

SENATE BILL NO. 403—SENATORS RAWSON, AMODEI, JAMES,
MCGINNESS, NEAL, PORTER, SHAFFER AND WASHINGTON

MARCH 19, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Enacts Frontier and Rural Health Care Improvement Act of 2001.
(BDR S-942)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 relating to health care; enacting the Frontier and Rural Health Care Improvement
Act of 2001; making appropriations for certain medical services, training and
equipment; 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.** This act may be cited as the Frontier and Rural Health Care
2 Improvement Act of 2001.
3 **Sec. 2.** The legislature hereby finds and declares that the Frontier and
4 Rural Health Care Improvement Act of 2001 is intended to address
5 important issues and concerns affecting the health care needs of rural
6 Nevadans by supporting the education and training of health care
7 providers, and focusing upon special population needs and the delivery of
8 health care services.
9 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund
10 to the Northeastern Nevada Area Health Education Center for expenses
11 related to the establishment of an Emergency Medical Services Training
12 Academy through the Northeastern Nevada Area Health Education Center
13 and the Great Basin Community College to address on-site, distance
14 education and Internet-based programming for continuous education and
15 training for all levels of emergency medical services personnel, including
16 emergency medical services management and administration:
17 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$169,960
18 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$265,107
19 2. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
20 Northeastern Nevada Area Health Education Center for the purchase and



1 distribution throughout the state of automatic external defibrillators
2 through the Emergency Medical Services Training Academy:
3 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$150,000
4 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$150,000
5 3. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
6 University and Community College System of Nevada for costs relating to
7 the establishment of a Physician Assistant Training Program through the
8 University of Nevada School of Medicine with 50 percent of the training
9 positions providing clinical services to medically underserved areas for a 2-
10 year period:
11 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$152,315
12 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$282,477
13 4. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
14 Rural Clinics Administration Office of the Division of Mental Health and
15 Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources for the
16 establishment of a rural mental health telemedicine network within the
17 State of Nevada rural mental health centers to provide continuity and
18 emergency access to mental health services:
19 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$114,750
20 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$91,590
21 5. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
22 Health Division of the Department of Human Resources for the
23 enhancement of the delivery of perinatal health care services with the
24 support of obstetrical nurse practitioners linked to a developed network of
25 rural and urban physicians and facilities to address routine and emergency
26 patient care needs:
27 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$111,480
28 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$201,740
29 6. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
30 University and Community College System of Nevada for the University
31 of Nevada School of Medicine to expand the Nevada Health Service Corps
32 loan repayment program to target health care professionals of which there
33 is a critical shortage, including emergency medical services personnel,
34 dentists, dental hygienists and nurses:
35 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$70,000
36 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$140,000
37 7. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
38 University and Community College System of Nevada for the Office of
39 Rural Health of the University of Nevada School of Medicine the sum of
40 \$500,000 for the establishment of a Capital Loan Pool to provide financial
41 access to rural health care facilities and practitioners for durable medical
42 equipment, facility renovation costs and other equipment to address health
43 care service needs.
44 8. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
45 Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Human
46 Resources to pay the costs of an incremental adjustment in Medicaid
47 reimbursement for rural primary health care practitioners in general
48 practice, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and
49 gynecology and for rural dentists, physician assistants and advanced



1 practical nurses to address reasonable costs and access to health care for
2 medically underserved rural populations:

3 For the fiscal year 2001-2002..... \$250,000

4 For the fiscal year 2002-2003..... \$500,000

5 **Sec. 4.** Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by section
6 3 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003,
7 and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
8 committed have been made.

9 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

