

SENATE BILL NO. 194—SENATORS SPEARMAN,
PARKS; AND SCHEIBLE

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes programs for certain persons of low-income and persons in foster care. (BDR 38-780)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 26, 27, 35)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 public assistance; requiring the Office of the State Treasurer to establish the Individual Development Account Program under which certain persons may establish an individual development account; establishing a credit against the modified business tax for certain taxpayers or other persons; creating the Nevada Statewide Council on Financial Independence; prohibiting certain entities from considering money deposited into an individual development account by certain persons to be income under certain circumstances; requiring certain entities to ensure that instruction in financial literacy is provided to certain persons; requiring the State Treasurer to ensure that certain instruction and training is provided to a tenant of a housing project; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to waive certain fees and tuition for certain children placed in foster homes or in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 The Oregon Individual Development Account Initiative Program allows certain
- 2 persons from low-income households to establish an individual development
- 3 account into which the person deposits money to save and later use for certain



4 purposes. A fiduciary organization manages the Program and matches the amounts
5 deposited by a person for not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each \$1 deposited
6 by the person. Money used for matching purposes is donated to the Program, with
7 such donations resulting in a tax credit for the person who donated the money. (Or.
8 Rev. Stat. §§ 458.670-458.700) **Sections 14-24** of this bill establish a similar
9 program in this State entitled the Individual Development Account Program.
10 **Section 19** of this bill: (1) requires the Office of the State Treasurer to establish the
11 Program; and (2) authorizes the Office to select one or more fiduciary organizations
12 to administer the money in the Program pursuant to **section 23** of this bill. **Section**
13 **20** of this bill generally authorizes a person who qualifies to become an account
14 holder to establish an individual development account. To qualify to become an
15 account holder, **section 20** requires a person to be: (1) a resident of this State; (2)
16 twelve years of age or older; and (3) a tenant of a housing project for persons of
17 low income in this State, a recipient of Medicaid or a provider of foster care who is
18 creating such an account for a child placed in his or her care. **Section 20** further
19 provides that to establish an individual development account, the account holder
20 and the fiduciary organization must enter into an agreement where the account
21 holder deposits funds into a financial institution and the fiduciary organization
22 deposits matching funds into the financial institution pursuant to **section 22** of this
23 bill, with the goal of enabling the account holder to accumulate assets for use
24 toward achieving a specific purpose authorized by the fiduciary organization
25 pursuant to **section 21** of this bill. Specifically, **section 22** requires a fiduciary
26 organization to: (1) accept donations made from taxpayers and other persons; and
27 (2) match deposits made by the account holder by not less than \$1 nor more than \$5
28 for each \$1 deposited by the account holder in his or her individual development
29 account. **Section 22** further prohibits an account holder from accruing more than
30 \$3,000 of matching funds in any 12-month period.

31 Under existing law, financial institutions and other employers are required to
32 pay an excise tax (the modified business tax) on wages paid by them. (NRS
33 363A.130, 363B.110) With respect to that tax, **sections 44 and 45** of this bill
34 establish a tax credit equal to an amount approved by the Department of Taxation,
35 which must not exceed the amount of any donation of money made by a taxpayer to
36 a fiduciary organization to fund the Individual Development Account Program
37 established in **sections 14-24**. To claim the tax credit, **sections 44 and 45** require
38 the fiduciary organization to apply to the Department of Taxation for approval of
39 the credit for a taxpayer who intends to make a donation to the fiduciary
40 organization. If the Department of Taxation approves the application, **sections 44**
41 **and 45** require the fiduciary organization to provide notice to the prospective
42 donor, who must make the donation within 30 days after receiving the notice. If the
43 donor does not make the donation within the requisite period, **sections 44 and 45**
44 provide that the donor forfeits eligibility for the credit. **Sections 44 and 45** provide
45 that the Department of Taxation: (1) must approve or deny applications for the tax
46 credit in the order in which the applications are received; and (2) is authorized to
47 approve applications for each fiscal year until the amount of the tax credits
48 authorized for the fiscal year is reached. **Sections 44 and 45** each provide that the
49 amount authorized for each fiscal year is \$5 million.

50 **Sections 4.5-13** of this bill create the Nevada Statewide Council on Financial
51 Independence. **Section 5** of this bill sets forth the membership of the Council.
52 **Section 9** of this bill requires the Council to: (1) develop statewide priorities and
53 strategies for helping persons who receive public assistance or social services to
54 increase the financial independence of such persons; (2) coordinate with certain
55 state agencies; and (3) oversee the Individual Development Account Program.

56 **Section 2** of this bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services,
57 under certain circumstances, from considering the money deposited in an individual
58 development account by a recipient of Medicaid to be income for the purpose of



59 determining the recipient's eligibility to receive benefits provided by Medicaid.
60 **Section 3** of this bill requires the Department to ensure that instruction in financial
61 literacy is provided to recipients of Medicaid. **Section 3** authorizes the Department
62 to contract for the services of an independent contractor to provide such instruction
63 in financial literacy. **Section 32** of this bill makes conforming changes.

64 Existing law defines "provider of foster care" to mean a person who is licensed
65 by the licensing authority to conduct a foster home. (NRS 424.017) Existing law
66 defines "foster home" as a home that receives, nurtures, supervises and ensures
67 routine educational services and medical, dental and mental health treatment for
68 children and includes: (1) a family foster home; (2) a specialized foster home; (3)
69 an independent living foster home; and (4) a group foster home. (NRS 424.014)
70 **Section 26** of this bill authorizes a provider of foster care to, upon receiving the
71 approval of the licensing authority: (1) establish an individual development account
72 for a child placed in the care of the provider of foster care; and (2) deposit into the
73 individual development account money received by the provider of foster care to
74 pay for the cost of providing care to the child if such use does not conflict with or
75 prevent the provider of foster care from providing care to the child. **Section 26**
76 additionally provides that: (1) the money in the individual development account is
77 the property of the child for whom the account was established; (2) the child shall
78 have access to the money in the individual development account upon reaching 18
79 years of age, whether or not the child was part of the foster care system upon
80 reaching 18 years of age, or upon being declared emancipated; and (3) the child
81 may use the money in the individual development account only for certain
82 purposes, as set forth in **section 21**. **Section 27** of this bill requires the licensing
83 authority to ensure that instruction in financial literacy is provided to a child for
84 whom an individual development account is established. **Section 27** authorizes the
85 licensing authority to contract for the services of an independent contractor to
86 provide such instruction in financial literacy. **Sections 28-30** of this bill make
87 conforming changes.

88 Existing law creates local housing authorities and the Nevada Rural Housing
89 Authority to operate housing projects for persons of low income in this State. (NRS
90 315.320, 315.440, 315.977, 315.988) Existing law also prohibits a housing
91 authority from accepting a tenant who earns more than a prescribed maximum
92 income. (NRS 315.510, 315.994) **Sections 34 and 36** of this bill prohibit each local
93 housing authority and the Nevada Rural Housing Authority from considering the
94 money deposited in an individual development account by a tenant to be income for
95 the purpose of determining the tenant's eligibility to remain in the housing project.
96 **Sections 38-43** of this bill make conforming changes.

97 **Sections 35 and 37** of this bill require each local housing authority and the
98 Nevada Rural Housing Authority to ensure that instruction in financial literacy is
99 provided to a tenant who deposits a portion of his or her income in an individual
100 development account. **Sections 35 and 37** authorize each local housing authority
101 and the Nevada Rural Housing Authority to contract for the services of an
102 independent contractor to provide such instruction in financial literacy.

