

SENATE BILL NO. 32—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THE FUND FOR
A HEALTHY NEVADA (AB 474, NRS 439.625))

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Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Makes various changes regarding Task Force for the
Fund for a Healthy Nevada. (BDR 40-258)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 the Fund for a Healthy Nevada; providing that
allocations by the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy
Nevada of money from the Fund may be done by contract
or grant; requiring at least one competitive round of
requests for proposals each biennium for the distribution
of certain money from the Fund; 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.** NRS 439.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 439.630 1. The Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy
3 Nevada shall:
4 (a) Conduct public hearings to accept public testimony from a
5 wide variety of sources and perspectives regarding existing or
6 proposed programs that:
7 (1) Promote public health;
8 (2) Improve health services for children, senior citizens and
9 persons with disabilities;
10 (3) Reduce or prevent the use of tobacco;



1 (4) Reduce or prevent the abuse of and addiction to alcohol
2 and drugs; and

3 (5) Offer other general or specific information on health care
4 in this state.

5 (b) Establish a process to evaluate the health and health needs of
6 the residents of this state and a system to rank the health problems
7 of the residents of this state, including, without limitation, the
8 specific health problems that are endemic to urban and rural
9 communities.

10 (c) Reserve not more than 30 percent of all revenues deposited
11 in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year for direct expenditure
12 by the Department to pay for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical
13 services for senior citizens pursuant to NRS 439.635 to 439.690,
14 inclusive. From the money reserved to the Department pursuant to
15 this paragraph, the Department shall subsidize all of the cost of
16 policies of health insurance that provide coverage to senior citizens
17 for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services pursuant to NRS
18 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive. The Department shall consider
19 recommendations from the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy
20 Nevada in carrying out the provisions of NRS 439.635 to 439.690,
21 inclusive. The Department shall submit a quarterly report to the
22 Governor, the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada and the
23 Interim Finance Committee regarding the general manner in which
24 expenditures have been made pursuant to this paragraph and the
25 status of the program.

26 (d) Reserve not more than 30 percent of all revenues deposited
27 in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year for allocation by the
28 Aging Services Division of the Department in the form of grants for
29 existing or new programs that assist senior citizens with independent
30 living, including, without limitation, programs that provide:

31 (1) Respite care or relief of family caretakers;

32 (2) Transportation to new or existing services to assist senior
33 citizens in living independently; and

34 (3) Care in the home which allows senior citizens to remain
35 at home instead of in institutional care.

36 The Aging Services Division of the Department shall consider
37 recommendations from the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy
38 Nevada concerning the independent living needs of senior citizens.

39 (e) Allocate , *by contract or grant*, for expenditure not more
40 than 20 percent of all revenues deposited in the Fund for a Healthy
41 Nevada each year for programs that prevent, reduce or treat the use
42 of tobacco and the consequences of the use of tobacco.

43 (f) Allocate , *by contract or grant*, for expenditure not more
44 than 20 percent of all revenues deposited in the Fund for a Healthy



1 Nevada each year for programs that improve health services for
2 children and the health and well-being of persons with disabilities.

3 (g) Maximize expenditures through local, federal and private
4 matching contributions.

5 (h) Ensure that any money expended from the Fund for a
6 Healthy Nevada will not be used to supplant existing methods of
7 funding that are available to public agencies.

8 (i) Develop policies and procedures for the administration and
9 distribution of *contracts*, grants and other expenditures to state
10 agencies, political subdivisions of this state, nonprofit organizations,
11 universities and community colleges. A condition of any such
12 *contract or* grant must be that not more than 8 percent of the
13 *contract or* grant may be used for administrative expenses or other
14 indirect costs. The procedures must require at least one competitive
15 round of requests for proposals per ~~fiscal year~~ *biennium*.

16 (j) To make the allocations required by paragraphs (e) and (f):

17 (1) Prioritize and quantify the needs for these programs;

18 (2) Develop, solicit and accept ~~grant~~ applications for
19 allocations;

20 (3) Conduct annual evaluations of programs to which
21 allocations have been awarded; and

22 (4) Submit annual reports concerning the programs to the
23 Governor and the Interim Finance Committee.

24 (k) Transmit a report of all findings, recommendations and
25 expenditures to the Governor and each regular session of the
26 Legislature.

27 2. The Task Force may take such other actions as are necessary
28 to carry out its duties.

29 3. The Department shall take all actions necessary to ensure
30 that all allocations for expenditures made by the Task Force are
31 carried out as directed by the Task Force.

32 4. To make the allocations required by paragraph (d) of
33 subsection 1, the Aging Services Division of the Department shall:

34 (a) Prioritize and quantify the needs of senior citizens for these
35 programs;

36 (b) Develop, solicit and accept grant applications for allocations;

37 (c) As appropriate, expand or augment existing state programs
38 for senior citizens upon approval of the Interim Finance Committee;

39 (d) Award grants or other allocations;

40 (e) Conduct annual evaluations of programs to which grants or
41 other allocations have been awarded; and

42 (f) Submit annual reports concerning the grant program to the
43 Governor and the Interim Finance Committee.

44 5. The Aging Services Division of the Department shall submit
45 each proposed grant which would be used to expand or augment an



1 existing state program to the Interim Finance Committee for
2 approval before the grant is awarded. The request for approval must
3 include a description of the proposed use of the money and the
4 person or entity that would be authorized to expend the money. The
5 Aging Services Division of the Department shall not expend or
6 transfer any money allocated to the Aging Services Division
7 pursuant to this section to subsidize any portion of the cost of
8 policies of health insurance that provide coverage to senior citizens
9 for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services pursuant to NRS
10 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive.

11 6. The Department, on behalf of the Task Force, shall submit
12 each allocation proposed pursuant to paragraph (e) or (f) of
13 subsection 1 which would be used to expand or augment an existing
14 state program to the Interim Finance Committee for approval before
15 the *contract or* grant is awarded. The request for approval must
16 include a description of the proposed use of the money and the
17 person or entity that would be authorized to expend the money.

18 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

