



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** April 4, 2019

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Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on Assembly Bill (AB) 146 and AB 296 of the 80th (2019) Session of the Nevada Legislature, two separate bills which establish, among other things, creation of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General with powers and duties that include auditing, investigation, inspection and performance review designed to provide increased accountability and oversight of local government. (Adriana Fralick, afralick@carson.org)

Staff Summary: During this legislative session of the Nevada Legislature, City staff will bring to meetings of the Board of Supervisors legislative bills as requested by the Board for review or those that Staff believes will impact Carson City. AB 146 creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. AB 296 revises provisions relating to governmental administration.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** 5 mins

Proposed Motion

I move to (support, oppose, remain neutral on) AB 146 and AB 296.

Board's Strategic Goal

Efficient Government

Previous Action

None

Background/Issues & Analysis

AB 146:

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

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least a quarterly basis or at the Governor's request, setting forth any findings, conclusions or recommendations relating to an audit, investigation, inspection or review conducted by the Inspector General. Sections 11 and 27 of this bill transfer from the Division of Internal Audits to the Inspector General the requirement to establish a telephone number to receive information relating to abuse, fraud and waste with respect to the use of public money by state agencies. Section 12 of this bill: (1) requires a state agency or local government, upon request by the Inspector General, to cooperate with and provide assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out his or her duties; and (2) makes any person who willfully prevents, impairs or prohibits the performance of the duties of the Inspector General guilty of a category E felony. Section 13 of this bill authorizes the Inspector General to issue subpoenas. Sections 11, 14 and 21 of this bill provide for the confidentiality of: (1) any record maintained by the Inspector General during an investigation; and (2) the identity of any whistleblower. Otherwise, section 14 requires a report of the Inspector General to be made available to the public annually. Section 15 of this bill requires the Legislative Auditor to review a representative sample of the audits, investigations and reviews conducted by the Office for conformance with professional standards at least once every 3 years. Section 16 of this bill creates the Nevada Inspector General's Fund as a special revenue fund without reversion to the State General Fund. Section 17 of this bill makes it a category E felony to retaliate against certain persons who file a lawful complaint concerning fraud, waste, abuse or corruption within a state agency or local government. Existing law provides that a person commits a gross misdemeanor if he or she uses any threat, force or violence to prevent an executive or administrative officer from performing his or her duties. (NRS 197.090) Section 18 of this bill makes it a category E felony for a person to use any threat, force or violence to prevent the Inspector General or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General from performing his or her duties. Sections 19 and 20 of this bill provide that the increased penalty for assault or battery of an officer applies to an assault or battery of the Inspector General or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. (NRS 200.471, 200.481) Section 22 of this bill makes the Inspector General and investigators employed by the Office of the Inspector General category II peace officers. Existing law requires the head of each state agency to periodically review and report to the Director of the Office of Finance whether the agency's system of internal accounting and administrative control is in compliance with the uniform system of internal accounting and administrative control adopted by the Director for state agencies. Existing law further requires the Director to submit a report on the status of internal accounting and administrative controls in state agencies to certain persons. (NRS 353A.020) Sections 23 and 24 of this bill require the Director to provide this report to the Inspector General. Section 25 of this bill requires the Governor to appoint the Inspector General on or before December 1, 2019. Section 26 of this bill provides that any provision of this bill requiring a report to be submitted to the Legislature does not expire automatically 5 years after the effective date of this bill.

AB 296

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Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Title 18 of NRS, Title 31 of NRS

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes

If yes, account name/number: AB 146 creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General and establishes various other provisions which authorize that office to audit local government. Such audits may have a negative fiscal impact by requiring additional staff time and the allocation of resources. Additionally, AB 146 creates a new category of offenses which may increase or provide for terms of imprisonment in the local jail, further resulting in a negative fiscal impact.

AB 296 establishes provisions substantively similar to AB 146, which would result in the same negative fiscal impact if enacted.

Is it currently budgeted?

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Take a position to support, oppose or remain neutral on these bills; not take a position; Mayor remand back to staff with instructions based on discussion on the record.

Attachments:

[AB 146.pdf](#)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 146—ASSEMBLYMEN MILLER, ASSEFA;
BILBRAY-AXELROD, DALY, DURAN, FUMO, GORELOW,
MUNK AND PETERS

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General.
(BDR 18-2)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 governmental administration; creating the Nevada Office of the Inspector General; setting forth the powers and duties of the Inspector General and employees of the Office; requiring a state agency or local government to cooperate with and provide assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out those duties; prohibiting retaliation against certain persons who make a lawful complaint concerning fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in a state agency or local government; prohibiting certain acts to deter or prevent the Inspector General or the employees of the Office from performing his or her duty; imposing increased penalties for certain acts of assault or battery of the Inspector General or an employee of the Office; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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10 administer provisions of law governing the Office of the Inspector General. **Section**
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12 General and a Special Counsel who are in the unclassified service of the State; and
13 (2) authorizes the Inspector General, within the limits of available money, to
14 employ such persons in the classified service of the State as he or she deems
15 necessary to provide an appropriate staff for the Office and to enter into contracts
16 with certain professionals for professional services related to the functions of the
17 Office.

18 **Section 10** of this bill requires the Inspector General to submit a report to the
19 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, on at least a quarterly
20 basis or at the Governor's request, setting forth any findings, conclusions or
21 recommendations relating to an audit, investigation, inspection or review conducted
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66 effective date of this bill.

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

1 **Section 1.** Title 18 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as
3 sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive,*
6 *of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Local government” means any political subdivision*
8 *of this State that receives any public funding, including, without*
9 *limitation, any county, city, town, board, airport authority,*
10 *regional transportation commission, fire protection district,*
11 *irrigation district, school district or other special district that*
12 *performs a governmental function and receives any public*
13 *funding.*

14 **Sec. 4.** *“Office” means the Nevada Office of the Inspector*
15 *General created by section 7 of this act.*

16 **Sec. 5.** *“State agency” means an agency, bureau, board,*
17 *commission, department, division, officer or employee of the*
18 *Executive Department of the State Government.*

19 **Sec. 6.** *“Waste” means the squandering of money or*
20 *resources, whether or not the activity is unlawful.*

21 **Sec. 7. 1.** *The Nevada Office of the Inspector General is*
22 *hereby created. The Nevada Office of the Inspector General*
23 *consists of the Inspector General and any person employed in the*
24 *Office.*

25 **2.** *The Governor shall appoint the Inspector General for a*
26 *term of 4 years, and until a successor is appointed and qualified,*
27 *from a list of three candidates submitted by the Legislative*
28 *Commission. The Inspector General may be reappointed, and the*
29 *Legislative Commission shall include the incumbent Inspector*
30 *General on its list of candidates unless the Legislative Commission*
31 *determines that the incumbent should not be recommended for*
32 *reappointment for cause, including, without limitation,*
33 *inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. A vacancy in*
34 *the Office must be filled in the same manner as the original*
35 *appointment.*



1 3. *The Inspector General may be removed from office only by*
2 *impeachment for misdemeanor or malfeasance in office. The*
3 *Inspector General shall be deemed to be a state officer for the*
4 *purposes of NRS 283.140 to 283.290, inclusive.*

5 4. *The Inspector General must have the demonstrated ability*
6 *to administer a major public agency in the field of auditing,*
7 *investigations or inspections or performance reviews of programs*
8 *of governmental agencies, including, without limitation:*

9 (a) *Experience in accounting, auditing, financial analysis,*
10 *law, management analysis, public administration, investigation,*
11 *criminal justice administration or any other closely related fields;*

12 (b) *Certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner by the*
13 *Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, or its successor*
14 *organization, and as a Certified Inspector General by the*
15 *Association of Inspectors General, or its successor organization,*
16 *not later than 18 months after appointment as the Inspector*
17 *General; and*

18 (c) *Continued status as a Certified Inspector General by the*
19 *Association of Inspectors General, or its successor organization,*
20 *while in office.*

21 5. *The Inspector General:*

22 (a) *Is in the unclassified service of the State.*

23 (b) *Shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the*
24 *business of his or her office and shall not engage in any other*
25 *gainful employment or occupation.*

26 (c) *Is ineligible for elective public office under the government*
27 *and laws of this State, other than federal office, for 4 years after*
28 *the date he or she leaves office.*

29 **Sec. 8.** *The Inspector General shall administer this chapter*
30 *and all other provisions of law relating to the functions of the*
31 *Office.*

32 **Sec. 9. 1. The Inspector General:**

33 (a) *Shall appoint a Deputy Inspector General and a Special*
34 *Counsel. The Deputy Inspector General and Special Counsel are*
35 *in the unclassified service of the State.*

36 (b) *May, within the limits of available money, employ such*
37 *persons he or she deems necessary to provide an appropriate staff*
38 *for the Office, including, without limitation, auditors,*
39 *administrative staff, investigators and sworn peace officers. The*
40 *Inspector General may employ category II peace officers. Any*
41 *such persons employed pursuant to this paragraph are in the*
42 *classified service of the State.*

43 2. *The Inspector General may enter into contracts for the*
44 *services of certified public accountants, qualified management*
45 *consultants or other professional experts necessary to*



1 *independently perform the functions of the Office, within the*
2 *limits of money available for that purpose.*

3 **Sec. 10. 1. The Inspector General shall:**

4 *(a) Establish and maintain a full-time program of auditing,*
5 *investigation, inspection and performance review of each state*
6 *agency and local government to provide increased accountability*
7 *and oversight of each state agency and local government and to*
8 *assist in improving operations and deterring and identifying fraud,*
9 *waste, abuse or corruption; and*

10 *(b) Upon request by the Governor, but not less often than*
11 *quarterly, submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of*
12 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature*
13 *setting forth any findings and conclusions relating to an audit,*
14 *investigation, inspection or review specified in subsection 2 and*
15 *any suggested corrective or remedial actions, including, without*
16 *limitation, increased oversight, carrying out or modifying any*
17 *controls for internal management, termination of employment or*
18 *referral to the Commission on Ethics or the Attorney General*
19 *when appropriate.*

20 **2. The Inspector General may:**

21 *(a) Engage in prevention activities, including, without*
22 *limitation, the review of legislation, rules, regulations, policies and*
23 *procedures of a state agency or local government and*
24 *transactions, training and education conducted by any state*
25 *agency or local government.*

26 *(b) Review the reliability and validity of the information*
27 *provided through the performance measures and standards of any*
28 *state agency or local government.*

29 *(c) Conduct a review of the performance measurement system*
30 *of any state agency or local government.*

