

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 336—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI, PARKS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, OHRENSCHALL, MANENDO, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, BACHE, BUCKLEY, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, FREEMAN, GOLDWATER, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, OCEGUERA, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH AND WILLIAMS

MARCH 13, 2001

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Imposes certain duties on division of child and family services of department of human resources regarding persons who apply to receive placement of child for foster care or adoption. (BDR 38-1186)

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 children; imposing certain duties on the division of child and family services of the department of human resources regarding persons who apply to receive the placement of a child for foster care or adoption; 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.** Chapter 432 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
2     new section to read as follows:  
3     *When the division receives an application by a person to receive the*  
4     *placement of a child for foster care or adoption, the division shall:*  
5     1. *Provide the applicant with accurate and detailed written*  
6     *information regarding any subsidies, assistance and other services that*  
7     *may be available to the applicant, including, without limitation, services*  
8     *for children with special needs; and*  
9     2. *Ensure that:*  
10    (a) *The employees of the division:*  
11       (1) *Treat the applicant with courtesy, consideration, dignity, respect*  
12       *and trust;*  
13       (2) *Immediately schedule any evaluations necessary to identify any*  
14       *special needs the child may have;*  
15       (3) *Immediately notify the applicant of:*



1           (I) Any concerns the division may have regarding the child; and  
2           (II) The scheduled times, dates and locations of any conferences  
3 and court hearings regarding the child;  
4           (4) Consider the convenience of the applicant in determining the  
5 location at which the division will administer any procedures or  
6 proceedings relating to the application;  
7           (5) Provide the applicant with routine briefings in a timely manner  
8 regarding the status of all procedures and proceedings relating to the  
9 application;  
10          (6) Timely and effectively respond to any requests made by the  
11 applicant for encouragement, support, or administrative or other  
12 assistance regarding the child;  
13          (7) Provide in a timely and accurate manner any financial  
14 reimbursement for the care of the child to which the applicant may be  
15 entitled from the division; and  
16          (8) Arrange for the scheduling of appropriate visitations of the  
17 child and the transportation of visitors;  
18          (b) The applicant:  
19              (1) Is allowed to participate actively in procedures and proceedings  
20 in which any plans or decisions may be made regarding the child; and  
21              (2) Has access to any physicians, therapists, teachers and other  
22 professionals who work directly with the child; and  
23          (c) Any procedures and proceedings relating to the application are  
24 commenced and concluded in a timely and efficient manner.  
25          **Sec. 2.** NRS 432.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
26              432.027 ~~As~~ *The division shall, as soon as practicable, but not later*  
27 *than 60 days* after the division receives an application by a person to  
28 receive the placement of a child ~~the division shall notify~~ *for foster care*  
29 *or adoption:*  
30              1. *Notify* the person in writing as to whether the person will be  
31 considered for approval as an adoptive parent or as a provider of foster care  
32 ~~the~~; and  
33              2. *Provide the person with a tentative written decision regarding the*  
34 *approval or denial of the application.*  
35          **Sec. 3.** NRS 432.032 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
36              432.032 The division shall adopt regulations for the administration of  
37 NRS 432.010 to 432.085, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* which are  
38 binding upon all recipients and local units.

