

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 343—ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requiring the Legislative Committee on Health Care to study certain issues concerning the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services. (BDR S-1114)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 group homes; requiring the Legislative Committee on Health Care to conduct an interim study concerning the rates paid by the State to the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to conduct an
2 interim study concerning the rates paid by the State to the group homes contracted
3 with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services. In relevant part, the
4 Committee must review and evaluate the current rates that are paid by the State to
5 the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
6 and whether any changes in the rates may be necessary.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Health Care
2 shall conduct an interim study concerning the rates paid by the State
3 to the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental
4 Health Services.
5 2. The study must include, without limitation:
6 (a) A comprehensive review and evaluation of the rates paid by
7 the State to the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada



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1 Adult Mental Health Services and whether any changes in the rates
2 may be necessary;

3 (b) A comprehensive evaluation of the impact a change in such
4 rates would have on group homes contracted with Southern Nevada
5 Adult Mental Health Services as well as on any person who uses the
6 services provided by such group homes;

7 (c) A comprehensive evaluation of state and federal funding for
8 the group homes contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental
9 Health Services and the impact a change in the rates paid by the
10 State to such group homes would have on such funding;

11 (d) Consideration of the applicable provisions of federal law;
12 and

13 (e) An examination of any other matter that the Legislative
14 Committee on Health Care determines to be relevant to the study.

15 3. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall ensure that
16 the persons and entities that manage the group homes contracted
17 with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services or provide
18 services on behalf of group homes contracted with Southern Nevada
19 Adult Mental Health Services are involved in the study.

20 4. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall submit a
21 report of the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection 2
22 and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the
23 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 80th Session of
24 the Nevada Legislature.

25 5. As used in this section, "group homes" includes, without
26 limitation, the facilities, homes, houses and institutions that are:

27 (a) Contracted with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health
28 Services; and

29 (b) Described in subsection 1 of NRS 244.3549.

30 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