103 Existing law sets forth the general powers and duties of the State Treasurer.
104 (NRS 226.110) **Section 31** requires the State Treasurer to ensure that instruction
105 and training in business opportunities and any benefits available to certain business
106 enterprises is provided to a tenant of each local housing authority, the Nevada Rural
107 Housing Authority and certain nonprofit organizations. Existing law authorizes the
108 State Treasurer to appoint and employ certain Deputies. (NRS 226.100) **Section**
109 **30.5** of this bill authorizes the State Treasurer to appoint and employ a Deputy of
110 Financial Literacy and Security.

111 Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to
112 grant a waiver of registration fees and laboratory fees for any member of the active
113 Nevada National Guard and for a child, widow or widower of a person who was



114 killed while performing his or her duties as a member of the Nevada National
115 Guard. (NRS 396.544, 396.5442) **Section 46** of this bill authorizes the Board of
116 Regents to similarly waive registration fees and laboratory fees for a child who
117 was: (1) placed in a foster home, including such child who was sent outside of this
118 State for admission to or treatment or residence in a mental health facility; or (2) in
119 the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services but was sent outside
120 of this State for admission to or treatment or residence in a mental health facility.
121 **Section 46** additionally clarifies that the waiver provided in **section 46** is separate
122 and apart from any other existing or future tuition-waiver program adopted by the
123 Board of Regents for children who were previously in the foster care system.
124 **Section 46** further provides that the provisions of **section 46** do not affect the
125 ability of the Board of Regents to adopt any additional tuition-waiver programs.
126 **Section 46.3** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Office of the State
127 Treasurer for the purpose of carrying out **sections 4.5-24**.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *To the extent authorized by federal law, the*
4 *Department shall not consider money deposited in an individual*
5 *development account pursuant to section 20 of this act by a*
6 *recipient of Medicaid to be income for the purpose of determining*
7 *whether the person who deposited the money is eligible to receive*
8 *or to continue to receive benefits that are provided by Medicaid.*

9 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Department shall ensure that instruction in*
10 *financial literacy is provided to a recipient of Medicaid who*
11 *deposits a portion of his or her income in an individual*
12 *development account pursuant to section 20 of this act.*

13 **2.** *The Department may contract for the services of an*
14 *independent contractor to provide the instruction required in*
15 *subsection 1.*

16 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 422A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
17 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4.5 to 24, inclusive, of
18 this act.

19 **Sec. 4.5.** *As used in sections 4.5 to 24, inclusive, of this act,*
20 *“Nevada Statewide Council on Financial Independence” means*
21 *the Nevada Statewide Council on Financial Independence created*
22 *by section 5 of this act.*

23 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The Nevada Statewide Council on Financial*
24 *Independence is hereby created.*

25 **2.** *The Council is composed of the following voting members:*

26 *(a) The Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;*

27 *(b) The State Treasurer or his or her designee;*

28 *(c) The Director or his or her designee;*



1 (d) *The Director of the Department of Employment, Training*
2 *and Rehabilitation or his or her designee;*

3 (e) *The Attorney General or his or her designee;*

4 (f) *The Executive Director of the Office of Economic*
5 *Development or his or her designee;*

6 (g) *The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the*
7 *Department of Education or his or her designee; and*

8 (h) *The following five voting members, appointed by the State*
9 *Treasurer:*

10 (1) *A representative of :*

11 (I) *An authority, as defined in NRS 315.170;*

12 (II) *The Nevada Rural Housing Authority created by*
13 *NRS 315.977; or*

14 (III) *A nonprofit organization which primarily provides*
15 *affordable housing developments that are financed, wholly or in*
16 *part, with low-income housing tax credits, private activity bonds or*
17 *money from a governmental entity for affordable housing,*
18 *including, without limitation, money received pursuant to the*
19 *HOME Investment Partnerships Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq.;*

20 (2) *A representative of an agency which provides child*
21 *welfare services, as defined in NRS 432B.030, operating in a*
22 *county whose population is 700,000 or more;*

23 (3) *A representative of the Nevada System of Higher*
24 *Education;*

25 (4) *A representative of Southern Nevada's Local Workforce*
26 *Development Board or its successor organization; and*

27 (5) *A representative with knowledge, skill and experience in*
28 *programs designed for recipients of public assistance or social*
29 *services.*

30 3. *The State Treasurer or his or her designee shall serve as*
31 *Chair of the Council.*

32 4. *The Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee shall serve*
33 *as Vice Chair of the Council.*

34 **Sec. 6.** *Any member appointed by the State Treasurer to fill a*
35 *vacancy in the appointed membership of the Nevada Statewide*
36 *Council on Financial Independence occurring before the*
37 *expiration of a term shall be appointed by the State Treasurer for*
38 *the remainder of the unexpired term.*

39 **Sec. 7. 1.** *The Nevada Statewide Council on Financial*
40 *Independence may prescribe such bylaws as it deems necessary for*
41 *its operation.*

42 2. *The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair as*
43 *frequently as required to perform its duties, but not less than*
44 *quarterly.*



1 3. A majority of the voting members of the Council
2 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a
3 majority of those voting members present at any meeting is
4 sufficient for any official action taken by the Council.

5 4. The Council and any working groups appointed pursuant
6 to section 10 of this act shall comply with the provisions of chapter
7 24I of NRS and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with
8 that chapter.

9 **Sec. 8.** 1. Each member of the Nevada Statewide Council
10 on Financial Independence who is not a public employee is
11 entitled to receive compensation of not more than \$80 per day, as
12 fixed by the Council, while engaged in the business of the Council.

13 2. A member of the Council who is a public employee may
14 not receive any compensation for his or her services as a member
15 of the Council. Any member of the Council who is a public
16 employee must be granted administrative leave from the member's
17 duties to engage in the business of the Council without loss of his
18 or her regular compensation. Such leave must not reduce the
19 amount of the member's other accrued leave.

20 3. In addition to any compensation received pursuant to this
21 section, while engaged in the business of the Council, each
22 member of the Council is entitled to receive the per diem
23 allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and
24 employees generally.

25 **Sec. 9.** The Nevada Statewide Council on Financial
26 Independence shall:

27 1. Develop statewide priorities and strategies for helping
28 persons who receive public assistance or social services to increase
29 the financial independence of such persons.

30 2. Coordinate with all state agencies that work with persons
31 who receive public assistance or social services so that the state
32 agencies may collectively help increase the financial independence
33 of such persons.

34 3. Oversee the Individual Development Account Program
35 established pursuant to sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act.

36 **Sec. 10.** 1. The Chair of the Nevada Statewide Council on
37 Financial Independence may, with the approval of the Council,
38 appoint any working groups deemed necessary by the Chair to
39 assist in carrying out the duties of the Council. If a working group
40 is appointed, the Chair shall appoint to the working group the
41 number of voting members that the Chair determines to be
42 appropriate. The Chair may appoint any person the Chair deems
43 appropriate to serve on a working group, except that a working
44 group must include at least one member of the Council.



