

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 354—ASSEMBLYMEN LESLIE, FREEMAN, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GIBBONS, CHOWNING, THOMAS, EVANS, PARNELL, DE BRAGA, MANENDO, ANDERSON, KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, VON TOBEL, TIFFANY, BUCKLEY AND OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 2, 1999

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Creates and provides for use of account to improve quality of services for child care. (BDR 38-1172)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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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 the care of children; creating and providing for the use of an account to improve the quality of services for child care; funding the account from the proceeds of certain rights to support assigned to the state; requiring a study to determine the results of the use of the account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 425.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 425.430 ***1.*** Except as otherwise provided ***in subsection 2 of this***
3 ***section and*** in subsection 3 of NRS 425.410, any money recovered by the
4 enforcing authority under this chapter must be distributed pursuant to
5 regulations adopted by the division which must not disqualify this state for
6 federal grants under Title IV of the Social Security Act , ~~42~~ 42 U.S.C. §§
7 601 et seq. ~~D-I~~
8 ***2.*** ***The money assigned to the division pursuant to NRS 425.350 that***
9 ***is collected by the enforcing authority each fiscal year and retained as***
10 ***reimbursement to the state for the provision of public assistance must,***
11 ***after deducting:***
12 ***(a) Any payments required by federal law or as a condition to the***
13 ***receipt of federal money; and***

1 ***(b) The administrative expenses of the state to carry out the program,***
2 ***be deposited in the account to improve the quality of services for child***
3 ***care created pursuant to section 3 of this act.***

4 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 432A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
5 the provisions set forth as sections 3 and 4 of this act.

6 **Sec. 3. 1. The account to improve the quality of services for child**
7 ***care is hereby created in the state general fund.***

8 **2. The director shall administer the account and may accept gifts and**
9 ***grants of money from any source for deposit in the account. The director***
10 ***may expend not more than 50 percent of the amount deposited annually***
11 ***in the account to carry out section 4 of this act.***

12 **3. The interest and income earned on the money in the account, after**
13 ***deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the account. The***
14 ***money in the account does not lapse to the state general fund at the end***
15 ***of a fiscal year. All claims against the account must be paid as other***
16 ***claims against the state are paid.***

17 **Sec. 4. The director shall:**

18 **1. Establish a program to assist in:**

19 ***(a) Improving the education and training of providers of child care in***
20 ***this state;***

21 ***(b) The certification of providers of child care in this state by the***
22 ***National Association for the Education of Young Children or its***
23 ***successor organization;***

24 ***(c) Increasing the ratio of the number of persons providing child care***
25 ***in this state to the number of children receiving child care in this state;***

26 ***(d) Increasing the remuneration of providers of child care in this***
27 ***state; and***

28 ***(e) Decreasing the turnover rate among persons employed to provide***
29 ***child care in this state.***

30 **2. Prepare and advertise a request for proposals by independent**
31 ***contractors to assist in carrying out the program established pursuant to***
32 ***subsection 1. Any contract awarded to such a contractor must be***
33 ***awarded by competitive selection and require the contractor to provide***
34 ***funding to carry out the program in an amount that is not less than the***
35 ***amount of money provided to the contractor by the director.***

36 **Sec. 5. The director of the department of human resources:**

37 **1. Shall use his best efforts to ensure that the program established**
38 **pursuant to section 4 of this act is achieving successful results before**
39 **January 1, 2001.**

40 **2. Shall:**

41 **(a) Cause an independent study to be conducted to determine:**

42 **(1) The effect of the program established pursuant to section 4 of this**
43 **act on:**

1 (I) The average amount of education and training obtained by
2 providers of child care in this state;

3 (II) The number of providers of child care in this state who have
4 obtained or are in the process of obtaining certification from the National
5 Association for the Education of Young Children or its successor
6 organization;

7 (III) The ratio of the number of persons providing child care in this
8 state to the number of children receiving child care in this state;

9 (IV) The average amount of remuneration received by providers of
10 child care in this state; and

11 (V) The turnover rate among persons employed to provide child
12 care in this state; and

13 (2) The amount, origin and purpose of funding provided to carry out
14 the program established pursuant to section 4 of this act, from sources
15 other than the account to improve the quality of services for child care
16 created pursuant to section 3 of this act; and

17 (b) On or before January 15, 2001, submit the findings of the study to
18 the director of the legislative counsel bureau for transmittal to the 71st
19 session of the Nevada Legislature.

20 3. May expend money from the account to improve the quality of
21 services for child care created pursuant to section 3 of this act to carry out
22 the provisions of subsection 2.

23 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on June 30, 1999.