31 *(d) Attend any meeting held by any state agency or local*
32 *government.*

33 *(e) Audit the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the*
34 *operations and functions of any state agency or local government.*

35 *(f) Audit, inspect, investigate and review the activities, records,*
36 *procurements, grants, agreements and other financial*
37 *arrangements undertaken by any state agency, local government,*
38 *contractor, grantee or other recipient of money, property or*
39 *services to be spent or used on behalf of the State or a political*
40 *subdivision, but not including a natural person who is receiving:*

41 *(1) Compensation for employment; or*

42 *(2) An income subsidy with no restriction on his or her use*
43 *of the money or property.*



1 (g) *Recommend remedial actions to be taken by any state*
2 *agency or local government to overcome or correct operating or*
3 *maintenance deficiencies or inefficiencies identified by the Office.*

4 (h) *Establish a program for receiving, reviewing and*
5 *investigating any complaint submitted to the Inspector General*
6 *concerning any fraud, waste, abuse or corruption within any state*
7 *agency or local government, including, without limitation,*
8 *deficiencies in the operation and maintenance of facilities, and*
9 *referral of those complaints to the appropriate state agency or*
10 *local government.*

11 (i) *Conduct civil, criminal and administrative investigations.*

12 (j) *Conduct joint investigations and projects with other*
13 *oversight or law enforcement agencies.*

14 (k) *Provide information and evidence relating to criminal acts*
15 *to appropriate law enforcement officials.*

16 (l) *Refer matters for further civil, criminal and administrative*
17 *action to appropriate administrative and prosecutorial agencies.*

18 (m) *Identify any other state agency or local government that is*
19 *responsible for auditing, investigating, inspecting or reviewing the*
20 *operation and management of a state agency or local government,*
21 *including, without limitation, the Inspector General of the*
22 *Department of Corrections, and coordinate with those state*
23 *agencies and local governments to share information and avoid*
24 *any duplication of activities.*

25 (n) *Issue public reports.*

26 (o) *Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this*
27 *chapter.*

28 (p) *Perform any other task relating to his or her duties as he or*
29 *she determines is necessary.*

30 **Sec. 11. 1. The Inspector General shall:**

31 (a) *Establish a telephone number at which a person may*
32 *confidentially report to the Office information relating to abuse,*
33 *fraud or waste with respect to public money received and used by a*
34 *state agency or contractor; and*

35 (b) *Create a written notice that:*

36 (1) *Clearly identifies the telephone number established*
37 *pursuant to paragraph (a); and*

38 (2) *Contains a statement directing any person with any*
39 *information relating to abuse, fraud or waste with respect to*
40 *public money received and used by a state agency or contractor to*
41 *report the information at the telephone number established*
42 *pursuant to paragraph (a).*

43 2. *The written notice created pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
44 *subsection 1 must be posted conspicuously:*



1 (a) *In each public building of each state agency; and*

2 (b) *On the Internet website maintained by the Office.*

3 3. *Upon receipt of information from a person calling the*
4 *telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of*
5 *subsection 1, the Office must perform a review and prepare a*
6 *report of its findings. The report is a public record and:*

7 (a) *Must include, without limitation, an explanation of:*

8 (1) *The purpose of the review; and*

9 (2) *Any resolution or corrective action taken by the Office*
10 *that resulted from the review.*

11 (b) *Must not include the identity of the person who reported*
12 *the information.*

13 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 5, any*
14 *information reported to the Office at the telephone number*
15 *established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, including,*
16 *without limitation, the identity of the person who reported the*
17 *information, is confidential.*

18 5. *The Office shall not disclose information that is*
19 *confidential pursuant to subsection 4 except:*

20 (a) *Pursuant to NRS 239.0115;*

21 (b) *For the purpose of carrying out any duty of the Office or*
22 *for the purpose of assisting the Director of the Office of Finance*
23 *or Administrator of the Division of Internal Audits of the Office of*
24 *Finance in carrying out any duty of the Director or Administrator;*

25 (c) *Upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction;*
26 *or*

27 (d) *To the Office of the Attorney General or the office of a*
28 *district attorney within this State for the purpose of investigating*
29 *the alleged abuse, fraud or waste reported to the Nevada Office of*
30 *the Inspector General.*

31 6. *As used in this section:*

32 (a) *“Contractor” means any person, business, organization or*
33 *nonprofit corporation that contracts with a state agency or local*
34 *government to receive public money. The term includes, without*
35 *limitation, a subcontractor or a third party who receives any*
36 *portion of the public money from the contractor to carry out any*
37 *obligation pursuant to a contract between the contractor and the*
38 *state agency or local government.*

39 (b) *“Public money” means any money deposited with a*
40 *depository by the State Treasurer and includes, without limitation,*
41 *money which is received by a state agency or local government*
42 *from the Federal Government for distribution and use in this State*
43 *pursuant to a federal law or federal regulation.*

44 **Sec. 12.** 1. *Upon request by the Inspector General, each*
45 *state agency and local government and any employee of a state*



1 *agency or local government shall cooperate with and provide*
2 *assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out the provisions*
3 *of this chapter and shall ensure that the premises, equipment,*
4 *employees, books, papers, contracts, correspondence and other*
5 *records of the state agency or local government are available for*
6 *use by the Inspector General in carrying out those provisions.*

7 2. *A person who willfully prevents, impairs or prohibits the*
8 *Inspector General from initiating, carrying out or completing any*
9 *audit, investigation, inspection or review is guilty of a category E*
10 *felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.*

11 **Sec. 13.** 1. *In carrying out the provisions of this chapter,*
12 *the Inspector General may subpoena the attendance of witnesses*
13 *or the production of books, papers and documents,*
14 *notwithstanding any claim of privilege.*

15 2. *If any person refuses to obey a subpoena issued by the*
16 *Inspector General, the Inspector General may present a petition to*
17 *the district court of the county in which the person resides, setting*
18 *forth the facts, and thereupon the court, in a proper case, shall*
19 *issue its subpoena to the person requiring his or her attendance*
20 *before the court to testify or to produce books, papers and*
21 *documents.*

22 3. *Any person failing or refusing to obey the subpoena of a*
23 *district court may be proceeded against in the same manner as for*
24 *a refusal to obey any other order of the court.*

25 **Sec. 14.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*
26 *the Inspector General shall make public an annual report of*
27 *audits, investigations, inspections and reviews conducted by the*
28 *Office after such audits, investigations, inspections or reviews are*
29 *concluded.*

30 2. *A report made public pursuant to subsection 1 must not*
31 *include:*

32 (a) *The personal identifying information of an original source*
33 *without his or her written consent; or*

34 (b) *Any information deemed privileged or confidential by law.*

35 3. *As used in this section:*

36 (a) *“Original source” means a person:*

37 (1) *Who voluntarily discloses to a state agency or local*
38 *government the information on which the allegations or*
39 *transactions for an audit, investigation, inspection or review are*
40 *based before the public disclosure of the information; or*

41 (2) *Who has knowledge of information that is independent*
42 *of and materially adds to any allegations or transactions which are*
43 *publicly disclosed and who voluntarily provides such information*
44 *to a state agency or local government.*



1 (b) "Personal identifying information" has the meaning
2 ascribed to it in NRS 205.4617.

3 **Sec. 15.** 1. Audits, investigations, inspections and reviews
4 conducted by the Office must conform to professional standards,
5 including, without limitation, standards promulgated by the
6 Association of Inspectors General or its successor organization.

7 2. The Legislative Auditor shall, on or before July 1, 2024,
8 and at least once every 3 years thereafter, prepare and make
9 public a report reviewing a representative sample of the audits,
10 investigations, inspections and reviews issued by the Office for
11 that time period for conformance with the professional standards
12 described in subsection 1.

13 **Sec. 16.** 1. The Nevada Inspector General's Fund is hereby
14 created in the State Treasury as a special revenue fund to be
15 administered by the Office. All money received by the Office must
16 be deposited in the Fund. The money in the Fund does not revert
17 to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year, and the
18 balance in the Fund must be carried forward to the next fiscal
19 year.

20 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,
21 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the
22 Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims
23 against the State are paid.

24 3. The money in the Fund may be used only to pay the costs
25 of carrying out programs or laws administered by the Office.

26 **Sec. 17.** A person who willfully discharges, demotes,
27 suspends, threatens, harasses or discriminates against an
28 employee, contractor or agent as a result of a lawful complaint of
29 the employee, contractor or agent concerning any fraud, waste,
30 abuse or corruption within any state agency or local government is
31 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
32 NRS 193.130.

33 **Sec. 18.** NRS 197.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 197.090 1. Except under circumstances where a greater
35 penalty is provided in *subsection 2* or NRS 200.481, any person
36 who, by means of any threat, force or violence, attempts to deter or
37 prevent any executive or administrative officer from performing any
38 duty imposed upon the officer by law, or who knowingly resists by
39 force or violence any executive or administrative officer in the
40 performance of the officer's duty, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

41 2. Any person who, by means of any threat, force or violence,
42 attempts to deter or prevent the Inspector General or an employee
43 of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General from performing
44 any duty imposed by law upon the Inspector General or the Office,
45 or who knowingly resists by force or violence the Inspector



1 *General or an employee of the Office in the performance of his or*
2 *her duty, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as*
3 *provided in NRS 193.130.*

4 3. *As used in this section:*

5 (a) *“Inspector General” means the Inspector General*
6 *appointed pursuant to section 7 of this act.*

7 (b) *“Nevada Office of the Inspector General” or “Office”*
8 *means the Nevada Office of the Inspector General created by*
9 *section 7 of this act.*

10 **Sec. 19.** NRS 200.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 200.471 1. As used in this section:

12 (a) “Assault” means:

13 (1) Unlawfully attempting to use physical force against
14 another person; or

15 (2) Intentionally placing another person in reasonable
16 apprehension of immediate bodily harm.

17 (b) “Fire-fighting agency” has the meaning ascribed to it in
18 NRS 239B.020.

19 (c) “Officer” means:

20 (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a
21 peace officer;

22 (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of
23 fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;

24 (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;

25 (4) A jailer, guard or other correctional officer of a city or
26 county jail;

27 (5) *The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7*
28 *of this act or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector*
29 *General created by section 7 of this act;*

30 (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of
31 Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge,
32 magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including a
33 person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed in this subparagraph;

34 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision
35 of this State whose official duties require the employee to make
36 home visits;

37 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law
38 enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or
39 volunteer to:

40 (I) Interact with the public;

41 (II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and

42 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
43 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
44 the law enforcement agency;



1 ~~(8)~~ (9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting
2 agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:

3 (I) Interact with the public;

4 (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire
5 prevention; and

6 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
7 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
8 the fire-fighting agency; or

9 ~~(9)~~ (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a
10 political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the
11 employee or volunteer to:

12 (I) Interact with the public;

13 (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and

14 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
15 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
16 this State or a political subdivision of this State.