1 2. *If a member of a working group formed pursuant to*
2 *subsection 1 is a public employee, the member's employer must*
3 *grant the member administrative leave from his or her duties to*
4 *serve on the working group without loss of the member's regular*
5 *compensation and without reducing the amount of any other leave*
6 *the member may have accrued.*

7 **Sec. 11.** *The State Treasurer shall provide such staff*
8 *assistance to the Nevada Statewide Council on Financial*
9 *Independence as the State Treasurer deems appropriate and may*
10 *designate the Office of the State Treasurer to provide such*
11 *assistance.*

12 **Sec. 12.** *The Nevada Statewide Council on Financial*
13 *Independence may apply for and receive gifts, grants,*
14 *contributions or other money from governmental and private*
15 *agencies, affiliated associations and other persons to carry out the*
16 *provisions of sections 4.5 to 13, inclusive, of this act and to defray*
17 *expenses incurred by the Council in the discharge of its duties.*

18 **Sec. 13.** *On or before February 15 of each year, the State*
19 *Treasurer shall:*

20 1. *Prepare a report setting forth the activities of the Nevada*
21 *Statewide Council on Financial Independence; and*

22 2. *Submit a copy of the report to:*

23 (a) *The Governor; and*

24 (b) *The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*
25 *transmittal to:*

26 (1) *If the Legislature is in session, the standing committees*
27 *of the Legislature which have jurisdiction of the subject matter; or*

28 (2) *If the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative*
29 *Commission.*

30 **Sec. 14.** *As used in sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act,*
31 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
32 *in sections 15 to 18, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*
33 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

34 **Sec. 15.** *"Account holder" means a person who:*

35 1. *Qualifies to become an account holder pursuant to section*
36 *20 of this act; and*

37 2. *Has established an individual development account*
38 *pursuant to section 21 of this act.*

39 **Sec. 16.** *"Fiduciary organization" means an organization*
40 *that is selected pursuant to section 23 of this act to administer state*
41 *money directed to individual development accounts and is a*
42 *nonprofit organization which:*

43 1. *Conducts fundraising activities; and*

44 2. *Is exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of*
45 *the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c)(3).*



1 **Sec. 17.** *“Financial institution” means a depository*
2 *institution or any other institution regulated pursuant to title 55 or*
3 *56 of NRS. The term includes, without limitation, a holding*
4 *company, affiliate or subsidiary of such an institution.*

5 **Sec. 18.** *“Program” means the Individual Development*
6 *Account Program established pursuant to sections 14 to 24,*
7 *inclusive, of this act.*

8 **Sec. 19.** *The Office of the State Treasurer:*

9 1. *Shall establish the Individual Development Account*
10 *Program; and*

11 2. *May select one or more fiduciary organizations pursuant to*
12 *section 23 of this act.*

13 **Sec. 20.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a*
14 *person who qualifies to become an account holder pursuant to*
15 *subsection 2 may establish an individual development account*
16 *pursuant to sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act.*

17 2. *To qualify to become an account holder, a person must be:*

18 (a) *A resident of this State;*

19 (b) *Twelve years of age or older; and*

20 (c) *At least one of the following:*

21 (1) *A tenant of a housing project operated by:*

22 (I) *A local housing authority pursuant to NRS 315.140*
23 *to 315.7813, inclusive, and sections 34 and 35 of this act;*

24 (II) *The Nevada Rural Housing Authority pursuant to*
25 *NRS 315.961 to 315.99874, inclusive, and sections 36 and 37 of*
26 *this act; or*

27 (III) *A nonprofit organization which primarily provides*
28 *affordable housing developments that are financed, wholly or in*
29 *part, with low-income housing tax credits, private activity bonds or*
30 *money from a governmental entity for affordable housing,*
31 *including, without limitation, money received pursuant to the*
32 *HOME Investment Partnerships Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12701 et seq.;*

33 (2) *A recipient of Medicaid; or*

34 (3) *A provider of foster care who establishes an individual*
35 *development account for a child placed in the care of the provider*
36 *of foster care pursuant to section 26 of this act.*

37 3. *To establish an individual development account pursuant*
38 *to subsection 1, the account holder and a fiduciary organization*
39 *must enter into an agreement where the account holder deposits*
40 *funds into a financial institution in this State and the fiduciary*
41 *organization deposits matching funds into the financial institution*
42 *in this State pursuant to section 22 of this act with the goal of*
43 *enabling the account holder to accumulate assets for use toward*
44 *achieving a specific purpose authorized by the fiduciary*
45 *organization pursuant to section 21 of this act.*



1 4. *Except for a provider of foster care or for a child for whom*
2 *an individual development account is established by a provider of*
3 *foster care, every account holder, with support from the fiduciary*
4 *organization, shall develop a personal development plan to*
5 *increase the financial independence of the account holder and the*
6 *household of the account holder through achievement of the*
7 *authorized purpose of the individual development account. The*
8 *account holder shall specify in the personal development plan the*
9 *purpose for the use of the money in the individual development*
10 *account. Such purposes must comply with section 21 of this act. In*
11 *providing support to an account holder, the fiduciary organization*
12 *shall ensure that:*

13 (a) *Instruction in financial literacy is provided to the account*
14 *holder; and*

15 (b) *Mentorship or financial coaching services are provided to*
16 *the account holder.*

17 5. *The fiduciary organization may contract for the services of*
18 *an independent contractor to provide the instruction and*
19 *mentorship or coaching services required pursuant to*
20 *subsection 4.*

21 6. *A fiduciary organization shall refuse to allow a person who*
22 *qualifies to become an account holder pursuant to subsection 2 to*
23 *establish an individual development account if establishment of*
24 *the individual development account would result in the members*
25 *of the household of the person, as defined in section 21 of this act,*
26 *having more than two individual development accounts.*

27 7. *As used in this section, "local housing authority" means*
28 *an authority as defined in NRS 315.170.*

29 **Sec. 21. 1. A person may:**

30 (a) *Enter into an agreement with a fiduciary organization to*
31 *establish an individual development account pursuant to section*
32 *20 of this act only for a purpose authorized by the fiduciary*
33 *organization; and*

34 (b) *After establishing an individual development account*
35 *pursuant to section 20 of this act, withdraw money from an*
36 *individual development account only for a purpose authorized by*
37 *the fiduciary organization.*

38 2. *A fiduciary organization may authorize the establishment*
39 *of an individual development account and the withdrawal of*
40 *money from the individual development account for one or more*
41 *of the following purposes:*

42 (a) *The acquisition of postsecondary education or job training.*

43 (b) *If the account holder has established the individual*
44 *development account for the benefit of a member of his or her*
45 *household who is under the age of 18 years, the payment of*



1 *expenses for extracurricular activities, not including the payment*
2 *of tuition, that are designed to prepare the member for*
3 *postsecondary education or job training.*

4 *(c) The purchase of a primary residence. In addition to paying*
5 *the price of purchasing the residence, the account holder may use*
6 *money in the individual development account to pay any usual or*
7 *reasonable settlement, financing or other closing costs. Unless the*
8 *account holder was displaced from the residence, had lost*
9 *ownership of the residence as a result of a divorce or is the owner*
10 *of a manufactured home, the account holder must not have owned*
11 *or held any interest in a residence during the 3 years immediately*
12 *preceding the purchase.*

13 *(d) The rental of a primary residence. The account holder may*
14 *use money in the individual development account to pay for*
15 *security deposits, the rent for the first and last month of the rental*
16 *period, any application fees and any other expenses necessary to*
17 *move into the primary residence, as specified in the personal*
18 *development plan of the account holder for increasing the*
19 *financial independence of the account holder developed pursuant*
20 *to section 20 of this act.*

21 *(e) The establishment of a small business. The account holder*
22 *may use money in the individual development account to pay for*
23 *expenses related to establishing the small business, to hire*
24 *employees and to use for working capital pursuant to a business*
25 *plan. The business plan must have been developed by a financial*
26 *institution, nonprofit organization or other agent which has*
27 *demonstrated expertise in business and which has been approved*
28 *by the fiduciary organization. The business plan must include a*
29 *description of the services or goods to be sold, a marketing plan*
30 *and projected financial statements.*

