

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 139—ASSEMBLYMEN PIERCE, LESLIE, GIUNCHIGLIANI, MCCLEARY, CONKLIN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, DENIS, GERHARDT, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MANENDO, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS AND SMITH

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires collection and reporting of certain information concerning employers of applicants for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program. (BDR 38-984)

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 public welfare; requiring that an application for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program include certain information relating to the employer of the applicant or the employer of a person who claims the applicant as a dependent; requiring the biennial reporting by the Department of Human Resources of such information with respect to certain employers and the cost to the State of providing assistance to such applicants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Human Resources to administer all state public welfare programs, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. (NRS 422.270)

This bill requires each applicant for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to disclose the name and business address of his employer in the application for assistance. If the applicant is unemployed, he must disclose the name and business address of the employer of each person who claims the applicant as a dependent.

This bill requires the Department of Human Resources to prepare biennial reports for submission to the Governor and to the Legislature. The reports must



include: (1) a listing of the 25 employers that were identified in the applications for assistance as employing the greatest number of employees who received assistance for themselves or for their dependents; and (2) the cost to the State of providing such assistance. The reports must be made available for public inspection, but must not include identifying information related to any particular applicant for or recipient of assistance.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Each application for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program must include:

(a) If the applicant is employed at the time the application is made, the name and business address of each of his employers; or

(b) If the applicant is not employed at the time the application is made, the name and business address of each employer of every person who claims the applicant as a dependent.

2. The Department shall, on or before January 31 of each odd-numbered year, based on the information provided pursuant to subsection 1, prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report listing the 25 employers identified pursuant to subsection 1 that, during the immediately preceding 2 calendar years, employed the greatest number of employees in this State who received, or provided financial support for a dependent who received, assistance under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. The report must include the following information for each such employer:

(a) The name and business address of the employer;

(b) The total number of its employees and dependents of its employees who received assistance under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program during the immediately preceding 2 calendar years; and

(c) The cost to the State of providing such assistance.

3. The report required by subsection 2 must include only aggregate information for statistical purposes and exclude any identifying information related to any particular applicant for or recipient of assistance under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

4. The report required by subsection 2 is a public record and must be open for inspection pursuant to NRS 239.010.

