

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—SENATOR TITUS

APRIL 11, 2001

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study concerning Nevada's program for providing services to persons with disabilities. (BDR R-937)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning Nevada's program for providing services to persons with disabilities.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada ranks 51st among all of the states and
2 the District of Columbia in providing per capita support services for
3 persons with disabilities, as published in *The State of the States in*
4 *Developmental Disabilities, 2000 Study Summary* by the University of
5 Illinois at Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities represent approximately 13 percent
7 of Nevada's population; and

8 WHEREAS, There is an enormous fragmentation of services provided to
9 persons with disabilities in this state, with programs scattered across state
10 government—the Aging Services Division and the Division of Mental
11 Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human
12 Resources, and the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of
13 Employment, Training and Rehabilitation—and dozens of other state,
14 county and local programs; and

15 WHEREAS, One agency providing services to persons with disabilities
16 may not be aware of the services provided by another agency, resulting in
17 the duplication of services; and

18 WHEREAS, The Governor, in his recent State of the State Address before
19 this body, urged the creation of an Office of Disability Resources to
20 combine the many existing services in one location and develop a long
21 range plan to better provide services to persons of all ages who have
22 disabilities; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
24 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
25 appoint a committee, consisting of four members of the Senate and four
26 members of the Assembly, to conduct an interim study of Nevada's
27 program for providing services to persons with disabilities; and be it
28 further



1 RESOLVED, That the committee shall review the state's compliance with
2 and the impact of federal initiatives, such as the Americans with
3 Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the
4 Workforce Investment Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Ticket to Work and
5 Work Incentives Improvement Act, the Medicaid Act, the Protection and
6 Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act, the Developmental Disabilities
7 Act, and all federal block grants to the state; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the committee shall conduct a full review of the
9 current system in Nevada which delivers services to persons with
10 disabilities, including, employment, social services, medical and personal
11 assistance, education, public transportation, handicapped parking, housing,
12 child care and respite services, and the state laws relating to persons with
13 disabilities; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee shall examine the possible options to
15 improve the delivery of those services to maximize resources, consolidate
16 duplicating and overlapping services, expand community-based services,
17 increase consumer choice, input and review, increase outcomes per cost of
18 service, unify advocacy and appeal processes, and increase cooperation
19 between state and local programs and community providers; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the study must also include an in-depth examination of
22 the coordination of the various services offered to persons with disabilities
23 in this state to ensure that a full range of services is provided to such
24 persons, that available funding is used to its maximum advantage and that
25 services provided by the state are coordinated with community services
26 that are available through such organizations as the United Way and
27 Opportunity Village for Retarded Citizens; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the committee shall also explore the feasibility of
29 establishing a single state agency to coordinate services provided to
30 persons with disabilities including careful study and substantial public
31 input on a wide range of related issues to ensure that no interrelated
32 services are overlooked; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
34 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate
35 and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the
36 committee; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of
38 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the
39 72nd session of the Nevada Legislature.