17 (d) "Provider of health care" means a physician, a medical
18 student, a perfusionist or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to
19 chapter 630 of NRS, a practitioner of respiratory care, a
20 homeopathic physician, an advanced practitioner of homeopathy, a
21 homeopathic assistant, an osteopathic physician, a physician
22 assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS, a podiatric
23 physician, a podiatry hygienist, a physical therapist, a medical
24 laboratory technician, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a
25 chiropractor's assistant, a doctor of Oriental medicine, a nurse, a
26 student nurse, a certified nursing assistant, a nursing assistant
27 trainee, a medication aide - certified, a dentist, a dental student, a
28 dental hygienist, a dental hygienist student, a pharmacist, a
29 pharmacy student, an intern pharmacist, an attendant on an
30 ambulance or air ambulance, a psychologist, a social worker, a
31 marriage and family therapist, a marriage and family therapist
32 intern, a clinical professional counselor, a clinical professional
33 counselor intern, a licensed dietitian, an emergency medical
34 technician, an advanced emergency medical technician and a
35 paramedic.

36 (e) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person
37 employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS
38 391.100 or 391.281.

39 (f) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in
40 NRS 41.630.

41 (g) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in
42 NRS 41.630.

43 (h) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.

44 (i) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.



1 (j) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or
2 other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.

3 2. A person convicted of an assault shall be punished:

4 (a) If paragraph (c) or (d) does not apply to the circumstances of
5 the crime and the assault is not made with the use of a deadly
6 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a
7 misdemeanor.

8 (b) If the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the
9 present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a category B felony by
10 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
11 than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a
12 fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

13 (c) If paragraph (d) does not apply to the circumstances of the
14 crime and if the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of
15 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator
16 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on
17 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the
18 person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an
19 officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab
20 driver, a transit operator or a sports official, for a gross
21 misdemeanor, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly
22 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a
23 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
24 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
25 more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both
26 fine and imprisonment.

27 (d) If the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of
28 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator
29 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on
30 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event by a
31 probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a
32 parolee, and the probationer, prisoner or parolee charged knew or
33 should have known that the victim was an officer, a provider of
34 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver, a transit operator or
35 a sports official, for a category D felony as provided in NRS
36 193.130, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon
37 or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a category B
38 felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of
39 not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years,
40 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and
41 imprisonment.

42 **Sec. 20.** NRS 200.481 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 200.481 1. As used in this section:

44 (a) "Battery" means any willful and unlawful use of force or
45 violence upon the person of another.



1 (b) "Child" means a person less than 18 years of age.
2 (c) "Fire-fighting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
3 NRS 239B.020.

4 (d) "Officer" means:

5 (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a
6 peace officer;

7 (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of
8 fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;

9 (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;

10 (4) A jailer, guard, matron or other correctional officer of a
11 city or county jail or detention facility;

12 (5) *The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7*
13 *of this act or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector*
14 *General created by section 7 of this act;*

15 (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of
16 Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge,
17 magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including,
18 without limitation, a person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed
19 in this subparagraph;

20 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision
21 of this State whose official duties require the employee to make
22 home visits;

23 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law
24 enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or
25 volunteer to:

26 (I) Interact with the public;

27 (II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and

28 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
29 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
30 the law enforcement agency;

31 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting
32 agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:

33 (I) Interact with the public;

34 (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire
35 prevention; and

36 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
37 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
38 the fire-fighting agency; or

39 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a
40 political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the
41 employee or volunteer to:

42 (I) Interact with the public;

43 (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and



1 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
2 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
3 this State or a political subdivision of this State.

4 (e) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in
5 NRS 200.471.

6 (f) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person
7 employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS
8 391.100 or 391.281.

9 (g) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in
10 NRS 41.630.

11 (h) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 NRS 41.630.

13 (i) "Strangulation" means intentionally impeding the normal
14 breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the
15 throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of another person in
16 a manner that creates a risk of death or substantial bodily harm.

17 (j) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.

18 (k) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.

19 (l) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or
20 other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.

21 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 200.485, a person
22 convicted of a battery, other than a battery committed by an adult
23 upon a child which constitutes child abuse, shall be punished:

24 (a) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and no
25 substantial bodily harm to the victim results, except under
26 circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section or
27 NRS 197.090, for a misdemeanor.

28 (b) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and
29 either substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the battery is
30 committed by strangulation, for a category C felony as provided in
31 NRS 193.130.

32 (c) If:

33 (1) The battery is committed upon an officer, provider of
34 health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who
35 was performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the
36 performance of his or her duties at a sporting event;

37 (2) The officer, provider of health care, school employee,
38 taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official suffers substantial
39 bodily harm or the battery is committed by strangulation; and

40 (3) The person charged knew or should have known that the
41 victim was an officer, provider of health care, school employee,
42 taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official,

43 ➔ for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
44 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not



1 more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by
2 both fine and imprisonment.

3 (d) If the battery is committed upon an officer, provider of
4 health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who
5 is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the
6 performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the person
7 charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer,
8 provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver, transit
9 operator or sports official, for a gross misdemeanor, except under
10 circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section.

11 (e) If the battery is committed with the use of a deadly weapon,
12 and:

13 (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a
14 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
15 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not
16 more than 10 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not
17 more than \$10,000.

18 (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the
19 battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by
20 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
21 than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years, and
22 may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

23 (f) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who
24 is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, without the use of
25 a deadly weapon, whether or not substantial bodily harm results and
26 whether or not the battery is committed by strangulation, for a
27 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
28 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
29 more than 6 years.

30 (g) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who
31 is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, with the use of a
32 deadly weapon, and:

33 (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a
34 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
35 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not
36 more than 10 years.

37 (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the
38 battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by
39 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
40 than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years.

41 **Sec. 21.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
43 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.293,
44 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170,
45 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113,



1 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200,
2 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345,
3 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880,
4 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280, 119A.280,
5 119A.653, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140,
6 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057, 127.130,
7 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 130.712, 136.050, 159.044,
8 159A.044, 172.075, 172.245, 176.01249, 176.015, 176.0625,
9 176.09129, 176.156, 176A.630, 178.39801, 178.4715, 178.5691,
10 179.495, 179A.070, 179A.165, 179D.160, 200.3771, 200.3772,
11 200.5095, 200.604, 202.3662, 205.4651, 209.392, 209.3925,
12 209.419, 209.521, 211A.140, 213.010, 213.040, 213.095, 213.131,
13 217.105, 217.110, 217.464, 217.475, 218A.350, 218E.625,
14 218F.150, 218G.130, 218G.240, 218G.350, 228.270, 228.450,
15 228.495, 228.570, 231.069, 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300, 239.0105,
16 239.0113, 239B.030, 239B.040, 239B.050, 239C.140, 239C.210,
17 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030,
18 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 247.540, 247.550, 247.560,
19 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 268.095, 268.490, 268.910,
20 271A.105, 281.195, 281.805, 281A.350, 281A.680, 281A.685,
21 281A.750, 281A.755, 281A.780, 284.4068, 286.110, 287.0438,
22 289.025, 289.080, 289.387, 289.830, 293.4855, 293.5002, 293.503,
23 293.504, 293.558, 293.906, 293.908, 293.910, 293B.135, 293D.510,
24 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379,
25 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205,
26 ~~353A.049~~ 353A.085, 353A.100, 353C.240, 360.240, 360.247,
27 360.255, 360.755, 361.044, 361.610, 365.138, 366.160, 368A.180,
28 370.257, 370.327, 372A.080, 378.290, 378.300, 379.008, 379.1495,
29 385A.830, 385B.100, 387.626, 387.631, 388.1455, 388.259,
30 388.501, 388.503, 388.513, 388.750, 388A.247, 388A.249, 391.035,
31 391.120, 391.925, 392.029, 392.147, 392.264, 392.271, 392.315,
32 392.317, 392.325, 392.327, 392.335, 392.850, 394.167, 394.1698,
33 394.447, 394.460, 394.465, 396.3295, 396.405, 396.525, 396.535,
34 396.9685, 398A.115, 408.3885, 408.3886, 408.3888, 408.5484,
35 412.153, 416.070, 422.2749, 422.305, 422A.342, 422A.350,
36 425.400, 427A.1236, 427A.872, 432.028, 432.205, 432B.175,
37 432B.280, 432B.290, 432B.407, 432B.430, 432B.560, 432B.5902,
38 433.534, 433A.360, 437.145, 439.840, 439B.420, 440.170,
39 441A.195, 441A.220, 441A.230, 442.330, 442.395, 442.735,
40 445A.665, 445B.570, 449.209, 449.245, 449A.112, 450.140,
41 453.164, 453.720, 453A.610, 453A.700, 458.055, 458.280, 459.050,
42 459.3866, 459.555, 459.7056, 459.846, 463.120, 463.15993,
43 463.240, 463.3403, 463.3407, 463.790, 467.1005, 480.365, 480.940,
44 481.063, 481.091, 481.093, 482.170, 482.5536, 483.340, 483.363,
45 483.575, 483.659, 483.800, 484E.070, 485.316, 501.344, 503.452,



