et al (2). Referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 3-230)

Expands the existing provisions regarding immunity from civil liability for personal injury or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19 to any public school entity.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7505/Overview>

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**SB 142 – School District: Ending Fund Balance**

Introduced by Senators Lange and Donate and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-607)

Repeals provisions that exempt from collective bargaining a budgeted ending fund balance of a school district of 16.6% of total budgeted expenditures for a county school district fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

NTA Comment: This provision was enacted during the 2019 legislative session and was due to take effect on July 1, 2021.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7521/Overview>

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**SB 152 – Revises Provisions Related to Education**

Introduced by Senators Buck, Goicoechea, et al (4). Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Dickman, Wheeler, et al (7). Referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-622)

Requires a public school with more than 500 pupils to list on its internet website information relating to the learning materials and activities that were used for pupil instruction during the preceding school year.

NTA Comment: This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the 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/81st2021/Bill/7546/Overview>

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**ELECTIONS****AB 163 – Voting Requirements**

Introduced by Assemblymen Dickman, Wheeler, et al (9). Joint Sponsors Senators Settelmeier, Goicoechea, et al (2). Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 24-690)

This is an extensive bill that includes; providing proof of identity to vote in person, prohibiting ballot harvesting, authorizing the local use of blockchain technology to vote if approved by the secretary of state, etc.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks and October 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7509/Overview>

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**GENERAL INTEREST****SB 153 – Exemption from Daylight Savings Time**

Introduced by Senators Hardy and Goicoechea. Joint Sponsor Assemblywoman Titus. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-24)

Exempts Nevada from the provisions of federal law commonly known as daylight savings time and authorizes Nevada to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar year. This bill further provides this bill only becomes effective if and only if California enacts legislation to observe Pacific daylight time as the standard time for the entire calendar year.

Effective: Upon passage and approval of California legislation.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7547/Overview>

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