

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 235—ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring. (BDR 34-149)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the membership of the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring; eliminating the requirement for the appointment of a Mentorship Advisory Council; requiring the Commission and the Department of Education to work in consultation to provide direction to the coordinator for mentorship programs in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law creates the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring for the purpose of supporting and facilitating mentorship programs in this State. (NRS 385.760, 385.780) **Section 1** of this bill increases the membership of the Commission from 13 members to 15 members to include: (1) one member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; and (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate. **Section 1** requires all other members appointed by the Speaker or Minority Leader of the Assembly or the Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the Senate to not be legislators. **Section 1** also reduces the term of office for a member of the Commission from 4 years to 2 years and prohibits a member from serving more than two consecutive terms. **Section 1** requires the removal of a member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings. **Section 4** of this bill provides that the terms of office for members serving on the Commission as of July 1, 2019, expire on that date and requires that new members be appointed with initial terms of 1 or 2 years to provide for staggered terms of the 15 members of the Commission.

**Section 2** of this bill eliminates the requirement that the Commission appoint a Mentorship Advisory Council consisting of members who represent organizations which provide mentorship programs in this State.

Existing law requires the Commission to employ a coordinator for mentorship programs in this State. (NRS 385.780) **Section 3** of this bill requires the



21 Commission to work in consultation with the Department of Education to provide  
22 direction and guidance for such coordinator.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 385.760 1. The Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring  
3 is hereby created. The Commission consists of the following ~~{+}~~ 15  
4 members:

5 (a) One member appointed by the Governor who is a  
6 representative of business and industry with a vested interest in  
7 supporting mentorship programs in this State.

8 (b) One member appointed by the Governor who represents an  
9 employment and training organization located in this State.

10 (c) One member appointed by the Governor who is a resident of  
11 a county whose population is less than 100,000.

12 (d) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in  
13 a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

14 (e) One member who is the superintendent of a school district in  
15 a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than  
16 700,000.

17 (f) *One member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of*  
18 *the Assembly.*

19 (g) *One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority*  
20 *Leader of the Senate.*

21 (h) One member , *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by the  
22 Majority Leader of the Senate.

23 ~~{+}~~ (i) One member , *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by  
24 the Speaker of the Assembly.

25 ~~{+}~~ (j) One member , *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by  
26 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

27 ~~{+}~~ (k) One member , *who is not a Legislator*, appointed by  
28 the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

29 ~~{+}~~ (l) Four members appointed to the Commission pursuant to  
30 subsection 2.

31 2. The members of the Commission appointed pursuant to  
32 paragraphs (a) to ~~{+}~~ (k), inclusive, of subsection 1 shall, at the  
33 first meeting of the Commission, appoint to the Commission four  
34 additional voting members:

35 (a) One of whom must be a member of the state advisory group  
36 appointed by the Governor pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 11133 and  
37 operating in this State as the Juvenile Justice Commission under the  
38 Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health  
39 and Human Services;



1 (b) One of whom must be a representative of business and  
2 industry with a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in  
3 this State; and

4 (c) Two members between the ages of 16 years and 24 years  
5 who have a vested interest in supporting mentorship programs in  
6 this State.

7 3. After the initial terms, each member of the Commission  
8 appointed pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 serves a term of ~~4~~ 2  
9 years. A member of the Commission may be reappointed ~~4~~, *except*  
10 *that no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.*

11 4. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the  
12 Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original  
13 appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. A  
14 member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve as a member of the  
15 Commission for the remainder of the original term of appointment.

16 5. *If a member of the Commission fails to attend two*  
17 *consecutive meetings of the Commission, the Commission shall,*  
18 *within 5 days after the second consecutive meeting that the*  
19 *member fails to attend, provide notice of that fact, in writing, to*  
20 *the appointing authority who appointed that member. Upon*  
21 *receipt of the notice, the appointing authority shall appoint a*  
22 *person to replace the member in the same manner as filling a*  
23 *vacancy on the Commission pursuant to subsection 4.*

24 6. Each member of the Commission:

25 (a) Serves without compensation; and

26 (b) While engaged in the business of the Commission, is entitled  
27 to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for  
28 state officers and employees generally.

29 **Sec. 2.** NRS 385.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 385.770 1. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the  
31 Commission shall elect from its members a Chair, a Vice Chair and  
32 a Secretary and shall adopt the rules and procedures of the  
33 Commission.

34 2. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar  
35 quarter and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of its  
36 members.

37 3. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a  
38 quorum for the transaction of business, and a quorum may exercise  
39 any power or authority conferred on the Commission.

40 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 385.780, the  
41 Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the  
42 Commission prescribed by that section:

43 (a) Appoint committees from its members.

44 (b) Engage the services of volunteer workers and consultants  
45 without compensation.



1 (c) Enter into a public-private partnership with any business,  
2 for-profit organization or nonprofit organization.

3 (d) Apply for and receive gifts, grants, donations, contributions  
4 or other money from any source.