1 522.040, 534A.031, 561.285, 571.160, 584.655, 587.877, 598.0964,
2 598.098, 598A.110, 599B.090, 603.070, 603A.210, 604A.710,
3 612.265, 616B.012, 616B.015, 616B.315, 616B.350, 618.341,
4 618.425, 622.310, 623.131, 623A.137, 624.110, 624.265, 624.327,
5 625.425, 625A.185, 628.418, 628B.230, 628B.760, 629.047,
6 629.069, 630.133, 630.30665, 630.336, 630A.555, 631.368,
7 632.121, 632.125, 632.405, 633.283, 633.301, 633.524, 634.055,
8 634.214, 634A.185, 635.158, 636.107, 637.085, 637B.288, 638.087,
9 638.089, 639.2485, 639.570, 640.075, 640A.220, 640B.730,
10 640C.400, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745, 640C.760, 640D.190,
11 640E.340, 641.090, 641.325, 641A.191, 641A.289, 641B.170,
12 641B.460, 641C.760, 641C.800, 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870,
13 645.180, 645.625, 645A.050, 645A.082, 645B.060, 645B.092,
14 645C.220, 645C.225, 645D.130, 645D.135, 645E.300, 645E.375,
15 645G.510, 645H.320, 645H.330, 647.0945, 647.0947, 648.033,
16 648.197, 649.065, 649.067, 652.228, 654.110, 656.105, 661.115,
17 665.130, 665.133, 669.275, 669.285, 669A.310, 671.170, 673.450,
18 673.480, 675.380, 676A.340, 676A.370, 677.243, 679B.122,
19 679B.152, 679B.159, 679B.190, 679B.285, 679B.690, 680A.270,
20 681A.440, 681B.260, 681B.410, 681B.540, 683A.0873, 685A.077,
21 686A.289, 686B.170, 686C.306, 687A.110, 687A.115, 687C.010,
22 688C.230, 688C.480, 688C.490, 689A.696, 692A.117, 692C.190,
23 692C.3507, 692C.3536, 692C.3538, 692C.354, 692C.420,
24 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550, 696C.120, 703.196, 704B.320,
25 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159, 711.600, *and sections 11*
26 *and 14 of this act*, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of
27 Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013
28 and unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public
29 books and public records of a governmental entity must be open at
30 all times during office hours to inspection by any person, and may
31 be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared
32 from those public books and public records. Any such copies,
33 abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public
34 with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used
35 in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of
36 the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner
37 affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or
38 affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book
39 or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.
40 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record
41 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.
42 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a
43 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to
44 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or
45 record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains



1 information that is confidential if the governmental entity can
2 redact, delete, conceal or separate the confidential information from
3 the information included in the public book or record that is not
4 otherwise confidential.

5 4. A person may request a copy of a public record in any
6 medium in which the public record is readily available. An officer,
7 employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody
8 or control of a public record:

9 (a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in a
10 readily available medium because the officer, employee or agent has
11 already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different
12 medium.

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon
14 request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require
15 the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself
16 or herself.

17 **Sec. 22.** NRS 289.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18 289.470 "Category II peace officer" means:

19 1. The bailiffs of the district courts, justice courts and
20 municipal courts whose duties require them to carry weapons and
21 make arrests;

22 2. Subject to the provisions of NRS 258.070, constables and
23 their deputies;

24 3. Inspectors employed by the Nevada Transportation
25 Authority who exercise those powers of enforcement conferred by
26 chapters 706 and 712 of NRS;

27 4. Special investigators who are employed full-time by the
28 office of any district attorney or the Attorney General;

29 5. Investigators of arson for fire departments who are specially
30 designated by the appointing authority;

31 6. The brand inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture
32 who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by chapter 565
33 of NRS;

34 7. The field agents and inspectors of the State Department of
35 Agriculture who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by
36 NRS 561.225;

37 8. Investigators for the State Forester Firewarden who are
38 specially designated by the State Forester Firewarden and whose
39 primary duties are related to the investigation of arson;

40 9. School police officers employed by the board of trustees of
41 any county school district;

42 10. Agents of the Nevada Gaming Control Board who exercise
43 the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.360, 463.140 or
44 463.1405, except those agents whose duties relate primarily to



1 auditing, accounting, the collection of taxes or license fees, or the
2 investigation of applicants for licenses;

3 11. Investigators and administrators of the Division of
4 Compliance Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles who
5 perform the duties specified in subsection 2 of NRS 481.048;

6 12. Officers and investigators of the Section for the Control of
7 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related
8 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles who
9 perform the duties specified in subsection 3 of NRS 481.0481;

10 13. Legislative police officers of the State of Nevada;

11 14. Parole counselors of the Division of Child and Family
12 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;

13 15. Juvenile probation officers and deputy juvenile probation
14 officers employed by the various judicial districts in the State of
15 Nevada or by a department of juvenile justice services established
16 by ordinance pursuant to NRS 62G.210 whose official duties require
17 them to enforce court orders on juvenile offenders and make arrests;

18 16. Field investigators of the Taxicab Authority;

19 17. Security officers employed full-time by a city or county
20 whose official duties require them to carry weapons and make
21 arrests;

22 18. The chief of a department of alternative sentencing created
23 pursuant to NRS 211A.080 and the assistant alternative sentencing
24 officers employed by that department;

25 19. Criminal investigators who are employed by the Secretary
26 of State; ~~and~~

27 20. The Inspector General of the Department of Corrections
28 and any person employed by the Department as a criminal
29 investigator ~~;~~ ~~and~~

30 *21. The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7 of*
31 *this act and any person employed as an investigator by the Nevada*
32 *Office of the Inspector General created by section 7 of this act.*

33 **Sec. 23.** NRS 353A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 353A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
35 requires:

36 1. "Agency" means every agency, department, division, board,
37 commission or similar body, or elected officer, of the Executive
38 Branch of the State.

39 2. "Committee" means the Executive Branch Audit Committee
40 created pursuant to NRS 353A.038.

41 3. "Director" means the Director of the Office of Finance.

42 4. *"Inspector General" means the Inspector General*
43 *appointed by the Governor pursuant to section 7 of this act.*

44 5. "Internal accounting and administrative control" means a
45 method through which agencies can safeguard assets, check the



1 accuracy and reliability of their accounting information, promote
2 efficient operations and encourage adherence to prescribed
3 managerial policies.

4 **Sec. 24.** NRS 353A.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 353A.025 1. The head of each agency shall periodically
6 review the agency's system of internal accounting and
7 administrative control to determine whether it is in compliance with
8 the uniform system of internal accounting and administrative control
9 for agencies adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 353A.020.

10 2. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the head of
11 each agency shall report to the Director whether the agency's
12 system of internal accounting and administrative control is in
13 compliance with the uniform system adopted pursuant to subsection
14 1 of NRS 353A.020. The reports must be made available for
15 inspection by the members of the Legislature.

16 3. For the purposes of this section, "agency" does not include:

17 (a) A board created by the provisions of NRS 590.485 and
18 chapters 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to 644A, inclusive, 648,
19 654 and 656 of NRS.

20 (b) The Nevada System of Higher Education.

21 (c) The Public Employees' Retirement System.

22 (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and
23 Industry.

24 (e) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

25 4. The Director shall, on or before the first Monday in
26 February of each odd-numbered year, submit a report on the status
27 of internal accounting and administrative controls in agencies to the:

28 (a) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to
29 the:

30 (1) Senate Standing Committee on Finance; and

31 (2) Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means;

32 (b) Governor; ~~and~~

33 (c) *Inspector General; and*

34 (d) Legislative Auditor.

35 5. The report submitted by the Director pursuant to subsection
36 4 must include, without limitation:

37 (a) The identification of each agency that has not complied with
38 the requirements of subsections 1 and 2;

39 (b) The identification of each agency that does not have an
40 effective method for reviewing its system of internal accounting and
41 administrative control; and

42 (c) The identification of each agency that has weaknesses in its
43 system of internal accounting and administrative control, and the
44 extent and types of such weaknesses.



1 **Sec. 25.** 1. On or before December 1, 2019, the Governor
2 shall appoint an Inspector General pursuant to section 7 of this act.

3 2. The Administrator of the Division of Internal Audits of the
4 Office of Finance is the acting Inspector General until the Governor
5 appoints the initial Inspector General pursuant to section 7 of this
6 act.

7 **Sec. 26.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
8 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
9 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

10 **Sec. 27.** NRS 353A.049 is hereby repealed.

11 **Sec. 28.** This act becomes effective:

12 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
13 regulations and performing preparatory administrative tasks that are
14 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

15 2. On October 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

353A.049 Reports of abuse, fraud or waste regarding public money received and used by agency or contractor: Establishment of telephone number by Director; notice; action by Division; confidentiality; disclosure.

1. The Director shall:

(a) Establish a telephone number at which a person may confidentially report to the Division information relating to abuse, fraud or waste with respect to public money received and used by an agency or contractor; and

(b) Create a written notice that:

(1) Clearly identifies the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) Contains a statement directing any person with any information relating to abuse, fraud or waste with respect to public money received and used by an agency or contractor to report the information at the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a).

2. The written notice created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be posted conspicuously:

(a) In each public building of an agency; and

(b) On the Internet website maintained by the Office of Finance.

3. Upon receipt of information from a person calling the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of



subsection 1, the Division shall perform a review and prepare a report of its findings. The report is a public record and:

(a) Must include, without limitation, an explanation of:

(1) The purpose of the review; and

(2) Any resolution or corrective action taken by the Division that resulted from the review.

(b) Must not include the identity of the person who reported the information.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 5, any information reported to the Division at the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, including, without limitation, the identity of the person who reported the information, is confidential.

5. The Division shall not disclose information that is confidential pursuant to subsection 4 except:

(a) Pursuant to NRS 239.0115;

(b) For the purpose of carrying out any duty of the Division prescribed by NRS 353A.031 to 353A.100, inclusive, or for the purpose of assisting the Director or Administrator in carrying out any duty of the Director or Administrator prescribed by this chapter;

(c) Upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(d) To the Office of the Attorney General or the office of a district attorney within this State for the purpose of investigating the alleged abuse, fraud or waste reported to the Division.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Contractor" means any person, business, organization or nonprofit corporation that contracts with an agency to receive public money. The term includes a subcontractor or a third party who receives any portion of the public money from the contractor to carry out any obligation pursuant to a contract between the contractor and the agency.

(b) "Public money" means any money deposited with a depository by the State Treasurer and includes money which is received by an agency from the Federal Government for distribution and use in this State pursuant to a federal law or federal regulation.



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 296—ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS

MARCH 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 31-557)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility. Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 governmental administration; creating the Nevada Office of the Inspector General; setting forth the powers and duties of the Inspector General and employees of the Office; requiring a state agency or local government to cooperate with and provide assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out those duties; prohibiting certain acts to deter or prevent the Inspector General or the employees of the Office from performing his or her duties; prohibiting retaliation against certain persons who make a lawful complaint concerning fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in a state agency or local government; imposing increased penalties for certain acts of assault or battery of the Inspector General or an employee of the Office; making appropriations; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor,
2 consisting of the Director of the Office, the Division of Internal Audits and the
3 Budget Division. (NRS 223.400) This bill creates the Nevada Office of the
4 Inspector General in the Department of Administration. Sections 3-6 of this bill
5 define terms related to the Office. Section 7 of this bill creates the Nevada Office
6 of the Inspector General, consisting of the Inspector General and any person
7 employed in the Office. Section 7 requires the Governor to appoint the Inspector
8 General for a term of 4 years from a list of candidates submitted by the Legislative



9 Commission. **Section 8** of this bill requires the Inspector General to administer
10 provisions of law governing the Office. **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the
11 Inspector General, within the limits of available money, to employ such persons in
12 the classified service of the State as he or she deems necessary to provide an
13 appropriate staff for the Office and to enter into contracts with certain professionals
14 for professional services related to the functions of the Office.