31 *(f) Improvements, repairs or modifications necessary to make*
32 *or keep the primary residence of the account holder habitable or*
33 *accessible for the account holder or a member of his or her*
34 *household.*

35 *(g) The purchase of equipment, technology or specialized*
36 *training that is required for the account holder to become*
37 *competitive in obtaining or maintaining employment or to*
38 *establish or maintain a business, as specified in the personal*
39 *development plan of the account holder for increasing the*
40 *financial independence of the account holder developed pursuant*
41 *to section 20 of this act.*

42 *(h) The purchase or repair of a vehicle, as specified in the*
43 *personal development plan of the account holder for increasing*
44 *the financial independence of the account holder developed*
45 *pursuant to section 20 of this act.*



1 (i) *The saving of money for retirement, as specified in the*
2 *personal development plan of the account holder for increasing*
3 *the independence of the account holder developed pursuant to*
4 *section 20 of this act.*

5 (j) *The payment of debts owed for educational or medical*
6 *purposes when the account holder is saving for another*
7 *authorized purpose, as specified in the personal development plan*
8 *of the account holder for increasing the financial independence of*
9 *the account holder developed pursuant to section 20 of this act.*

10 (k) *The creation or improvement of the credit score of the*
11 *account holder by obtaining a secured loan or a financial product*
12 *that is designed to improve credit, as specified in the personal*
13 *development plan of the account holder for increasing the*
14 *financial independence of the account holder developed pursuant*
15 *to section 20 of this act.*

16 (l) *The replacement of the primary residence of the account*
17 *holder when such replacement offers a significant opportunity to*
18 *improve the habitability or energy efficiency of the primary*
19 *residence.*

20 (m) *The payment of medical expenses incurred by the account*
21 *holder or a member of his or her household.*

22 3. *If the account holder is a child for whom a provider of*
23 *foster care established an individual development account*
24 *pursuant to section 26 of this act and such an account holder*
25 *seeks to withdraw money from the individual development account*
26 *for a purpose authorized pursuant to subsection 2 that requires*
27 *information be specified in the personal development plan of the*
28 *account holder for increasing the financial independence of the*
29 *account holder, the account holder shall develop a personal*
30 *development plan that substantially complies with subsection 4 of*
31 *section 20 of this act.*

32 4. *If the account holder of an individual development account*
33 *established for the purpose set forth in paragraph (i) of subsection*
34 *2 has achieved the purpose of the account holder in accordance*
35 *with the personal development plan developed by the account*
36 *holder pursuant to section 20 of this act, the account holder may*
37 *withdraw, or authorize the withdrawal of, all deposits, including,*
38 *without limitation, matching deposits and interest accrued on*
39 *deposits, in the individual development account by rolling over the*
40 *entire withdrawal amount into an individual retirement account, a*
41 *retirement plan or a similar account or plan established under the*
42 *Internal Revenue Service. Upon withdrawal of all deposits in the*
43 *individual development account, a fiduciary organization shall*
44 *terminate the account relationship with the account holder.*



1 5. *If an account holder withdraws money from an individual*
2 *development account without receiving the authorization of the*
3 *fiduciary organization pursuant to subsection 2, the fiduciary*
4 *organization may remove the account holder from the Program.*

5 6. *Except as otherwise provided in section 26 of this act, if the*
6 *account holder moves outside of this State or is otherwise unable*
7 *to continue in the Program, the fiduciary organization may*
8 *remove the account holder from the Program.*

9 7. *If an account holder is removed from the Program under*
10 *subsection 5 or 6, all matching deposits in the individual*
11 *development account and all interest accrued on matching*
12 *deposits shall revert to the fiduciary organization. The fiduciary*
13 *organization shall use the reverted funds as a source of matching*
14 *deposits for other individual development accounts.*

15 8. *As used in this section, "household" means an association*
16 *of persons who:*

17 (a) *Live in the same residence or dwelling;*

18 (b) *Are related by blood, adoption or marriage; and*

19 (c) *Are mutually dependent on each other for the basic*
20 *necessities of life.*

21 **Sec. 22. 1. A fiduciary organization:**

22 (a) *Shall accept donations from taxpayers pursuant to sections*
23 *44 and 45 of this act and from other persons; and*

24 (b) *May solicit and accept gifts and grants.*

25 2. *The fiduciary organization shall match amounts deposited*
26 *by the account holder according to a formula established by the*
27 *fiduciary organization. The fiduciary organization shall match*
28 *and maintain on deposit in the individual development account*
29 *not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each \$1 deposited by the*
30 *account holder in his or her individual development account.*

31 3. *The fiduciary organization shall deposit the matching*
32 *deposits made by the fiduciary organization pursuant to subsection*
33 *2 in a savings account that is:*

34 (a) *Jointly held by the account holder and the fiduciary*
35 *organization that requires the signatures of both for withdrawals;*
36 *or*

37 (b) *Controlled by the fiduciary organization and is separate*
38 *from the savings account of the account holder.*

39 4. *Account holders shall not accrue more than \$3,000 of*
40 *matching funds under subsection 2 in any 12-month period. A*
41 *fiduciary organization may designate a lesser amount as a limit on*
42 *matching funds made in any 12-month period.*

43 5. *A fiduciary organization shall maintain on deposit*
44 *sufficient funds to cover the agreements to match the amounts*



1 *deposited by the account holder for all individual development*
2 *accounts administered by the fiduciary organization.*

3 6. *A fiduciary organization shall not expend more than 5*
4 *percent of the total amount of money accepted pursuant to*
5 *subsection 1 to pay for its administrative expenses.*

6 7. *The State Treasurer shall adopt regulations to establish a*
7 *maximum total amount of money that may be deposited as*
8 *matching funds into an individual development account.*

9 **Sec. 23.** *The State Treasurer may select one or more*
10 *fiduciary organizations to administer any money received from*
11 *taxpayers and other persons pursuant to section 22 of this act. In*
12 *making the selections, the State Treasurer shall consider certain*
13 *factors, including, without limitation:*

14 1. *The ability of the fiduciary organization to implement and*
15 *administer the Program, including, without limitation, the ability*
16 *to:*

17 (a) *Verify that a person qualifies to become an account holder;*

18 (b) *Certify that money in an individual development account is*
19 *used only for authorized purposes; and*

20 (c) *Exercise general fiscal accountability;*

21 2. *The capacity of the fiduciary organization to provide or*
22 *raise matching funds for the deposits of account holders;*

23 3. *The capacity of the fiduciary organization to provide*
24 *support and general assistance to an account holder to increase*
25 *the financial independence of the account holder and the*
26 *household of the account holder; and*

27 4. *The connections that the fiduciary organization has to*
28 *other activities and programs that are designed to increase the*
29 *financial independence of persons who qualify to become account*
30 *holders pursuant to section 20 of this act through:*

31 (a) *Education and training;*

32 (b) *Home ownership; and*

33 (c) *Small business development.*

34 **Sec. 24.** 1. *Subject to any regulations adopted by the State*
35 *Treasurer, a fiduciary organization has sole authority over, and*
36 *responsibility for, the administration of individual development*
37 *accounts. The responsibility of the fiduciary organization extends*
38 *to all aspects of the Program, including, without limitation:*

