AN ACT relating to homeless persons; providing for the creation of a temporary working group in Clark County to address issues relating to homelessness; requiring the working group to prepare and submit a report of its recommendations to address issues relating to homelessness; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
This bill requires the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and the governing bodies of each city in Clark County to create a working group to: (1) consider methods to reduce homelessness in Clark County; and (2) identify sources of funding for programs created to reduce homelessness in Clark County. This bill requires the working group to prepare and submit a report to the Board and governing bodies on or before October 1, 2020, which sets forth: (1) recommendations on methods to reduce homelessness in Clark County; and (2) sources of funding to implement the recommendations made in the report. Additionally, this bill requires the Board and governing bodies to hold a public hearing on the report and set forth the reason for rejecting a recommendation in the report on the record at the public hearing.

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

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

Sections 1-7. (Deleted by amendment.)
Sec. 7.5. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
(a) There is an urgent need to reduce homelessness in this State.
(b) The issue of homelessness is not isolated to a particular area but is a regional issue.
(c) It is in the best interest of the residents of this State for counties and cities to work together in a shared and cooperative way to develop strategies for identifying sources of funding to reduce homelessness.
(d) The issue of homelessness is particularly acute in Clark County, the most populous county in this State.
2. On or before October 1, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and the governing body of each city in Clark County shall create a working group to work in conjunction with the Continuum of Care Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to:
(a) Consider methods to reduce homelessness in Clark County; and
(b) Identify sources of funding for programs created to reduce homelessness in Clark County.

3. The working group created pursuant to subsection 2 must be composed of members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and the governing body of each city in Clark County, which must include, without limitation, members who are representatives of groups who work on issues involving homelessness.

4. The members of the working group appointed pursuant to subsection 3 serve without compensation.

5. On or before October 1, 2020, the working group created pursuant to subsection 2 shall prepare and submit a report to the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and the governing body of each city in Clark County which must include recommendations on:
   (a) Methods to reduce homelessness in Clark County; and
   (b) Sources of funding to implement the methods identified in the report.

6. The Board of County Commissioners and each governing body of a city that receives a report pursuant to subsection 5 shall hold a public hearing on the report and may accept, modify or reject each recommendation provided in the report. If the Board or governing body rejects a recommendation in the report, the Board or governing body shall set forth the reason for rejecting the recommendation on the record during the public hearing.

Sec. 8. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.