
SENATE BILL NO. 379—SENATOR RATTI

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Revenue and
Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to alcohol and drug abuse and behavioral health programs. (BDR 40-514)

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 public health; requiring the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to use certain excess money to provide block grants for alcohol and drug abuse and behavioral health programs for agencies which provide child welfare services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Administrator of the Division of Public and
2 Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to use any
3 money received as a gift, grant, donation or contribution or as an appropriation to
4 carry out the provisions of existing law relating to the medical use of marijuana to
5 pay the costs of the Division in carrying out such laws or to provide alcohol and
6 drug abuse programs to persons referred to the Division by an agency which
7 provides child welfare services. (NRS 453A.730, 458.094) This bill instead
8 requires the Administrator to determine the amount of money necessary to carry out
9 the provisions of existing law relating to the medical use of marijuana and to
10 annually set aside any money received as a gift, grant, donation or contribution or
11 as an appropriation in excess of this amount. This bill further requires the
12 Administrator to annually provide the excess money as a block grant to agencies
13 which provide child welfare services to be used for alcohol and drug abuse and
14 behavioral health programs.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 453A.730 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 453A.730 1. Any money the Administrator of the Division
4 receives pursuant to NRS 453A.720 or that is appropriated to carry
5 out the provisions of this chapter:

6 (a) Must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for
7 separately in the State General Fund;

8 (b) May only be used to carry out:

9 (1) The provisions of this chapter, including the
10 dissemination of information concerning the provisions of this
11 chapter and such other information as determined appropriate by the
12 Administrator; and

13 (2) ~~Alcohol~~ *Block grants to agencies which provide child*
14 *welfare services for alcohol* and drug abuse *and behavioral health*
15 programs pursuant to NRS 458.094; and

16 (c) Does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any
17 fiscal year.

18 2. The Administrator of the Division shall administer the
19 account. Any interest or income earned on the money in the account
20 must be credited to the account. Any claims against the account
21 must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 458.094 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 458.094 1. The Division shall use any money not needed to
24 carry out the provisions of chapter 453A of NRS to provide *block*
25 *grants to agencies which provide child welfare services for* alcohol
26 and drug abuse *and behavioral health* programs ~~to persons referred~~
27 ~~to the Division by agencies which provide child welfare services~~ as
28 authorized pursuant to NRS 453A.730.

29 2. *The Division shall annually determine the amount of*
30 *money available for block grants pursuant to this section and NRS*
31 *453A.730 and account separately for such money.*

32 3. *The Division shall annually spend the money accounted*
33 *for separately pursuant to subsection 2 to provide block grants to*
34 *agencies which provide child welfare services in the following*
35 *proportions:*

36 (a) *To agencies which provide child welfare services in*
37 *counties whose populations are 700,000 or more, 70 percent of the*
38 *money contained in the account;*

39 (b) *To agencies which provide child welfare services in*
40 *counties whose populations are 100,000 or more but less than*
41 *700,000, 20 percent of the money contained in the account; and*



1 (c) *To the Division of Child and Family Services of the*
2 *Department of Health and Human Services for use in counties*
3 *whose populations are less than 100,000, 10 percent of the money*
4 *contained in the account.*

5 4. *An agency which provides child welfare services is not*
6 *required to return any money remaining from a block grant at the*
7 *end of each fiscal year, and the money does not revert to the State*
8 *General Fund.*

9 5. *An agency which provides child welfare services that*
10 *receives a block grant pursuant to subsection 3 may use the money*
11 *allocated for any costs of providing alcohol and drug abuse or*
12 *behavioral health programs to families referred to the agency for*
13 *services, including, without limitation, facilities or programs*
14 *which are not certified by the Division pursuant to NRS 458.025.*

15 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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