39 (a) *Marketing to participants;*

40 (b) *Soliciting matching funds;*

41 (c) *Mentoring or counseling account holders;*

42 (d) *Providing instruction in financial literacy; and*

43 (e) *Conducting activities to ensure that an account holder is*
44 *complying with sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act and any*
45 *regulations adopted pursuant thereto.*



1 2. *A fiduciary organization may establish guidelines for the*
2 *Program as the fiduciary organization determines to be necessary*
3 *to ensure that an account holder complies with sections 20 and 21*
4 *of this act.*

5 3. *A fiduciary organization may act in partnership with other*
6 *entities, including, without limitation, businesses, government*
7 *agencies, nonprofit organizations, community development*
8 *corporations, community action programs, housing authorities*
9 *and charitable or religious organizations, to assist in fulfilling its*
10 *responsibilities under sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act.*

11 4. *On or before February 15 of each year, a fiduciary*
12 *organization selected to administer any money pursuant to section*
13 *23 of this act shall:*

14 (a) *Prepare a report setting forth:*

15 (1) *The number of individual development accounts*
16 *administered by the fiduciary organization;*

17 (2) *The amount of deposits and matching deposits made for*
18 *each individual development account;*

19 (3) *The purpose of each individual development account;*

20 (4) *The number of withdrawals made from each individual*
21 *development account; and*

22 (5) *Any other information the State Treasurer determines*
23 *to be relevant; and*

24 (b) *Submit a copy of the report to the State Treasurer.*

25 5. *The State Treasurer shall adopt regulations to carry out*
26 *the provisions of sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act.*

27 **Sec. 25.** Chapter 424 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
28 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 26 and 27 of this act.

29 **Sec. 26.** 1. *Upon receiving approval pursuant to subsection*
30 *2, a provider of foster care may establish an individual*
31 *development account for a child placed by the appropriate agency*
32 *in the care of the provider of foster care. The provider of foster*
33 *care may deposit into the individual development account money*
34 *received by the provider of foster care to pay for the cost of*
35 *providing care to the child, if such use does not conflict with or*
36 *prevent the provider of foster care from providing care to the*
37 *child.*

38 2. *Before establishing an individual development account*
39 *pursuant to subsection 1, a provider of foster care must receive the*
40 *approval of the licensing authority to establish the individual*
41 *development account and deposit a portion of the money received*
42 *into such an account. The licensing authority shall grant such*
43 *approval to the provider of foster care if the licensing authority*
44 *determines that the depositing of money into the individual*
45 *development account:*



1 (a) Does not conflict with or prevent the provider of foster care
2 from providing care to the child; and

3 (b) Is in the best interests of child.

4 3. The money deposited into the individual development
5 account and any matching funds and interest deposited into the
6 individual development account pursuant to sections 14 to 24,
7 inclusive, of this act is the property of the child for whom the
8 individual development account was established.

9 4. The child shall:

10 (a) Have access to the money deposited in the individual
11 development account and any matching funds and interest
12 deposited into the individual development account pursuant to
13 sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of this act upon reaching 18 years of
14 age or upon being declared emancipated pursuant to NRS 129.080
15 to 129.140, inclusive, whether or not the child was part of the
16 foster care system upon reaching 18 years of age or upon being
17 declared emancipated or the child moved outside of the State
18 before reaching 18 years of age or before being declared
19 emancipated; and

20 (b) Upon obtaining access to the money pursuant to paragraph
21 (a), use the money deposited in the individual development
22 account and any matching funds and interest deposited into the
23 individual development account pursuant to sections 14 to 24,
24 inclusive, of this act only for the purposes set forth in section 21 of
25 this act.

26 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing:

27 (a) The child from maintaining a bank account and managing
28 personal income, consistent with the age and developmental level
29 of the child, as is the right of the child pursuant to paragraph (b)
30 of subsection 10 of NRS 432.525; or

31 (b) The provider of foster care from establishing a savings
32 account for a child placed in the care of the provider of foster care
33 into which the provider of foster care deposits the personal income
34 or money of the provider of foster care.

35 6. As used in this section, "foster care system" means the
36 process whereby a child is:

37 (a) Placed in a foster home pursuant to this title; or

38 (b) In the custody of an agency which provides child welfare
39 services pursuant to chapter 432B of NRS.

40 **Sec. 27. 1.** The licensing authority shall ensure that
41 instruction in financial literacy is provided to a child for whom an
42 individual development account is established pursuant to section
43 26 of this act.



1 **2. The licensing authority may contract for the services of an**
2 **independent contractor to provide the instruction required by**
3 **subsection 1.**

4 **Sec. 28.** NRS 424.041 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 424.041 1. ~~Each~~ **Notwithstanding the provisions of section**
6 **26 of this act, each** agency which provides child welfare services
7 shall ensure that money allocated to pay for the cost of providing
8 care to children placed in a specialized foster home is not used for
9 any other purpose.

10 2. On or before August 1 of each year, each agency which
11 provides child welfare services shall prepare and submit to the
12 Division and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel
13 Bureau a report listing all expenditures relating to the placement of
14 children in specialized foster homes for the previous fiscal year.

15 3. Each agency which provides child welfare services shall
16 provide to the Division any data concerning children who are placed
17 in a specialized foster home by the agency upon the request of the
18 Division.

19 **Sec. 29.** NRS 424.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 424.090 1. The provisions of NRS 424.020 to 424.090,
21 inclusive, **and sections 26 and 27 of this act** do not apply to homes
22 in which:

23 (a) Care is provided only for a neighbor's or friend's child on an
24 irregular or occasional basis for a brief period, not to exceed 90
25 days.

26 (b) Care is provided by the legal guardian.

27 (c) Care is provided for an exchange student.

28 (d) Care is provided to enable a child to take advantage of
29 educational facilities that are not available in his or her home
30 community.

31 (e) Any child or children are received, cared for and maintained
32 pending completion of proceedings for adoption of such child or
33 children, except as otherwise provided in regulations adopted by the
34 Division.

35 (f) Except as otherwise provided in regulations adopted by the
36 Division, care is voluntarily provided to a minor child who is related
37 to the caregiver by blood, adoption or marriage.

38 (g) Care is provided to a minor child who is in the custody of an
39 agency which provides child welfare services pursuant to chapter
40 432B of NRS or a juvenile court pursuant to title 5 of NRS if:

41 (1) The caregiver is related to the child within the fifth
42 degree of consanguinity or a fictive kin; and

43 (2) The caregiver is not licensed pursuant to the provisions of
44 NRS 424.020 to 424.090, inclusive.



1 2. As used in this section, "fictive kin" means a person who is
2 not related by blood to a child but has a significant emotional and
3 positive relationship with the child.

4 **Sec. 30.** NRS 432B.174 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 432B.174 1. The Normalcy for Foster Youth Account is
6 hereby created in the State General Fund.

7 2. The interest and income earned on the money in the
8 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to
9 the Account.

10 3. The Division of Child and Family Services may use money
11 in the Account to:

12 (a) Provide monetary support to a provider of foster care who
13 provides opportunities to a child in his or her care to participate in
14 extracurricular, cultural or personal enrichment activities; ~~and~~

15 (b) *Provide monetary support to a provider of foster care for*
16 *the provider of foster care to establish and fund an individual*
17 *development account pursuant to section 26 of this act; and*

18 (c) Award grants to agencies which provide child welfare
19 services or nonprofit organizations that provide opportunities to
20 children in foster care to participate in extracurricular, cultural or
21 personal enrichment activities.

