

SENATE BILL NO. 183—SENATOR SCHEIBLE

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to caseworkers of agencies which provide child welfare services. (BDR 38-710)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 child welfare; limiting the number of cases that may be assigned to certain caseworkers of an agency which provides child welfare services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires an agency which provides child welfare services to  
2 provide maintenance and special services to: (1) unmarried mothers and children  
3 awaiting adoptive placement; and (2) children who are placed in the custody of the  
4 agency, foster homes, homes of relatives other than parents or other facilities or  
5 institutions. (NRS 432.020) This bill prohibits an agency which provides child  
6 welfare services from assigning more than 30 cases of children who are in the  
7 custody of the agency to a caseworker who provides permanency services.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 432.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 432.020 ***1.*** An agency which provides child welfare services  
3 shall:  
4 ~~1-1~~ ***(a)*** Provide, to the extent that support is not otherwise  
5 required by court order or pursuant to specific statute, maintenance  
6 and special services to:



1 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Unmarried mothers and children awaiting adoptive  
2 placement.

3 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) Children who are placed in the custody of the agency  
4 which provides child welfare services, and who are placed in foster  
5 homes, homes of relatives other than parents or other facilities or  
6 institutions. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, if any  
7 child is to be placed in the custody of the agency which provides  
8 child welfare services, pursuant to any order of a court or request  
9 made by a person or agency other than the agency which provides  
10 child welfare services, this order or request may be issued or made  
11 only after an opportunity for a hearing has been given to the agency  
12 which provides child welfare services after 3 days' notice, or upon  
13 request of the agency which provides child welfare services.

14 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Except as otherwise provided by court order or specific  
15 statute, return a child to his or her natural home or the home of a  
16 competent relative for a probationary period any time after the  
17 expiration of 60 days after the placement of the child in the custody  
18 of the agency which provides child welfare services, with  
19 notification to but without formal application to a court, but the  
20 agency which provides child welfare services retains the right to  
21 custody of the child during the probationary period, until a court of  
22 competent jurisdiction determines proper custody of the child.

23 *2. An agency which provides child welfare services shall not*  
24 *assign more than 30 cases of children who are in the custody of*  
25 *the agency which provides child welfare services to a caseworker*  
26 *who provides permanency services.*

27 *3. As used in this section, "permanency services" means*  
28 *efforts made to ensure the safety and well-being of a child who is*  
29 *in the custody of the agency which provides child welfare services.*  
30 *The term includes, without limitation:*

31 *(a) Assessing and responding to the medical, mental health,*  
32 *developmental and educational needs of the child;*

33 *(b) Conducting an assessment of family functioning and the*  
34 *safety of the child within the family; and*

35 *(c) Establishing and working toward achieving a permanent*  
36 *placement for the child.*

37 **Sec. 2.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
38 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
39 provisions of this act.

40 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
41 approval.

42 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

43 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
44 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
45 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and



1 (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

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