15 **Section 10** of this bill requires the Inspector General to submit a report to the
16 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, on at least a quarterly
17 basis or at the Governor's request, setting forth any findings, conclusions or
18 recommendations relating to an audit, investigation, inspection or review conducted
19 by the Inspector General. **Sections 11 and 34** of this bill transfer from the Division
20 of Internal Audits to the Inspector General the requirement to establish a telephone
21 number to receive information relating to abuse, fraud and waste with respect to the
22 use of public money by state agencies and local governments. **Section 12** of this
23 bill: (1) requires a state agency or local government, upon request by the Inspector
24 General, to cooperate with and provide assistance to the Inspector General in
25 carrying out his or her duties; and (2) makes any person who willfully prevents,
26 impairs or prohibits the performance of the duties of the Inspector General guilty of
27 a category E felony. **Section 13** of this bill authorizes the Inspector General to issue
28 subpoenas. **Sections 11, 14 and 24** of this bill provide for the confidentiality of: (1)
29 any record maintained by the Inspector General during an investigation; and (2) the
30 identity of any whistleblower. Otherwise, **section 14** requires a report of the
31 Inspector General to be made available to the public. **Section 15** of this bill requires
32 the Legislative Auditor to review a representative sample of the audits,
33 investigations and reviews conducted by the Office for conformance with
34 professional standards at least once every 3 years. **Section 16** of this bill creates the
35 Nevada Inspector General's Fund as a special revenue fund without reversion to the
36 State General Fund.

37 **Section 17** of this bill makes it a category E felony to retaliate against certain
38 persons who file a lawful complaint concerning fraud, waste or abuse within a state
39 agency or local government.

40 Existing law provides that a person commits a gross misdemeanor if he or she
41 uses any threat, force or violence to prevent an executive or administrative officer
42 from performing his or her duties. (NRS 197.090) **Section 21** of this bill makes it a
43 category E felony for a person to use any threat, force or violence to prevent the
44 Inspector General or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General
45 from performing his or her duties.

46 **Sections 21 and 22** of this bill provide that the increased penalty for assault or
47 battery of an officer applies to an assault or battery of the Inspector General or an
48 employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. (NRS 200.471, 200.481)

49 **Section 25** of this bill makes the Inspector General and investigators employed
50 by the Office of the Inspector General category II peace officers.

51 Existing law requires the head of each state agency to periodically review and
52 report to the Director of the Office of Finance whether the agency's system of
53 internal accounting and administrative control is in compliance with the uniform
54 system of internal accounting and administrative control adopted by the Director
55 for state agencies. Existing law further requires the Director to submit a report on
56 the status of internal accounting and administrative controls in state agencies to
57 certain persons. (NRS 353A.025) **Sections 18 and 19** of this bill require the
58 Director to provide this report to the Inspector General.

59 **Section 32** of this bill requires the Governor to appoint the Inspector General
60 on or before December 1, 2019.

61 **Sections 27-29** of this bill make appropriations to provide a payment of
62 \$10,000 to certain public employees. **Section 26** of this bill makes an appropriation
63 to provide for the hiring of additional school police officers. **Section 31** of this bill



64 makes an appropriation to hire such persons as are needed to staff the Office of the
65 Inspector General.

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

1 **Section 1.** Title 31 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as
3 sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive,*
6 *of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Local government” means any political subdivision*
8 *of this State that receives any public funding, including, without*
9 *limitation, any county, city, town, board, airport authority,*
10 *regional transportation commission, fire protection district,*
11 *irrigation district, school district or other special district that*
12 *performs a governmental function and receives any public*
13 *funding.*

14 **Sec. 4.** *“Office” means the Nevada Office of the Inspector*
15 *General created by section 7 of this act.*

16 **Sec. 5.** *“State agency” means any board, commission,*
17 *department, division, officer or employee in the Executive*
18 *Department of the State Government.*

19 **Sec. 6.** *“Waste” means the squandering of money or*
20 *resources, whether or not the activity is unlawful.*

21 **Sec. 7. 1.** *The Nevada Office of the Inspector General is*
22 *hereby created in the Department of Administration. The Nevada*
23 *Office of the Inspector General consists of the Inspector General*
24 *and any person employed in the Office.*

25 **2.** *The Governor shall appoint the Inspector General for a*
26 *term of 4 years, and until a successor is appointed and qualified,*
27 *from a list of three candidates submitted by the Legislative*
28 *Commission. The Inspector General may be reappointed, and the*
29 *Legislative Commission shall include the incumbent Inspector*
30 *General on its list of candidates unless the Legislative Commission*
31 *determines that the incumbent should not be recommended for*
32 *reappointment for cause, including, without limitation,*
33 *inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. A vacancy in*
34 *the Office must be filled in the same manner as the original*
35 *appointment.*

36 **3.** *The Inspector General may be removed only by*
37 *impeachment for misdemeanor or malfeasance in office. The*
38 *Inspector General shall be deemed to be a state officer for the*
39 *purposes of NRS 283.140 to 283.290, inclusive.*



1 4. *The Inspector General must have the demonstrated ability*
2 *to administer a major public agency in the field of auditing,*
3 *investigations, inspections or performance reviews of programs of*
4 *governmental agencies, including, without limitation:*

5 (a) *Experience in accounting, auditing, financial analysis,*
6 *law, management analysis, public administration, investigations,*
7 *criminal justice administration or any other closely related field;*

8 (b) *Certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner by the*
9 *Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, or its successor*
10 *organization, and as a Certified Inspector General by the*
11 *Association of Inspectors General, or its successor organization,*
12 *not later than 18 months after appointment as the Inspector*
13 *General; and*

14 (c) *Continued status as a Certified Inspector General by the*
15 *Association of Inspectors General, or its successor organization,*
16 *while in office.*

17 5. *The Inspector General:*

18 (a) *Is in the unclassified service of the State.*

19 (b) *Shall devote his or her entire time and attention to the*
20 *business of his or her office and shall not engage in any other*
21 *gainful employment or occupation.*

22 (c) *Is ineligible for elective public office under the government*
23 *and laws of this State, other than federal office, for 4 years after*
24 *the date he or she leaves office.*

25 **Sec. 8.** *The Inspector General is responsible for the*
26 *administration of the provisions of this chapter and all other*
27 *provisions of law relating to the functions of the Office.*

28 **Sec. 9.** 1. *The Inspector General may, within the limits of*
29 *available money, employ such persons as he or she deems*
30 *necessary to provide an appropriate staff for the Office, including,*
31 *without limitation, auditors, administrative staff, investigators and*
32 *sworn peace officers. The Inspector General may employ category*
33 *II peace officers. Any such persons employed pursuant to this*
34 *subsection are in the classified service of the State.*

35 2. *The Inspector General may obtain the services of certified*
36 *public accountants, qualified management consultants or other*
37 *professional experts necessary to independently perform the*
38 *functions of the Office, within the limits of money available for*
39 *that purpose.*

40 **Sec. 10.** 1. *The Inspector General shall:*

41 (a) *Establish and maintain a full-time program of auditing,*
42 *investigation, inspection and performance review designed to*
43 *provide increased accountability and oversight of each state*
44 *agency and local government and to assist in improving the*



1 *operations of state agencies and local governments and deterring*
2 *and identifying fraud, waste, abuse and corruption; and*

3 *(b) Upon request of the Governor, but not less often than*
4 *quarterly, submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of*
5 *the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the Legislature*
6 *setting forth any findings and conclusions relating to an audit,*
7 *investigation, inspection or review specified in subsection 2 and*
8 *any suggested corrective or remedial actions, including, without*
9 *limitation, increased oversight, carrying out or modifying any*
10 *controls for internal management, termination of employment or*
11 *referral to the Commission on Ethics or the Attorney General*
12 *when appropriate.*

13 *2. The Inspector General may:*

14 *(a) Engage in prevention activities, including, without*
15 *limitation, the review of legislation, rules, regulations, policies,*
16 *procedures, transactions, training and education relating to any*
17 *state agency or local government.*

18 *(b) Review the reliability and validity of the information*
19 *provided through the performance measures and standards of any*
20 *state agency or local government.*

21 *(c) Conduct a review of the performance measurement system*
22 *of any state agency or local government.*

23 *(d) Attend any meeting held by any state agency or local*
24 *government other than a meeting closed pursuant to a specific*
25 *statute authorizing the meeting to be closed.*

26 *(e) Audit the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the*
27 *operations and functions of any state agency or local government.*

28 *(f) Audit, inspect, investigate and review the activities, records,*
29 *procurements, grants, agreements and other financial*
30 *arrangements undertaken by any state agency, local government,*
31 *contractor, grantee or other recipient of money, property or*
32 *services to be spent or used on behalf of the State or a political*
33 *subdivision, but not including a natural person who is receiving:*

34 *(1) Compensation for employment; or*

35 *(2) An income subsidy with no restriction on his or her use*
36 *of the money or property.*

37 *(g) Recommend remedial actions to be taken by any state*
38 *agency or local government to overcome or correct operating or*
39 *maintenance deficiencies or inefficiencies identified by the Office.*

40 *(h) Establish a program for receiving, reviewing and*
41 *investigating any complaint submitted to the Inspector General*
42 *concerning any fraud, waste, abuse or corruption within any state*
43 *agency or local government, including, without limitation,*
44 *deficiencies in the operation and maintenance of facilities, and*



1 *referral of those complaints to the appropriate state agency or*
2 *local government.*

3 *(i) Conduct civil, criminal and administrative investigations.*

4 *(j) Conduct joint investigations and projects with other*
5 *oversight or law enforcement agencies.*

6 *(k) Provide information and evidence relating to alleged*
7 *criminal acts to appropriate law enforcement officials.*

8 *(l) Refer matters for further civil, criminal and administrative*
9 *action to appropriate administrative and prosecutorial agencies.*

10 *(m) Identify any other state agency or local government that is*
11 *responsible for auditing, investigating, inspecting or reviewing the*
12 *operation and management of a state agency or local government,*
13 *including, without limitation, the Inspector General of the*
14 *Department of Corrections, and coordinate with those state*
15 *agencies and local governments to share information and avoid*
16 *any duplication of activities.*

