

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE AGING AND DISABILITY
SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

PREFILED OCTOBER 29, 2024

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-287)

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 fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; establishing the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Autism Treatment Assistance Program within the
2 Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human
3 Services to serve as the primary autism program within the Department and to
4 provide and coordinate services to persons diagnosed or determined to have autism
5 spectrum disorders through the age of 19 years. (NRS 427A.875) Assembly Bill
6 No. 422 of the 2023 Legislative Session (A.B. 422) required the Division, to the
7 extent that money was available, to create a pilot program to serve children
8 diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. A.B. 422 required the pilot
9 program to be administered by the Autism Treatment Assistance Program. (Chapter
10 492, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3021)

11 This bill establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance
12 Program, which is to be administered by the Autism Treatment Assistance
13 Program, to provide and coordinate the provision of services to persons diagnosed
14 or determined to have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders through the age of 13 years.



15 This bill authorizes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance
16 Program, to the extent that money is available, to take certain actions to facilitate
17 the treatment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *There is hereby established the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum*
4 *Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Division to*
5 *serve as the primary program within the Department for persons*
6 *with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and to provide and*
7 *coordinate the provision of services to persons diagnosed or*
8 *determined, including, without limitation, through the use of a*
9 *standardized assessment, to have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders*
10 *through the age of 13 years. The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*
11 *Treatment Assistance Program must be administered by the*
12 *Autism Treatment Assistance Program created by NRS 427A.875.*

13 2. *To the extent that money is available, the Fetal Alcohol*
14 *Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program may:*

15 (a) *Prescribe an application process for parents and guardians*
16 *of persons with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders described in*
17 *subsection 1 to participate in the Program.*

18 (b) *Provide for the development of a plan of treatment for*
19 *persons who participate in the Program.*

20 (c) *Promote the use of evidence-based treatments which are*
21 *cost effective and have been proven to improve treatment of fetal*
22 *alcohol spectrum disorders.*

23 (d) *Educate parents and guardians of persons with fetal*
24 *alcohol spectrum disorders on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders*
25 *and the assistance that may be provided by the parent or guardian*
26 *to improve treatment outcomes.*

27 (e) *Establish and use a system for assessing persons with fetal*
28 *alcohol spectrum disorders to determine a baseline to measure the*
29 *progress of and prepare a plan for the treatment of such persons.*

30 (f) *Assist parents and guardians of persons with fetal alcohol*
31 *spectrum disorders in obtaining public services that are available*
32 *for the treatment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.*

33 3. *As used in this section, "fetal alcohol spectrum disorder"*
34 *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.0655.*

35 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