22 4. The Division of Child and Family Services may accept gifts,
23 grants, bequests and other contributions from any source for the
24 purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

25 5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal
26 year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in
27 the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

28 **Sec. 30.5.** NRS 226.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 226.100 1. The State Treasurer may appoint and employ a
30 Chief Deputy, two Senior Deputies, an Assistant Treasurer, a
31 Deputy of Debt Management, a Deputy of Investments, a Deputy of
32 Cash Management, a Deputy of Unclaimed Property, *a Deputy of*
33 *Financial Literacy and Security* and an Assistant to the State
34 Treasurer in the unclassified service of the State.

35 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 284.143, the Chief
36 Deputy State Treasurer shall devote his or her entire time and
37 attention to the business of his or her office and shall not pursue any
38 other business or occupation or hold any other office of profit.

39 **Sec. 31.** NRS 226.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 226.110 1. The State Treasurer:

41 ~~1.~~ (a) Shall receive and keep all money of the State which is
42 not expressly required by law to be received and kept by some other
43 person.

44 ~~2.~~ (b) Shall receipt to the State Controller for all money
45 received, from whatever source, at the time of receiving it.



1 ~~13.1~~ (c) Shall establish the policies to be followed in the
2 investment of money of the State, subject to the periodic review and
3 approval or disapproval of those policies by the State Board of
4 Finance.

5 ~~14.1~~ (d) May employ any necessary investment and financial
6 advisers to render advice and other services in connection with the
7 investment of money of the State.

8 ~~15.1~~ (e) Shall disburse the public money upon warrants drawn
9 upon the Treasury by the State Controller, and not otherwise. The
10 warrants must be registered and paid in the order of their registry.
11 The State Treasurer may use any sampling or postaudit technique, or
12 both, which he or she considers reasonable to verify the proper
13 distribution of warrants.

14 ~~16.1~~ (f) Shall keep a just, true and comprehensive account of all
15 money received and disbursed.

16 ~~17.1~~ (g) Shall deliver in good order to his or her successor in
17 office all money, records, books, papers and other things belonging
18 to his or her office.

19 ~~18.1~~ (h) Shall fix, charge and collect reasonable fees for:

20 ~~18(a)~~ (1) Investing the money in any fund or account which is
21 credited for interest earned on money deposited in it; and

22 ~~18(b)~~ (2) Special services rendered to other state agencies or to
23 members of the public which increase the cost of operating his or
24 her office.

25 ~~19.1~~ (i) Serves as the primary representative of the State in
26 matters concerning any nationally recognized bond credit rating
27 agency for the purposes of the issuance of any obligation authorized
28 on the behalf and in the name of the State, except as otherwise
29 provided in NRS 538.206 and except for those obligations issued
30 pursuant to chapter 319 of NRS and NRS 349.400 to 349.987,
31 inclusive.

32 ~~110.1~~ (j) Is directly responsible for the issuance of any
33 obligation authorized on the behalf and in the name of the State,
34 except as otherwise provided in NRS 538.206 and except for those
35 obligations issued pursuant to chapter 319 of NRS and NRS
36 349.400 to 349.987, inclusive. The State Treasurer:

37 ~~110(a)~~ (1) Shall issue such an obligation as soon as practicable
38 after receiving a request from a state agency for the issuance of the
39 obligation.

40 ~~110(b)~~ (2) May, except as otherwise provided in NRS 538.206,
41 employ necessary legal, financial or other professional services in
42 connection with the authorization, sale or issuance of such an
43 obligation.

44 ~~111.1~~ (k) May organize and facilitate statewide pooled financing
45 programs, including lease purchases, for the benefit of the State and



1 any political subdivision, including districts organized pursuant to
2 NRS 450.550 to 450.750, inclusive, and chapters 244A, 318, 379,
3 474, 541, 543 and 555 of NRS.

4 ~~(12)~~ (I) Shall serve as the Administrator of Unclaimed
5 Property.

6 (m) *In addition to the instruction provided pursuant to section*
7 *20, 35 or 37 of this act, shall ensure that instruction and training*
8 *in the following areas is provided to the tenants of a housing*
9 *project operated by a local housing authority pursuant to NRS*
10 *315.140 to 315.7813, inclusive, and sections 34 and 35 of this act,*
11 *to the tenants of a housing project operated by the Nevada Rural*
12 *Housing Authority pursuant to NRS 315.961 to 315.99874,*
13 *inclusive, and sections 36 and 37 of this act and to the tenants of a*
14 *nonprofit organization described in sub-subparagraph (III) of*
15 *subparagraph (I) of paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of section 20 of*
16 *this act:*

17 (1) *The business opportunities and any benefits available*
18 *for:*

- 19 (I) *Small business enterprises;*
20 (II) *Minority-owned business enterprises;*
21 (III) *Women-owned business enterprises; and*
22 (IV) *Disadvantaged business enterprises as defined by*
23 *49 C.F.R. § 26.5; and*

24 (2) *The procedures in place to utilize the opportunities and*
25 *benefits listed in subparagraph (1) and how to proceed through*
26 *such procedures.*

27 2. *As used in this section, "local housing authority" means*
28 *an authority as defined in NRS 315.170.*

29 **Sec. 32.** NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 232.320 1. The Director:

31 (a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the Governor,
32 administrators of the divisions of the Department, who are
33 respectively designated as follows:

34 (1) The Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services
35 Division;

36 (2) The Administrator of the Division of Welfare and
37 Supportive Services;

38 (3) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family
39 Services;

40 (4) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care
41 Financing and Policy; and

42 (5) The Administrator of the Division of Public and
43 Behavioral Health.

44 (b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the Department,
45 the provisions of chapters 63, 424, 425, 427A, 432A to 442,



1 inclusive, 446 to 450, inclusive, 458A and 656A of NRS, NRS
2 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive, 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive, *and*
3 *sections 2 and 3 of this act*, 422.580, 432.010 to 432.133, inclusive,
4 432B.621 to 432B.626, inclusive, 444.002 to 444.430, inclusive,
5 and 445A.010 to 445A.055, inclusive, and all other provisions of
6 law relating to the functions of the divisions of the Department, but
7 is not responsible for the clinical activities of the Division of Public
8 and Behavioral Health or the professional line activities of the other
9 divisions.

10 (c) Shall administer any state program for persons with
11 developmental disabilities established pursuant to the
12 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of
13 2000, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15001 et seq.

14 (d) Shall, after considering advice from agencies of local
15 governments and nonprofit organizations which provide social
16 services, adopt a master plan for the provision of human services in
17 this State. The Director shall revise the plan biennially and deliver a
18 copy of the plan to the Governor and the Legislature at the
19 beginning of each regular session. The plan must:

20 (1) Identify and assess the plans and programs of the
21 Department for the provision of human services, and any
22 duplication of those services by federal, state and local agencies;

23 (2) Set forth priorities for the provision of those services;

24 (3) Provide for communication and the coordination of those
25 services among nonprofit organizations, agencies of local
26 government, the State and the Federal Government;

27 (4) Identify the sources of funding for services provided by
28 the Department and the allocation of that funding;

29 (5) Set forth sufficient information to assist the Department
30 in providing those services and in the planning and budgeting for the
31 future provision of those services; and

32 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the
33 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal
34 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the
35 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of
36 programs administered by the Department.

37 (e) May, by regulation, require nonprofit organizations and state
38 and local governmental agencies to provide information regarding
39 the programs of those organizations and agencies, excluding
40 detailed information relating to their budgets and payrolls, which the
41 Director deems necessary for the performance of the duties imposed
42 upon him or her pursuant to this section.