17 *(n) Issue public reports.*

18 *(o) Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this*
19 *chapter.*

20 *(p) Perform any other task relating to his or her duties as he or*
21 *she determines is necessary.*

22 **Sec. 11. 1. The Inspector General shall:**

23 *(a) Establish a telephone number at which a person may*
24 *confidentially report to the Office information relating to fraud,*
25 *waste or abuse with respect to public money received and used by*
26 *a state agency, local government or contractor; and*

27 *(b) Create a written notice that:*

28 *(1) Clearly identifies the telephone number established*
29 *pursuant to paragraph (a); and*

30 *(2) Contains a statement directing any person with any*
31 *information relating to fraud, waste or abuse with respect to*
32 *public money received and used by a state agency, local*
33 *government or contractor to report the information at the*
34 *telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a).*

35 **2. The written notice created pursuant to paragraph (b) of**
36 **subsection 1 must be posted conspicuously:**

37 *(a) In each public building of an agency; and*

38 *(b) On the Internet website maintained by the Office.*

39 **3. Upon receipt of information from a person calling the**
40 **telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of**
41 **subsection 1, the Office shall perform a review and prepare a**
42 **report of its findings. The report is a public record and:**



1 (a) *Must include, without limitation, an explanation of:*

2 (1) *The purpose of the review; and*

3 (2) *Any resolution or corrective action taken by the Office*
4 *that resulted from the review.*

5 (b) *Must not include the identity of the person who reported*
6 *the information.*

7 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 5, any*
8 *information reported to the Office at the telephone number*
9 *established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, including,*
10 *without limitation, the identity of the person who reported the*
11 *information, is confidential.*

12 5. *The Office shall not disclose information that is*
13 *confidential pursuant to subsection 4 except:*

14 (a) *Pursuant to NRS 239.0115;*

15 (b) *For the purpose of carrying out any duty of the Office or*
16 *for the purpose of assisting the Director of the Office of Finance*
17 *or Administrator of the Division of Internal Audits of the Office of*
18 *Finance in carrying out any duty of the Director or Administrator;*

19 (c) *Upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction;*
20 *or*

21 (d) *To the Office of the Attorney General or the office of a*
22 *district attorney within this State for the purpose of investigating*
23 *the alleged fraud, waste or abuse reported to the Nevada Office of*
24 *the Inspector General.*

25 6. *As used in this section:*

26 (a) *“Contractor” means any person, business, organization or*
27 *nonprofit corporation that contracts with a state agency or local*
28 *government to receive public money. The term includes a*
29 *subcontractor or a third party who receives any portion of the*
30 *public money from the contractor to carry out any obligation*
31 *pursuant to a contract between the contractor and the state agency*
32 *or local government.*

33 (b) *“Public money” means any money deposited with a*
34 *depository by the State Treasurer and includes money which is*
35 *received by a state agency or local government from the Federal*
36 *Government for distribution and use in this State pursuant to a*
37 *federal law or federal regulation.*

38 **Sec. 12.** 1. *Upon request of the Inspector General, each*
39 *state agency and local government and any employee of a state*
40 *agency or local government shall cooperate with and provide*
41 *assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out the provisions*
42 *of this chapter and shall ensure that the premises, equipment,*
43 *employees, books, papers, contracts, correspondence and other*
44 *records of the state agency or local government are available for*
45 *use by the Inspector General in carrying out those provisions.*



1 2. A person who willfully prevents, impairs or prohibits the
2 *Inspector General from initiating, carrying out or completing any*
3 *audit, investigation, inspection or review is guilty of a category E*
4 *felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.*

5 **Sec. 13.** 1. *In carrying out the provisions of this chapter,*
6 *the Inspector General may subpoena the attendance of witnesses,*
7 *or the production of books, papers and documents,*
8 *notwithstanding any claim of privilege.*

9 2. *If any person refuses to obey a subpoena issued by the*
10 *Inspector General, the Inspector General may present a petition to*
11 *the district court of the county in which the person resides, setting*
12 *forth the facts, and thereupon the court, in a proper case, shall*
13 *issue its subpoena to the person requiring his or her attendance*
14 *before the court to testify or to produce books, papers and*
15 *documents.*

16 3. *Any person failing or refusing to obey the subpoena of a*
17 *district court may be proceeded against in the same manner as for*
18 *a refusal to obey any other order of the court.*

19 **Sec. 14.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*
20 *the Inspector General shall make public all reports of audits,*
21 *investigations, inspections and reviews conducted by the Office*
22 *after such audits, investigations, inspections or reviews are*
23 *concluded.*

24 2. *A report made public pursuant to subsection 1 must not*
25 *include:*

26 (a) *The personal identifying information of an original source*
27 *without his or her written consent; or*

28 (b) *Any information deemed privileged or confidential by law.*

29 3. *As used in this section:*

30 (a) *“Original source” means a person:*

31 (1) *Who voluntarily discloses to the State or a local*
32 *government the information on which the allegations or*
33 *transactions for an audit, investigation, inspection or review are*
34 *based before the public disclosure of the information; or*

35 (2) *Who has knowledge of information that is independent*
36 *of and materially adds to any allegations or transactions which are*
37 *publicly disclosed and who voluntarily provides such information*
38 *to the State or a local government.*

39 (b) *“Personal identifying information” has the meaning*
40 *ascribed to it in NRS 205.4617.*

41 **Sec. 15.** 1. *Audits, investigations, inspections and reviews*
42 *conducted by the Office must conform to professional standards*
43 *such as those promulgated by the Association of Inspectors*
44 *General or its successor organization.*



1 2. *The Legislative Auditor shall, on or before July 1, 2024,*
2 *and at least once every 3 years thereafter, prepare and make*
3 *public a report reviewing a representative sample of the audits,*
4 *investigations, inspections and reviews issued by the Office for*
5 *that time period for conformance with the professional standards*
6 *pursuant to subsection 1.*

7 **Sec. 16.** 1. *The Nevada Inspector General’s Fund is hereby*
8 *created in the State Treasury as a special revenue fund to be*
9 *administered by the Office. All money received by the Office must*
10 *be deposited in the Fund. The money in the Fund does not revert*
11 *to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year, and the*
12 *balance in the Fund must be carried forward to the next fiscal*
13 *year.*

14 2. *The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund,*
15 *after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the*
16 *Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims*
17 *against the State are paid.*

18 3. *The money in the Fund may be used only to pay the costs*
19 *of carrying out programs or laws administered by the Office.*

20 **Sec. 17.** *A person who willfully discharges, demotes,*
21 *suspends, threatens, harasses or discriminates against an*
22 *employee, contractor or agent as a result of a lawful complaint of*
23 *the employee, contractor or agent concerning any fraud, waste,*
24 *abuse or corruption within any state agency or local government is*
25 *guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in*
26 *NRS 193.130.*

27 **Sec. 18.** NRS 353A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
28 353A.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
29 requires:

30 1. “Agency” means every agency, department, division, board,
31 commission or similar body, or elected officer, of the Executive
32 Branch of the State.

33 2. “Committee” means the Executive Branch Audit Committee
34 created pursuant to NRS 353A.038.

35 3. “Director” means the Director of the Office of Finance.

36 4. ***“Inspector General” means the Inspector General***
37 ***appointed by the Governor pursuant to section 7 of this act.***

38 5. “Internal accounting and administrative control” means a
39 method through which agencies can safeguard assets, check the
40 accuracy and reliability of their accounting information, promote
41 efficient operations and encourage adherence to prescribed
42 managerial policies.

43 **Sec. 19.** NRS 353A.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:
44 353A.025 1. The head of each agency shall periodically
45 review the agency’s system of internal accounting and



1 administrative control to determine whether it is in compliance with
2 the uniform system of internal accounting and administrative control
3 for agencies adopted pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 353A.020.

4 2. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the head of
5 each agency shall report to the Director whether the agency's
6 system of internal accounting and administrative control is in
7 compliance with the uniform system adopted pursuant to subsection
8 1 of NRS 353A.020. The reports must be made available for
9 inspection by the members of the Legislature.

10 3. For the purposes of this section, "agency" does not include:

11 (a) A board created by the provisions of NRS 590.485 and
12 chapters 623 to 625A, inclusive, 628, 630 to 644A, inclusive, 648,
13 654 and 656 of NRS.

14 (b) The Nevada System of Higher Education.

15 (c) The Public Employees' Retirement System.

16 (d) The Housing Division of the Department of Business and
17 Industry.

18 (e) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

19 4. The Director shall, on or before the first Monday in
20 February of each odd-numbered year, submit a report on the status
21 of internal accounting and administrative controls in agencies to the:

22 (a) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to
23 the:

24 (1) Senate Standing Committee on Finance; and

25 (2) Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means;

26 (b) Governor; ~~and~~

27 (c) *Inspector General; and*

28 (d) Legislative Auditor.

29 5. The report submitted by the Director pursuant to subsection
30 4 must include, without limitation:

31 (a) The identification of each agency that has not complied with
32 the requirements of subsections 1 and 2;

33 (b) The identification of each agency that does not have an
34 effective method for reviewing its system of internal accounting and
35 administrative control; and

36 (c) The identification of each agency that has weaknesses in its
37 system of internal accounting and administrative control, and the
38 extent and types of such weaknesses.

39 **Sec. 20.** NRS 197.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 197.090 **1.** Except under circumstances where a greater
41 penalty is provided in *subsection 2 or* NRS 200.481, any person
42 who, by means of any threat, force or violence, attempts to deter or
43 prevent any executive or administrative officer from performing any
44 duty imposed upon the officer by law, or who knowingly resists by



1 force or violence any executive or administrative officer in the
2 performance of the officer's duty, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3 **2. Any person who, by means of any threat, force or violence,**
4 **attempts to deter or prevent the Inspector General appointed**
5 **pursuant to section 7 of this act, or an employee of the Nevada**
6 **Office of the Inspector General, from performing any duty**
7 **imposed by law upon the Inspector General or the Office, or who**
8 **knowingly resists by force or violence the Inspector General or an**
9 **employee of the Office in the performance of his or her duty, is**
10 **guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in**
11 **NRS 193.130.**

12 **3. As used in this section:**

13 **(a) "Inspector General" means the Inspector General**
14 **appointed pursuant to section 7 of this act.**

15 **(b) "Nevada Office of the Inspector General" or "Office"**
16 **means the Nevada Office of the Inspector General created by**
17 **section 7 of this act.**

18 **Sec. 21.** NRS 200.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 200.471 1. As used in this section:

20 (a) "Assault" means:

21 (1) Unlawfully attempting to use physical force against
22 another person; or

23 (2) Intentionally placing another person in reasonable
24 apprehension of immediate bodily harm.

