

SUMMARY—Provides for health notes to be requested and prepared for certain legislative measures by the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
(BDR 17-512)

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

Effect on the State: Yes.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare health notes for bills and joint resolutions; requiring that certain governmental entities and officers provide the Research Division with assistance in preparing health notes; providing that information obtained by the Research Division relating to the preparation of health notes is confidential and privileged and is not subject to discovery or subpoena; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide the Legislature and its members and committees with research, information and assistance concerning public policy. (NRS 218F.810) **Section 5** of this bill requires the Research Division, upon the request of any legislator, to prepare a health note for a bill or joint resolution that determines whether the bill or joint resolution is likely to disproportionately impact the social determinants of



health of: (1) members of any racial or ethnic minority; (2) members of a low-income or underserved community; (3) senior citizens; or (4) children. **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill, respectively, define the terms “health note” and “social determinants of health.” **Section 2** of this bill applies these definitions to the provisions of **sections 5 and 6** of this bill.

Section 6 requires each agency, board, commission, department, officer, employee or agent of this State or a local government to provide the Research Division such assistance as is necessary for the Research Division to prepare a health note. **Section 7** of this bill provides that any information obtained by the Research Division for the preparation of a health note is confidential and privileged and is not subject to discovery or subpoena.

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

Section 1. Chapter 218D of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

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

Sec. 3. *“Health note” means a nonpartisan policy brief prepared by the Research Division that analyzes how a bill or joint resolution may impact the social determinants of health.*



Sec. 4. *“Social determinants of health” means the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes, including, without limitation, education, environment, employment, housing, food security and access to health care.*

Sec. 5. *1. After a bill or joint resolution is prefiled or introduced, any legislator may request that the Research Division prepare a health note for the bill or joint resolution that determines whether the bill or joint resolution is likely to disproportionately impact the social determinants of health of any of the following persons in this State:*

- (a) Members of any racial or ethnic minority;*
- (b) Members of a low-income or underserved community;*
- (c) Senior citizens; or*
- (d) Children.*

2. Upon receipt of a request pursuant to subsection 1, the Research Division shall prepare a health note for the bill or joint resolution. A health note shall not contain any information that is confidential pursuant to federal or state law.

3. Any health note prepared by the Research Division pursuant to this section shall be posted on the Internet website of the Legislature.

4. Nothing in this section prohibits the Legislature or a committee thereof from taking action on a bill or joint resolution before the Research Division completes a health note for a bill or joint resolution.

Sec. 6. *Every agency, board, commission, department, officer, employee or agent of this State or a political subdivision of this State shall provide the Research Division such assistance*



as is necessary for the Research Division to prepare a health note required pursuant to section 5 of this act.

Sec. 7. NRS 218F.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218F.150 1. The Director and other officers and employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall not:

(a) Oppose or urge legislation, except as the duties of the Director, the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Counsel, the General Counsel, the Research Director and the Fiscal Analysts require them to make recommendations to the Legislature.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, NRS 218D.130, 218D.135, 218D.250 and 353.211, disclose to any person outside the Legislative Counsel Bureau the nature or content of any matter entrusted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and such matter is confidential and privileged and is not subject to discovery or subpoena, unless the person entrusting the matter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau requests or consents to the disclosure.

2. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the* nature or content of any work produced by the officers and employees of the Research Division may be disclosed if or to the extent that the disclosure does not reveal the identity of the person who requested it or include any matter submitted by the requester which has not been published or publicly disclosed. *Any information obtained by the Research Division for purposes of preparing a health note pursuant to section 5 of this act is confidential and privileged and is not subject to discovery or subpoena.*



3. The nature and content of any work produced by the officers and employees of the Legal Division and the Fiscal Analysis Division and any matter entrusted to those officers and employees to produce such work are confidential and privileged and are not subject to discovery or subpoena.

4. The provisions of subsections 1, 2 and 3 apply to any matter or work in any form, including, without limitation, in any oral, written, audio, visual, digital or electronic form, and such matter or work includes, without limitation, any communications, information, answers, advice, opinions, recommendations, drafts, documents, records, questions, inquiries or requests in any such form.

5. When a statute has been enacted or a resolution adopted, the Legislative Counsel shall upon request disclose to any person the state or other jurisdiction from whose law it appears to have been adopted.

6. The records of the travel expenses of Legislators and officers and employees of the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau are available for public inspection at such reasonable hours and under such other conditions as the Legislative Commission prescribes.

Sec. 8. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