43 (f) Has such other powers and duties as are provided by law.

44 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director, or
45 the Director's designee, is responsible for appointing and removing



1 subordinate officers and employees of the Department, other than
2 the State Public Defender of the Office of State Public Defender
3 who is appointed pursuant to NRS 180.010.

4 **Sec. 33.** Chapter 315 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
5 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 34 to 37, inclusive, of this
6 act.

7 **Sec. 34.** *The authority shall not consider money deposited in
8 an individual development account pursuant to section 20 of this
9 act by a tenant of a housing project operated by the authority to be
10 income for the purpose of determining whether the person is
11 eligible to reside in the housing project under the provisions of
12 NRS 315.510 or any regulations adopted by the authority.*

13 **Sec. 35. 1.** *In addition to the training provided by the State
14 Treasurer pursuant to NRS 226.110, the authority shall ensure
15 that instruction in financial literacy is provided to a tenant who
16 deposits a portion of his or her income in an individual
17 development account established pursuant to section 20 of this act.*

18 **2.** *The authority may contract for the services of an
19 independent contractor to provide the instruction required by
20 subsection 1.*

21 **Sec. 36.** *The Authority shall not consider money deposited in
22 an individual development account pursuant to section 20 of this
23 act by a tenant of a housing project operated by the Authority to be
24 income for the purpose of determining whether the person is
25 eligible to reside in the housing project under the provisions of
26 NRS 315.994 or any regulations adopted by the Authority.*

27 **Sec. 37. 1.** *In addition to the training provided by the State
28 Treasurer pursuant to NRS 226.110, the Authority shall ensure
29 that instruction in financial literacy is provided to a tenant who
30 deposits a portion of his or her income in an individual
31 development account pursuant to section 20 of this act.*

32 **2.** *The Authority may contract for the services of an
33 independent contractor to provide the instruction required by
34 subsection 1.*

35 **Sec. 38.** NRS 315.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 315.140 NRS 315.140 to 315.7813, inclusive, *and sections 34
37 and 35 of this act* may be referred to as the Housing Authorities
38 Law of 1947.

39 **Sec. 39.** NRS 315.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 315.150 Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions
41 contained in NRS 315.160 to 315.300, inclusive, govern the
42 construction of NRS 315.140 to 315.7813, inclusive **[H]**, *and
43 sections 34 and 35 of this act.*



1 **Sec. 40.** NRS 315.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 315.420 An authority shall constitute a public body corporate
3 and politic, exercising public and essential governmental functions,
4 and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and
5 effectuate the purposes and provisions of NRS 315.140 to 315.7813,
6 inclusive, *and sections 34 and 35 of this act* (but not the power to
7 levy and collect taxes or special assessments).

8 **Sec. 41.** NRS 315.961 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 315.961 1. It is the policy of this State to promote the health,
10 welfare and safety of its residents and to develop more desirable
11 neighborhoods and alleviate poverty in the counties, cities and
12 towns of the State by making provision for decent, safe and sanitary
13 housing facilities for persons of low and moderate income.

14 2. It is hereby found and declared:

15 (a) That there is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling
16 accommodations in the rural areas of the State which are available
17 to persons of low and moderate income, particularly senior citizens
18 of low and moderate income, at rentals or prices they can afford;

19 (b) That the establishment and operation of a sufficient number
20 of new local housing authorities to undertake housing projects on an
21 individual basis in such counties and the cities and towns therein is
22 not feasible at the present time due to geographic and economic
23 circumstances;

24 (c) That the shortage of low-rent housing facilities in such
25 counties can be partially remedied through state action by the
26 establishment of a state housing authority having the power to
27 undertake housing projects and make mortgage loans for residential
28 housing; and

29 (d) That it is appropriate for such a state housing authority to
30 issue obligations for the purpose of undertaking housing projects
31 and providing mortgage loans for residential housing and to perform
32 any other function authorized by NRS 315.961 to 315.99874,
33 inclusive **[H]**, *and sections 36 and 37 of this act*.

34 **Sec. 42.** NRS 315.962 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 315.962 As used in NRS 315.961 to 315.99874, inclusive, *and*
36 *sections 36 and 37 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires,
37 the words and terms defined in NRS 315.963 to 315.976, inclusive,
38 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

39 **Sec. 43.** NRS 315.983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 315.983 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 354.474
41 and 377.057, the Authority:

42 (a) Shall be deemed to be a public body corporate and politic,
43 and an instrumentality, local government and political subdivision
44 of the State, exercising public and essential governmental functions,
45 and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the



1 purposes and provisions of NRS 315.961 to 315.99874, inclusive,
2 *and sections 36 and 37 of this act*, but not the power to levy and
3 collect taxes or special assessments.

4 (b) Is not an agency, board, bureau, commission, council,
5 department, division, employee or institution of the State.

6 2. The Authority may:

7 (a) Sue and be sued.

8 (b) Have a seal.

9 (c) Have perpetual succession.

10 (d) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary
11 or convenient to the exercise of its powers.

12 (e) Deposit money it receives in any insured state or national
13 bank, insured credit union, insured savings and loan association or
14 insured savings bank, or in the Local Government Pooled Long-
15 Term Investment Account created by NRS 355.165 or the Local
16 Government Pooled Investment Fund created by NRS 355.167.

17 (f) Adopt bylaws, rules and regulations to carry into effect the
18 powers and purposes of the Authority.

19 (g) Create a nonprofit organization which is exempt from
20 taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and which has as its
21 principal purpose the development of housing projects.

22 (h) Enter into agreements or other transactions with, and accept
23 grants from and cooperate with, any governmental agency or other
24 source in furtherance of the purposes of NRS 315.961 to 315.99874,
25 inclusive **H**, *and sections 36 and 37 of this act*.

26 (i) Enter into an agreement with a local government in a county
27 whose population is less than 100,000 to receive a loan of money
28 from the local government in accordance with NRS 354.6118.

29 (j) Acquire real or personal property or any interest therein, by
30 gift, purchase, foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, lease, option
31 or otherwise.

32 **Sec. 44.** Chapter 363A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
33 thereto a new section to read as follows:

34 *1. Any taxpayer who is required to pay a tax pursuant to NRS*
35 *363A.130 may receive a credit against the tax otherwise due for*
36 *any donation of money made by the taxpayer to a fiduciary*
37 *organization in the manner provided by this section.*

38 *2. To receive the credit authorized by subsection 1, a taxpayer*
39 *who intends to make a donation of money to a fiduciary*
40 *organization must, before making such a donation, notify the*
41 *fiduciary organization of the taxpayer's intent to make the*
42 *donation and to seek the credit authorized by subsection 1. A*
43 *fiduciary organization shall, before accepting any such donation,*
44 *apply to the Department of Taxation for approval of the credit*
45 *authorized by subsection 1 for the donation. The Department of*



1 *Taxation shall, within 20 days after receiving the application,*
2 *approve or deny the application and provide to the fiduciary*
3 *organization notice of the decision and, if the application is*
4 *approved, the amount of the credit authorized. Upon receipt of*
5 *notice that the application has been approved, the fiduciary*
6 *organization shall provide notice of the approval to the taxpayer*
7 *who must, not later than 30 days after receiving the notice, make*
8 *the donation of money to the fiduciary organization. If the*
9 *taxpayer does not make the donation of money to the fiduciary*
10 *organization within 30 days after receiving the notice, the*
11 *fiduciary organization shall provide notice of the failure to the*
12 *Department of Taxation and the taxpayer forfeits any claim to*
13 *the credit authorized by subsection 1.*

