

Assembly Bill No. 5—Committee on
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public welfare; requiring the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement with the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide long-term support to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions; authorizing the Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division to adopt regulations governing the provision of services to certain persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions; requiring the Aging and Disability Services Division to provide preferences for potential providers of jobs and day training services in issuing certificates authorizing the provision of such services and in entering into agreements concerning the provision of such services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to administer certain programs concerning employment and independent living for persons with disabilities. (NRS 232.945) Existing law also requires the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to regulate the provision of jobs and day training services and supported living arrangement services to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions. (NRS 435.130-435.339) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Aging and Disability Services Division to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Rehabilitation Division to provide long-term support to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions. **Section 1** also authorizes the Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division to adopt regulations governing the provision of services to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions who are unable or unwilling to be employed.

Existing law requires a natural person and certain entities to obtain a certificate from the Aging and Disability Services Division before providing jobs and day training services in this State, which are services provided to persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions to enhance self-sufficiency and success in employment. (NRS 435.176, 435.225) Existing law also authorizes the Aging and Disability Services Division to enter into agreements with public and private agencies as it deems necessary for the provision of jobs and day training services. (NRS 435.220)

Sections 1.5 and 2 of this bill require the Aging and Disability Services Division to give preference to potential providers of jobs and day training services who will provide persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions with training and experience leading to employment that: (1) is comparable to employment for persons without intellectual disabilities and persons without related conditions; and (2) pays at or above the state minimum wage. The



Aging and Disability Services Division is required to give such a preference when: (1) issuing certificates which authorize the provisions of jobs and day training services; and (2) entering into agreements with public and private agencies for the provision of jobs and day training services. **Sections 1.5 and 2** also require each application for the issuance or renewal of such a certificate and each such agreement to include a provision that employment is the primary service option for all adults of working age.

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 435 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Division shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide long-term support to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions, including, without limitation, jobs and day training services and supported living arrangement services. The agreement must include a provision stating that employment is the preferred service option for all adults of working age.

2. The Administrator may adopt regulations governing the provision of services to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with related conditions who are unable or unwilling to be employed.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 435.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.220 1. The Division shall adopt regulations governing jobs and day training services, including, without limitation, regulations that set forth:

(a) Standards for the provision of quality care and training by providers of jobs and day training services;

(b) The requirements for the issuance and renewal of a certificate; and

(c) The rights of consumers of jobs and day training services, including, without limitation, the right of a consumer to file a complaint and the procedure for filing the complaint.

2. The Division may enter into such agreements with public and private agencies as it deems necessary for the provision of jobs and day training services. *Any such agreements must include a provision stating that employment is the preferred service option for all adults of working age.*



3. For the purpose of entering into an agreement described in subsection 2, if the qualifications of more than one agency are equal, the Division shall give preference to the agency that will provide persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions with training and experience that demonstrates a progression of measurable skills that is likely to lead to competitive employment outcomes that provide employment that:

(a) Is comparable to employment of persons without intellectual disabilities and persons without related conditions; and

(b) Pays at or above the minimum wage prescribed by regulation of the Labor Commissioner pursuant to NRS 608.250.

Sec. 2. NRS 435.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.225 1. A nonprofit organization, state or local government or agency thereof shall not provide jobs and day training services in this State without first obtaining a certificate from the Division.

2. A natural person other than a person who is employed by an entity listed in subsection 1 shall not provide jobs and day training services in this State without first obtaining a certificate from the Division.

3. For the purpose of issuing a certificate pursuant to this section, if the qualifications of more than one applicant are equal, the Division shall give preference to the natural person who, or the nonprofit organization, state or local government or agency thereof that, will provide persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions with training and experience that demonstrates a progression of measurable skills that is likely to lead to competitive employment outcomes that provide employment that:

(a) Is comparable to employment of persons without intellectual disabilities and persons without related conditions; and

(b) Pays at or above the minimum wage prescribed by regulation of the Labor Commissioner pursuant to NRS 608.250.

4. Each application for the issuance or renewal of a certificate issued pursuant to this section must include a provision stating that employment is the preferred service option for all adults of working age.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