5 5. ~~The Commission shall appoint a Mentorship Advisory  
6 Council consisting of five members who represent organizations  
7 which provide mentorship programs in this State. The members of  
8 the Council serve at the pleasure of the Commission. If a member of  
9 the Council is removed or if the position of a member otherwise  
10 becomes vacant, the Commission shall appoint a new member to fill  
11 the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the  
12 Commission. The Council shall advise the Commission on matters  
13 of importance relating to mentoring and mentorship programs in this  
14 State.~~

15 ~~6.]~~ The Commission shall, on or before February 1 of each  
16 year, prepare and submit a report outlining the activities and  
17 recommendations of the Commission to:

18 (a) The Governor; and

19 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
20 transmittal to the Legislature or to the Legislative Commission if the  
21 Legislature is not in regular session.

22 **Sec. 3.** NRS 385.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 385.780 1. The Commission shall, within the scope of its  
24 duties, support and facilitate mentorship programs in this State for  
25 the purpose of addressing issues relating to education, health,  
26 criminal justice and employment with respect to children who reside  
27 in this State. The Commission shall:

28 (a) Establish model guidelines and parameters for existing  
29 mentorship programs, including, without limitation:

30 (1) The development of a model management plan setting  
31 forth guidelines for the operation of mentorship programs and  
32 strategic goals and benchmarks to measure the success of a  
33 mentorship program.

34 (2) The process for identifying children in need of  
35 mentorship and geographic areas of need within this State. Such a  
36 process must include, without limitation, consideration of children  
37 who:

38 (I) Are disproportionately at risk of being deprived of the  
39 opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the  
40 economy.

41 (II) Are disproportionately at risk of failing to make  
42 adequate yearly progress in a school in this State.

43 (III) Have been involved with the system of juvenile  
44 justice in this State, either as a victim or as an offender.



1 (IV) Have been involved with the criminal justice system,  
2 either as a victim or as an offender.

3 (V) Are in the child welfare system.

4 (b) Develop a model financial plan that provides for the  
5 sustainability and financial stability of mentorship programs,  
6 including, without limitation:

7 (1) The development of a resource plan to provide for  
8 diversified fundraising.

9 (2) The identification of potential sources of revenue to fund  
10 the hiring of the coordinator for mentorship programs in this State,  
11 as required by paragraph (e).

12 (3) The identification of potential sources of revenue to fund  
13 the hiring of administrative support staff for mentorship programs in  
14 this State.

15 (4) The development, in coordination with the Office of  
16 Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management of the  
17 Department of Administration of a plan for seeking gifts, grants,  
18 donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of  
19 carrying out a mentorship program.

20 (5) The identification of potential strategic private partners to  
21 assist in the implementation and continuation of mentorship  
22 programs.

23 (6) The development of public relations and marketing  
24 campaigns for the purpose of increasing public awareness regarding  
25 existing mentorship programs and the value of mentorship  
26 programs.

27 (c) Develop model protocols for the recruitment, screening,  
28 training, matching, monitoring and support of mentors.

29 (d) Develop model protocols for the effective management of  
30 mentors, mentees and matches under mentorship programs,  
31 including, without limitation, protocols for the introduction of a  
32 mentor to a mentee and closure of the relationship between a mentor  
33 and a mentee.

34 (e) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, employ a  
35 coordinator for mentorship programs in this State. *The Commission*  
36 *shall work in consultation with the Department of Education to*  
37 *provide direction and guidance for the coordinator.*

38 (f) Within the limits of legislative appropriations, develop a  
39 competitive grants program to award grants of money to mentorship  
40 programs in this State. In coordination with the Office of Grant  
41 Procurement, Coordination and Management of the Department of  
42 Administration, the Commission shall:

43 (1) Administer the grants program;

44 (2) Establish guidelines for the submission and review of  
45 applications to receive grants from the program; and



1 (3) Consider and approve or disapprove applications for  
2 grants from the program.

3 2. As used in this section, "child" means a person 24 years of  
4 age or younger.

5 **Sec. 4.** 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 385.760,  
6 the terms of all members of the Nevada Advisory Commission on  
7 Mentoring created by NRS 385.760 who are serving on  
8 July 1, 2019, expire on that date.

9 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2019, but not later than  
10 October 1, 2019, the appointing authorities set forth in paragraphs  
11 (a) to (k), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 385.760, as amended by  
12 section 1 of this act, shall appoint members to the Commission.

13 3. The members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (f) and (g)  
14 of subsection 1 of NRS 385.760, as amended by section 1 of this  
15 act, serve initial terms of 2 years.

16 4. At the first meeting of the Commission on or after  
17 October 1, 2019, and after the appointment of 4 voting members to  
18 the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.760, as  
19 amended by section 1 of this act, the members other than the  
20 members described in subsection 3 shall choose their term of office  
21 by lot, in the following manner:

22 (a) Seven members for terms of 1 year; and

23 (b) Six members for terms of 2 years.

24 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