14 *3. The Department of Taxation shall approve or deny*
15 *applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 in the order*
16 *in which the applications are received.*

17 *4. The Department of Taxation may, for each fiscal year,*
18 *approve applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 until*
19 *the total amount of the credits authorized by subsection 1 and*
20 *approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to this*
21 *subsection is \$5,000,000 for that fiscal year.*

22 *↳ The amount of any credit which is forfeited pursuant to*
23 *subsection 2 must not be considered in calculating the amount of*
24 *credits authorized for any fiscal year.*

25 *5. If a taxpayer applies to and is approved by the Department*
26 *of Taxation for the credit authorized by subsection 1, the amount*
27 *of the credit provided by this section is equal to the amount*
28 *approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 2,*
29 *which must not exceed the amount of the donation made by the*
30 *taxpayer to a fiduciary organization. The total amount of the*
31 *credit applied against the taxes described in subsection 1 and*
32 *otherwise due from a taxpayer must not exceed the amount of the*
33 *donation.*

34 *6. If the amount of the tax described in subsection 1 and*
35 *otherwise due from a taxpayer is less than the credit to which the*
36 *taxpayer is entitled pursuant to this section, the taxpayer may,*
37 *after applying the credit to the extent of the tax otherwise due,*
38 *carry the balance of the credit forward for not more than 5 years*
39 *after the end of the calendar year in which the donation is made*
40 *or until the balance of the credit is applied, whichever is earlier.*

41 *7. As used in this section, "fiduciary organization" has the*
42 *meaning ascribed to it section 16 of this act.*



1 **Sec. 45.** Chapter 363B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *Any taxpayer who is required to pay a tax pursuant to NRS*
4 *363B.110 may receive a credit against the tax otherwise due for*
5 *any donation of money made by the taxpayer to a fiduciary*
6 *organization in the manner provided by this section.*

7 2. *To receive the credit authorized by subsection 1, a taxpayer*
8 *who intends to make a donation of money to a fiduciary*
9 *organization must, before making such a donation, notify the*
10 *fiduciary organization of the taxpayer's intent to make the*
11 *donation and to seek the credit authorized by subsection 1. A*
12 *fiduciary organization shall, before accepting any such donation,*
13 *apply to the Department of Taxation for approval of the credit*
14 *authorized by subsection 1 for the donation. The Department of*
15 *Taxation shall, within 20 days after receiving the application,*
16 *approve or deny the application and provide to the fiduciary*
17 *organization notice of the decision and, if the application is*
18 *approved, the amount of the credit authorized. Upon receipt of*
19 *notice that the application has been approved, the fiduciary*
20 *organization shall provide notice of the approval to the taxpayer*
21 *who must, not later than 30 days after receiving the notice, make*
22 *the donation of money to the fiduciary organization. If the*
23 *taxpayer does not make the donation of money to the fiduciary*
24 *organization within 30 days after receiving the notice, the*
25 *fiduciary organization shall provide notice of the failure to the*
26 *Department of Taxation and the taxpayer forfeits any claim to*
27 *the credit authorized by subsection 1.*

28 3. *The Department of Taxation shall approve or deny*
29 *applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 in the order*
30 *in which the applications are received.*

31 4. *The Department of Taxation may, for each fiscal year,*
32 *approve applications for the credit authorized by subsection 1 until*
33 *the total amount of the credits authorized by subsection 1 and*
34 *approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to this*
35 *subsection is \$5,000,000 for that fiscal year.*

36 ↳ *The amount of any credit which is forfeited pursuant to*
37 *subsection 2 must not be considered in calculating the amount of*
38 *credits authorized for any fiscal year.*

39 5. *If a taxpayer applies to and is approved by the Department*
40 *of Taxation for the credit authorized by subsection 1, the amount*
41 *of the credit provided by this section is equal to the amount*
42 *approved by the Department of Taxation pursuant to subsection 2,*
43 *which must not exceed the amount of the donation made by the*
44 *taxpayer to a fiduciary organization. The total amount of the*
45 *credit applied against the taxes described in subsection 1 and*



1 *otherwise due from a taxpayer must not exceed the amount of the*
2 *donation.*

3 *6. If the amount of the tax described in subsection 1 and*
4 *otherwise due from a taxpayer is less than the credit to which the*
5 *taxpayer is entitled pursuant to this section, the taxpayer may,*
6 *after applying the credit to the extent of the tax otherwise due,*
7 *carry the balance of the credit forward for not more than 5 years*
8 *after the end of the calendar year in which the donation is made*
9 *or until the balance of the credit is applied, whichever is earlier.*

10 *7. As used in this section, "fiduciary organization" has the*
11 *meaning ascribed to it in section 16 of this act.*

12 **Sec. 46.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14 *1. The Board of Regents may grant a waiver of registration*
15 *fees and laboratory fees for a person who was:*

16 *(a) Placed in a foster home pursuant to chapter 424 of NRS*
17 *including such a person who was sent outside of this State by an*
18 *agency which provides child welfare services for admission to or*
19 *for treatment or residence in a mental health facility; or*

20 *(b) In the custody of an agency which provides child welfare*
21 *services pursuant to chapter 432B of NRS and was sent outside of*
22 *this State by the agency for admission to or for treatment or*
23 *residence in a mental health facility.*

24 *2. For the purpose of assessing fees and charges against a*
25 *person to whom a waiver is granted pursuant to subsection 1,*
26 *including, without limitation, tuition charges pursuant to NRS*
27 *396.540, the person shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of*
28 *this State.*

29 *3. A person is eligible for a waiver pursuant to subsection 1 if*
30 *the person maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0*
31 *grading scale, each semester or the equivalent of a 2.0 grade point*
32 *average if a different scale is used.*

33 *4. A person may use a waiver granted pursuant to this section*
34 *for 10 years after the person attains the age of 18 years or, if the*
35 *person enrolls in the System before the age of 18 years, for 10*
36 *years after the date of such enrollment.*

37 *5. The Board of Regents may request the licensing authority*
38 *or agency which provides child welfare services to verify that a*
39 *person meets the requirements of subsection 1. The licensing*
40 *authority or agency which provides child welfare services shall,*
41 *upon receiving such a request, notify the Board of Regents in*
42 *writing concerning the status of that person.*

43 *6. The waiver of registration fees and laboratory fees set forth*
44 *in this section is separate and apart from any other existing or*
45 *future tuition-waiver program adopted by the Board of Regents for*



1 *children who were previously in the foster care system. This*
2 *section does not affect such programs in any way.*

3 *7. The provisions of this section do not affect the ability of the*
4 *Board of Regents to adopt any additional tuition-waiver programs.*

5 **Sec. 46.3.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
6 Fund to the Office of the State Treasurer for the purpose of carrying
7 out sections 4.5 to 24, inclusive, 30.5 and 31 of this act the
8 following sums:

9 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.....\$108,500

10 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.....\$135,000

11 **Sec. 46.7.** Any balance of the sums appropriated by section
12 46.3 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years
13 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the
14 respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is
15 made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is
16 granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of
17 the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any
18 purpose after September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021,
19 respectively, by either the entity to which the money was
20 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
21 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
22 Fund on or before September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021,
23 respectively.

24 **Sec. 47.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
25 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
26 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

27 **Sec. 48.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
28 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
29 provisions of this act.

30 **Sec. 49.** This act becomes effective:

31 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
32 regulations and performing any other administrative tasks that are
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

34 2. On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.



