

SENATE BILL NO. 367—SENATORS WIENER, RAWSON, CARE, TITUS,  
WASHINGTON, AMODEI, CARLTON, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS,  
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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Provides for administration of certain activities to reduce rate of pregnancies  
among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada. (BDR S-26)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
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 pregnancy; providing for the administration of certain activities to reduce  
the rate of pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada; 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.** 1. There is hereby created a state partnership to carry out  
2 activities throughout the state designed to raise public awareness regarding  
3 pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada.  
4     2. The state partnership consists of:  
5       (a) The administrator of the health division of the department of human  
6 resources or a person designated by the administrator; and  
7       (b) The following persons appointed by the administrator:  
8           (1) One representative of the department of education;  
9           (2) One person who is employed as a teacher or school counselor in a  
10 public school in this state;  
11           (3) One social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;  
12           (4) One representative of an agency of juvenile justice in this state;  
13           (5) One representative of a law enforcement agency in this state;  
14           (6) One representative of a family court in this state;  
15           (7) One provider of health care authorized to practice in this state;  
16           (8) One parent who resides in this state; and  
17           (9) Not more than two additional persons who possess such  
18 qualifications as are suitable to carry out the duties of the state partnership.



1 3. The administrator shall appoint the members of the state partnership  
2 to ensure, as nearly as practicable, that the northern, southern and rural  
3 areas of the state are equally represented.

4 4. Before appointing the members of the state partnership, the  
5 administrator shall prepare and cause to be issued notice of the formation  
6 of the state partnership and solicit the participation of persons who are  
7 qualified for appointment to the state partnership.

8 5. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a member of the state  
9 partnership who is appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (1) to (8),  
10 inclusive, of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 must be filled by the  
11 administrator by the appointment of a member whose qualifications are the  
12 same as those of his predecessor in office.

13 6. The members of the state partnership serve without salary, but are  
14 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for  
15 state officers and employees generally. The per diem allowance and travel  
16 expenses of a member of the state partnership who is an officer or  
17 employee of a state agency or a local government must be paid by the state  
18 agency or local government that employs him.

19 **Sec. 2.** The state partnership shall, when necessary, obtain assistance  
20 in carrying out its duties from:

21 1. The appropriate divisions of the department of human resources;  
22 and

23 2. Appropriate advisory groups, including, without limitation:

24 (a) The advisory board on maternal and child health; and

25 (b) The governor's youth advisory council.

26 **Sec. 3.** 1. The administrator of the health division of the department  
27 of human resources or a person designated by the administrator shall serve  
28 as chairman of the state partnership.

29 2. The state partnership:

30 (a) Shall meet regularly at the call of the chairman, but not more than  
31 six times during the biennium beginning on July 1, 2001, and six times  
32 during the biennium beginning on July 1, 2003.

33 (b) Shall meet at least once before each report is submitted to the  
34 Nevada Legislature pursuant to section 7 of this act, in order to review the  
35 grants awarded by the state partnership pursuant to section 6 of this act and  
36 the contents of the reports.

37 **Sec. 4.** 1. The health division of the department of human resources  
38 may apply for and receive gifts, grants and donations from any public or  
39 private source to assist the state partnership in carrying out its duties.

40 2. Any money received by the health division pursuant to this section:

41 (a) Must be accounted for separately.

42 (b) Must be used, subject to any limitations contained in the gift, grant  
43 or donation, to carry out the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of this act.

44 3. Any federal money received by the health division pursuant to the  
45 program to provide temporary assistance for needy families that is  
46 administered under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity  
47 Reconciliation Act of 1996 must be expended:

48 (a) In accordance with the requirements of that program; and

49 (b) For the purposes for which it was received.



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1     **Sec. 5.** The state partnership shall:

2         1. Promote efforts to reduce the rate of pregnancies among unmarried  
3 teenage girls in Nevada.

4         2. Cause to be established and promote the recognition of "Teen  
5 Pregnancy Prevention Month" in Nevada.

6         3. Develop and carry out:

7             (a) A social marketing campaign to reduce the rate of pregnancies  
8 among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada that is designed to target  
9 populations with the highest rates of teen pregnancy.

10            (b) A social marketing campaign to reduce the rate of pregnancies  
11 among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada that is designed to target adult  
12 and adolescent males.

13     **Sec. 6.** 1. In addition to carrying out the duties set forth in section 5  
14 of this act, the state partnership shall develop and carry out a program to  
15 award grants for the implementation and evaluation of local projects in this  
16 state. The program must facilitate collaborations between eligible entities,  
17 and encourage joint applications by eligible entities for the receipt of  
18 grants. In carrying out the program, the state partnership shall:

19            (a) Prepare and issue a request for proposals by eligible entities for the  
20 implementation and evaluation of local projects.

21            (b) Award grants to conduct at least one local project in:

22                 (1) Clark County;

23                 (2) Washoe County; and

24                 (3) Any other county of this state.

25            (c) Provide each recipient of a grant with appropriate technical  
26 assistance to facilitate the implementation and evaluation of the local  
27 project.

28     2. The state partnership shall, as a condition of each grant awarded  
29 pursuant to this section, require the recipient of the grant to submit to the  
30 state partnership such reports regarding the use of the money awarded as  
31 are necessary to ensure that the money is being used for the purposes for  
32 which it was awarded.

33     3. As used in this section:

34            (a) "Eligible entity" means a community-based agency or organization  
35 in this state involved with youth, the development of youth or the  
36 prevention of pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada.

37            (b) "Local project" means a community-based project designed to  
38 reduce the rate of pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada  
39 which:

40                 (1) Is based upon one or more model programs that have, after  
41 extensive evaluation, proven to be successful in reducing the rate of  
42 pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls; or

43                 (2) Utilizes such innovative techniques and strategies as the state  
44 partnership determines, upon a showing of sufficient evidence, are likely to  
45 reduce the rate of pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada.

46     **Sec. 7.** The administrator of the health division of the department of  
47 human resources shall prepare and submit to the 72nd and 73rd sessions of  
48 the Nevada Legislature a report on the status of the respective activities  
49 conducted by the state partnership pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act.



1 The reports must include, without limitation, an estimate of the number of  
2 people reached by each activity and the effectiveness of each activity in  
3 reducing the rate of pregnancies among unmarried teenage girls in Nevada.  
4 **Sec. 8.** 1. The administrator of the health division of the department  
5 of human resources and the administrator of the welfare division of the  
6 department of human resources shall, as soon as practicable after the  
7 effective date of this act, enter into an agreement to transfer to the health  
8 division money that is available during the biennium beginning on July 1,  
9 2001, from the program to provide temporary assistance for needy families  
10 administered under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity  
11 Reconciliation Act of 1996, to carry out the provisions of this act.  
12 2. The agreement must set forth:  
13 (a) The amount of money from the program that may be expended by  
14 the health division to carry out the provisions of this act;  
15 (b) The purposes for which that money may be expended; and  
16 (c) Any other conditions imposed upon the expenditure of the money.  
17 **Sec. 9.** The administrator of the health division of the department of  
18 human resources shall, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
19 act, but not later than September 30, 2001, appoint the members of the state  
20 partnership created pursuant to section 1 of this act.  
21 **Sec. 10.** 1. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.  
22 2. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act expire by limitation on July 1,  
23 2005.