25 (b) "Fire-fighting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
26 NRS 239B.020.

27 (c) "Officer" means:

28 (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a
29 peace officer;

30 (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of
31 fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;

32 (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;

33 (4) A jailer, guard or other correctional officer of a city or
34 county jail;

35 (5) **The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7**
36 **of this act or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector**
37 **General created by section 7 of this act;**

38 (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of
39 Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge,
40 magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including a
41 person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed in this subparagraph;

42 ~~(6)~~ (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision
43 of this State whose official duties require the employee to make
44 home visits;



1 ~~(7)~~ (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law
2 enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or
3 volunteer to:

4 (I) Interact with the public;

5 (II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and

6 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
7 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
8 the law enforcement agency;

9 ~~(8)~~ (9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting
10 agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:

11 (I) Interact with the public;

12 (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire
13 prevention; and

14 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
15 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
16 the fire-fighting agency; or

17 ~~(9)~~ (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a
18 political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the
19 employee or volunteer to:

20 (I) Interact with the public;

21 (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and

22 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
23 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
24 this State or a political subdivision of this State.

25 (d) "Provider of health care" means a physician, a medical
26 student, a perfusionist or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to
27 chapter 630 of NRS, a practitioner of respiratory care, a
28 homeopathic physician, an advanced practitioner of homeopathy, a
29 homeopathic assistant, an osteopathic physician, a physician
30 assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS, a podiatric
31 physician, a podiatry hygienist, a physical therapist, a medical
32 laboratory technician, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a
33 chiropractor's assistant, a doctor of Oriental medicine, a nurse, a
34 student nurse, a certified nursing assistant, a nursing assistant
35 trainee, a medication aide - certified, a dentist, a dental student, a
36 dental hygienist, a dental hygienist student, a pharmacist, a
37 pharmacy student, an intern pharmacist, an attendant on an
38 ambulance or air ambulance, a psychologist, a social worker, a
39 marriage and family therapist, a marriage and family therapist
40 intern, a clinical professional counselor, a clinical professional
41 counselor intern, a licensed dietitian, an emergency medical
42 technician, an advanced emergency medical technician and a
43 paramedic.



1 (e) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person
2 employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS
3 391.100 or 391.281.

4 (f) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in
5 NRS 41.630.

6 (g) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in
7 NRS 41.630.

8 (h) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.

9 (i) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.

10 (j) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or
11 other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.

12 2. A person convicted of an assault shall be punished:

13 (a) If paragraph (c) or (d) does not apply to the circumstances of
14 the crime and the assault is not made with the use of a deadly
15 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a
16 misdemeanor.

17 (b) If the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon or the
18 present ability to use a deadly weapon, for a category B felony by
19 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
20 than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a
21 fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

22 (c) If paragraph (d) does not apply to the circumstances of the
23 crime and if the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of
24 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator
25 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on
26 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the
27 person charged knew or should have known that the victim was an
28 officer, a provider of health care, a school employee, a taxicab
29 driver, a transit operator or a sports official, for a gross
30 misdemeanor, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly
31 weapon or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a
32 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
33 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
34 more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both
35 fine and imprisonment.

36 (d) If the assault is committed upon an officer, a provider of
37 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver or a transit operator
38 who is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on
39 the performance of his or her duties at a sporting event by a
40 probationer, a prisoner who is in lawful custody or confinement or a
41 parolee, and the probationer, prisoner or parolee charged knew or
42 should have known that the victim was an officer, a provider of
43 health care, a school employee, a taxicab driver, a transit operator or
44 a sports official, for a category D felony as provided in NRS
45 193.130, unless the assault is made with the use of a deadly weapon



1 or the present ability to use a deadly weapon, then for a category B
2 felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of
3 not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 6 years,
4 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both fine and
5 imprisonment.

6 **Sec. 22.** NRS 200.481 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 200.481 1. As used in this section:

8 (a) "Battery" means any willful and unlawful use of force or
9 violence upon the person of another.

10 (b) "Child" means a person less than 18 years of age.

11 (c) "Fire-fighting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in
12 NRS 239B.020.

13 (d) "Officer" means:

14 (1) A person who possesses some or all of the powers of a
15 peace officer;

16 (2) A person employed in a full-time salaried occupation of
17 fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public;

18 (3) A member of a volunteer fire department;

19 (4) A jailer, guard, matron or other correctional officer of a
20 city or county jail or detention facility;

21 (5) *The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7*
22 *of this act or an employee of the Nevada Office of the Inspector*
23 *General created by section 7 of this act;*

24 (6) A justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of
25 Appeals, district judge, justice of the peace, municipal judge,
26 magistrate, court commissioner, master or referee, including,
27 without limitation, a person acting pro tempore in a capacity listed
28 in this subparagraph;

29 ~~(6)~~ (7) An employee of this State or a political subdivision
30 of this State whose official duties require the employee to make
31 home visits;

32 ~~(7)~~ (8) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a law
33 enforcement agency whose official duties require the employee or
34 volunteer to:

35 (I) Interact with the public;

36 (II) Perform tasks related to law enforcement; and

37 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
38 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
39 the law enforcement agency;

40 ~~(8)~~ (9) A civilian employee or a volunteer of a fire-fighting
41 agency whose official duties require the employee or volunteer to:

42 (I) Interact with the public;

43 (II) Perform tasks related to fire fighting or fire
44 prevention; and



1 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
2 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
3 the fire-fighting agency; or

4 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) A civilian employee or volunteer of this State or a
5 political subdivision of this State whose official duties require the
6 employee or volunteer to:

7 (I) Interact with the public;

8 (II) Perform tasks related to code enforcement; and

9 (III) Wear identification, clothing or a uniform that
10 identifies the employee or volunteer as working or volunteering for
11 this State or a political subdivision of this State.

12 (e) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in
13 NRS 200.471.

14 (f) "School employee" means a licensed or unlicensed person
15 employed by a board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS
16 391.100 or 391.281.

17 (g) "Sporting event" has the meaning ascribed to it in
18 NRS 41.630.

19 (h) "Sports official" has the meaning ascribed to it in
20 NRS 41.630.

21 (i) "Strangulation" means intentionally impeding the normal
22 breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the
23 throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of another person in
24 a manner that creates a risk of death or substantial bodily harm.

25 (j) "Taxicab" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 706.8816.

26 (k) "Taxicab driver" means a person who operates a taxicab.

27 (l) "Transit operator" means a person who operates a bus or
28 other vehicle as part of a public mass transportation system.

29 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 200.485, a person
30 convicted of a battery, other than a battery committed by an adult
31 upon a child which constitutes child abuse, shall be punished:

32 (a) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and no
33 substantial bodily harm to the victim results, except under
34 circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section or
35 NRS 197.090, for a misdemeanor.

36 (b) If the battery is not committed with a deadly weapon, and
37 either substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the battery is
38 committed by strangulation, for a category C felony as provided in
39 NRS 193.130.

40 (c) If:

41 (1) The battery is committed upon an officer, provider of
42 health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who
43 was performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the
44 performance of his or her duties at a sporting event;



1 (2) The officer, provider of health care, school employee,
2 taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official suffers substantial
3 bodily harm or the battery is committed by strangulation; and

4 (3) The person charged knew or should have known that the
5 victim was an officer, provider of health care, school employee,
6 taxicab driver, transit operator or sports official,

7 ↪ for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
8 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not
9 more than 10 years, or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by
10 both fine and imprisonment.

11 (d) If the battery is committed upon an officer, provider of
12 health care, school employee, taxicab driver or transit operator who
13 is performing his or her duty or upon a sports official based on the
14 performance of his or her duties at a sporting event and the person
15 charged knew or should have known that the victim was an officer,
16 provider of health care, school employee, taxicab driver, transit
17 operator or sports official, for a gross misdemeanor, except under
18 circumstances where a greater penalty is provided in this section.

19 (e) If the battery is committed with the use of a deadly weapon,
20 and:

21 (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a
22 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
23 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not
24 more than 10 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not
25 more than \$10,000.

26 (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the
27 battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by
28 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
29 than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years, and
30 may be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

31 (f) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who
32 is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, without the use of
33 a deadly weapon, whether or not substantial bodily harm results and
34 whether or not the battery is committed by strangulation, for a
35 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
36 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
37 more than 6 years.

38 (g) If the battery is committed by a probationer, a prisoner who
39 is in lawful custody or confinement or a parolee, with the use of a
40 deadly weapon, and:

41 (1) No substantial bodily harm to the victim results, for a
42 category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a
43 minimum term of not less than 2 years and a maximum term of not
44 more than 10 years.



1 (2) Substantial bodily harm to the victim results or the
2 battery is committed by strangulation, for a category B felony by
3 imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less
4 than 2 years and a maximum term of not more than 15 years.

5 **Sec. 23.** NRS 232.213 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 232.213 1. The Department of Administration is hereby
7 created.

8 2. The Department consists of a Director and the following:

9 (a) Risk Management Division.

10 (b) Hearings Division, which consists of hearing officers,
11 compensation officers and appeals officers.

12 (c) State Public Works Division.

13 (d) Purchasing Division.

14 (e) Administrative Services Division.

15 (f) Division of Human Resource Management.

16 (g) Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services.

17 (h) Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records.

18 (i) Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management.

19 (j) Fleet Services Division.

20 (k) Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program.

