

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S STUDY OF THE
CARE AND COMMITMENT OF MENTALLY ILL)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to appoint interim committee to continue review and evaluation of services and treatment provided to mentally ill persons in this state. (BDR R-170)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint an interim committee to continue the review and evaluation of the services and treatment provided to mentally ill persons in this state.

- 1 WHEREAS, The population of mentally ill persons residing in this state
- 2 has increased dramatically during this past decade; and
- 3 WHEREAS, There has been a growth in the need for community-based
- 4 treatment as a result of the deinstitutionalization of mentally ill persons;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Already overcrowded jails are housing mentally ill persons
- 7 without the resources or personnel to provide the treatment or social
- 8 services that are required; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The coordination of services provided to mentally ill persons
- 10 by law enforcement agencies, the courts, emergency management
- 11 agencies, and crisis and case management teams is required to ensure that
- 12 treatment is provided to mentally ill persons efficiently and in the least
- 13 restrictive environment; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 of the 69th Legislative
- 15 Session directed the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to
- 16 review and evaluate the criteria for determining whether a person is
- 17 mentally ill and the feasibility of adopting a program of outpatient civil
- 18 commitment; and

1 WHEREAS, Further review of the mental health services provided to
2 persons in this state is necessary to ensure that mentally ill persons receive
3 the care necessary to allow them to lead more productive lives; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
7 appoint an interim committee, composed of members of the Assembly and
8 members of the Senate, to continue the study of services and treatment
9 provided to mentally ill persons in this state, including, without limitation,
10 an examination, review and evaluation of the:

11 1. Services that are available to mentally ill persons from public and
12 private agencies in this state and the manner in which those services are
13 delivered;

14 2. Standards used to determine whether a person is mentally ill for the
15 purposes of evaluation and treatment;

16 3. Resources that are needed to provide the care that is required and
17 the fiscal impact of providing those resources on the state and local
18 governments;

19 4. Feasibility of coordinating services and treatment provided to
20 mentally ill persons by various public and private agencies; and

21 5. Programs instituted in other states that may serve as models for
22 programs for treating mentally ill persons in this state, including, without
23 limitation, a program of outpatient civil commitment for persons who are
24 mentally ill; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
26 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
27 Assembly appointed to the committee and a majority of the members of
28 the Senate appointed to the committee; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the
30 results of the study and any recommended legislation to the 71st session of
31 the Nevada Legislature.