
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 430—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Clark County for establishment of pilot program to provide guardians ad litem for children who are abused or neglected. (BDR S-1643)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to Clark County for the establishment of a pilot program to provide guardians ad litem for children who are abused or neglected; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, In judicial proceedings, children's interests may be
- 2 overlooked, inadequately represented or in conflict with those of their
- 3 parents or caretakers, and a Court Appointed Special Advocate is therefore
- 4 necessary to represent the best interests of the child; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1974, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- 6 established the requirement that "in every case involving an abused or
- 7 neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding a guardian ad litem
- 8 shall be appointed to represent the child"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, NRS 432B.500 requires that "the court shall appoint a
- 10 representative of an agency which provides protective services, a juvenile
- 11 probation officer, an officer of the court or a volunteer as a guardian ad
- 12 litem to represent and protect the best interests of the child"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Currently Clark County is not meeting the requirements of
- 14 federal and state law to appoint guardian ad litem or child advocates for
- 15 children who are abused or neglected; now, therefore,

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

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4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
5 Clark County the sum of \$200,000 for the establishment of a pilot program
6 to provide guardians ad litem for children who are abused or neglected.

7 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1
8 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and
9 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
10 committed have been made.

11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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