21 *(l) Nevada Office of the Inspector General.*

22 **Sec. 24.** NRS 239.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 239.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and
24 NRS 1.4683, 1.4687, 1A.110, 3.2203, 41.071, 49.095, 49.293,
25 62D.420, 62D.440, 62E.516, 62E.620, 62H.025, 62H.030, 62H.170,
26 62H.220, 62H.320, 75A.100, 75A.150, 76.160, 78.152, 80.113,
27 81.850, 82.183, 86.246, 86.54615, 87.515, 87.5413, 87A.200,
28 87A.580, 87A.640, 88.3355, 88.5927, 88.6067, 88A.345, 88A.7345,
29 89.045, 89.251, 90.730, 91.160, 116.757, 116A.270, 116B.880,
30 118B.026, 119.260, 119.265, 119.267, 119.280, 119A.280,
31 119A.653, 119B.370, 119B.382, 120A.690, 125.130, 125B.140,
32 126.141, 126.161, 126.163, 126.730, 127.007, 127.057, 127.130,
33 127.140, 127.2817, 128.090, 130.312, 130.712, 136.050, 159.044,
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41 228.495, 228.570, 231.069, 231.1473, 233.190, 237.300, 239.0105,
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43 239C.230, 239C.250, 239C.270, 240.007, 241.020, 241.030,
44 241.039, 242.105, 244.264, 244.335, 247.540, 247.550, 247.560,
45 250.087, 250.130, 250.140, 250.150, 268.095, 268.490, 268.910,



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5 331.110, 332.061, 332.351, 333.333, 333.335, 338.070, 338.1379,
6 338.1593, 338.1725, 338.1727, 348.420, 349.597, 349.775, 353.205,
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33 632.121, 632.125, 632.405, 633.283, 633.301, 633.524, 634.055,
34 634.214, 634A.185, 635.158, 636.107, 637.085, 637B.288, 638.087,
35 638.089, 639.2485, 639.570, 640.075, 640A.220, 640B.730,
36 640C.400, 640C.600, 640C.620, 640C.745, 640C.760, 640D.190,
37 640E.340, 641.090, 641.325, 641A.191, 641A.289, 641B.170,
38 641B.460, 641C.760, 641C.800, 642.524, 643.189, 644A.870,
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5 693A.480, 693A.615, 696B.550, 696C.120, 703.196, 704B.320,
6 704B.325, 706.1725, 706A.230, 710.159, 711.600, *and sections 11*
7 *and 14 of this act*, sections 35, 38 and 41 of chapter 478, Statutes of
8 Nevada 2011 and section 2 of chapter 391, Statutes of Nevada 2013
9 and unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential, all public
10 books and public records of a governmental entity must be open at
11 all times during office hours to inspection by any person, and may
12 be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared
13 from those public books and public records. Any such copies,
14 abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public
15 with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used
16 in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of
17 the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner
18 affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or
19 affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book
20 or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

21 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record
22 which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.

23 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a
24 public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to
25 subsection 1 to inspect or copy or receive a copy of a public book or
26 record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains
27 information that is confidential if the governmental entity can
28 redact, delete, conceal or separate the confidential information from
29 the information included in the public book or record that is not
30 otherwise confidential.

31 4. A person may request a copy of a public record in any
32 medium in which the public record is readily available. An officer,
33 employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody
34 or control of a public record:

35 (a) Shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in a
36 readily available medium because the officer, employee or agent has
37 already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different
38 medium.

39 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.030, shall, upon
40 request, prepare the copy of the public record and shall not require
41 the person who has requested the copy to prepare the copy himself
42 or herself.



1 **Sec. 25.** NRS 289.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 289.470 “Category II peace officer” means:

3 1. The bailiffs of the district courts, justice courts and
4 municipal courts whose duties require them to carry weapons and
5 make arrests;

6 2. Subject to the provisions of NRS 258.070, constables and
7 their deputies;

8 3. Inspectors employed by the Nevada Transportation
9 Authority who exercise those powers of enforcement conferred by
10 chapters 706 and 712 of NRS;

11 4. Special investigators who are employed full-time by the
12 office of any district attorney or the Attorney General;

13 5. Investigators of arson for fire departments who are specially
14 designated by the appointing authority;

15 6. The brand inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture
16 who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by chapter 565
17 of NRS;

18 7. The field agents and inspectors of the State Department of
19 Agriculture who exercise the powers of enforcement conferred by
20 NRS 561.225;

21 8. Investigators for the State Forester Firewarden who are
22 specially designated by the State Forester Firewarden and whose
23 primary duties are related to the investigation of arson;

24 9. School police officers employed by the board of trustees of
25 any county school district;

26 10. Agents of the Nevada Gaming Control Board who exercise
27 the powers of enforcement specified in NRS 289.360, 463.140 or
28 463.1405, except those agents whose duties relate primarily to
29 auditing, accounting, the collection of taxes or license fees, or the
30 investigation of applicants for licenses;

31 11. Investigators and administrators of the Division of
32 Compliance Enforcement of the Department of Motor Vehicles who
33 perform the duties specified in subsection 2 of NRS 481.048;

34 12. Officers and investigators of the Section for the Control of
35 Emissions From Vehicles and the Enforcement of Matters Related
36 to the Use of Special Fuel of the Department of Motor Vehicles who
37 perform the duties specified in subsection 3 of NRS 481.0481;

38 13. Legislative police officers of the State of Nevada;

39 14. Parole counselors of the Division of Child and Family
40 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;

41 15. Juvenile probation officers and deputy juvenile probation
42 officers employed by the various judicial districts in the State of
43 Nevada or by a department of juvenile justice services established
44 by ordinance pursuant to NRS 62G.210 whose official duties require
45 them to enforce court orders on juvenile offenders and make arrests;



1 16. Field investigators of the Taxicab Authority;
2 17. Security officers employed full-time by a city or county
3 whose official duties require them to carry weapons and make
4 arrests;

5 18. The chief of a department of alternative sentencing created
6 pursuant to NRS 211A.080 and the assistant alternative sentencing
7 officers employed by that department;

8 19. Criminal investigators who are employed by the Secretary
9 of State; ~~and~~

10 20. The Inspector General of the Department of Corrections
11 and any person employed by the Department as a criminal
12 investigator ~~and~~; *and*

13 *21. The Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 7 of*
14 *this act and any person employed as an investigator by the Nevada*
15 *Office of the Inspector General created by section 7 of this act.*

16 **Sec. 26.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
17 General Fund to the Department of Education to provide for the
18 hiring of additional school police officers the following sums:

19 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020..... \$38,672,175

20 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$32,468,625

21 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
22 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
23 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
24 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
25 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
26 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
27 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
28 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
29 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
30 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
31 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
32 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

33 **Sec. 27.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
34 General Fund to the Department of Education to provide a payment
35 of \$10,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year to each teacher
36 employed at a public school in this State the following sums:

37 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020..... \$246,990,000

38 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$249,980,000

39 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
40 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
41 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
42 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
43 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
44 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
45 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after



1 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
2 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
3 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
4 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
5 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

6 3. The sums appropriated by this section must be accounted for
7 separately from any other money and used only for the purposes
8 specified in this section.

9 **Sec. 28.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
10 General Fund to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the
11 Department of Public Safety to provide a payment of \$10,000 at the
12 beginning of the fiscal year to each uniformed peace officer of the
13 Nevada Highway Patrol the following sums:

14	For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.....	\$4,890,000
15	For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.....	\$4,890,000

16 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
17 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
18 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
19 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
20 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
21 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
22 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
23 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
24 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
25 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
26 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
27 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

28 3. The sums appropriated by this section must be accounted for
29 separately from any other money and used only for the purposes
30 specified in this section.

31 **Sec. 29.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
32 General Fund to the Department of Corrections to provide a
33 payment of \$10,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year to each
34 correctional officer employed by the Department the following
35 sums:

36	For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.....	\$19,320,000
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37 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
38 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
39 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
40 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
41 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
42 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
43 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
44 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
45 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity



1 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
2 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
3 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

4 3. The sums appropriated by this section must be accounted for
5 separately from any other money and used only for the purposes
6 specified in this section.

7 **Sec. 30.** Money paid pursuant to sections 27, 28 and 29 of this
8 act must not be used to reduce or supplant any compensation which
9 a person receiving such a payment would otherwise receive.

10 **Sec. 31.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
11 General Fund to the Office of the Inspector General created by
12 section 7 of this act for the costs associated with employing such
13 persons as are necessary to provide an appropriate staff for the
14 Office the following sums:

15	For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020	\$1,890,640
16	For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021	\$2,018,979

17 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
18 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
19 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
20 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
21 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
22 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
23 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
24 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
25 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
26 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
27 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
28 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

29 **Sec. 32.** 1. On or before December 1, 2019, the Governor
30 shall appoint an Inspector General pursuant to section 7 of this act.

31 2. The Administrator of the Division of Internal Audits of the
32 Office of Finance is the acting Inspector General until the Governor
33 appoints the initial Inspector General pursuant to section 7 of this
34 act.

35 **Sec. 33.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
36 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
37 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

38 **Sec. 34.** NRS 353A.049 is hereby repealed.

39 **Sec. 35.** 1. This section and sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of
40 this act become effective on July 1, 2019.

41 2. Sections 1 to 25, inclusive, 33 and 34 of this act become
42 effective:

43 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
44 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
45 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and



- 1 (b) On October 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

353A.049 Reports of abuse, fraud or waste regarding public money received and used by agency or contractor: Establishment of telephone number by Director; notice; action by Division; confidentiality; disclosure.

1. The Director shall:

(a) Establish a telephone number at which a person may confidentially report to the Division information relating to abuse, fraud or waste with respect to public money received and used by an agency or contractor; and

(b) Create a written notice that:

(1) Clearly identifies the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) Contains a statement directing any person with any information relating to abuse, fraud or waste with respect to public money received and used by an agency or contractor to report the information at the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a).

2. The written notice created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be posted conspicuously:

(a) In each public building of an agency; and

(b) On the Internet website maintained by the Office of Finance.

3. Upon receipt of information from a person calling the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the Division shall perform a review and prepare a report of its findings. The report is a public record and:

(a) Must include, without limitation, an explanation of:

(1) The purpose of the review; and

(2) Any resolution or corrective action taken by the Division that resulted from the review.

(b) Must not include the identity of the person who reported the information.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 5, any information reported to the Division at the telephone number established pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, including, without limitation, the identity of the person who reported the information, is confidential.

5. The Division shall not disclose information that is confidential pursuant to subsection 4 except:



- (a) Pursuant to NRS 239.0115;
 - (b) For the purpose of carrying out any duty of the Division prescribed by NRS 353A.031 to 353A.100, inclusive, or for the purpose of assisting the Director or Administrator in carrying out any duty of the Director or Administrator prescribed by this chapter;
 - (c) Upon the lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
- or
- (d) To the Office of the Attorney General or the office of a district attorney within this State for the purpose of investigating the alleged abuse, fraud or waste reported to the Division.
6. As used in this section:
- (a) "Contractor" means any person, business, organization or nonprofit corporation that contracts with an agency to receive public money. The term includes a subcontractor or a third party who receives any portion of the public money from the contractor to carry out any obligation pursuant to a contract between the contractor and the agency.
 - (b) "Public money" means any money deposited with a depository by the State Treasurer and includes money which is received by an agency from the Federal Government for distribution and use in this State pursuant to a federal law or federal regulation.

