

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 41—ASSEMBLYMAN HORNE

PREFILED FEBRUARY 4, 2005

Referred to Concurrent Committees on
Health and Human Services and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for support of Mental Health
Court in Clark County. (BDR S-812)

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 making an appropriation for the support of the Mental
Health Court in Clark County; 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.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
2 1. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the United
3 States Department of Justice, over 16 percent of adults incarcerated
4 in the jails and prisons in the United States have a mental illness;
5 2. According to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, up
6 to 40 percent of adults who suffer from a serious mental illness will
7 come into contact with the American criminal justice system at
8 some point in their lives;
9 3. A significant proportion of adults with a serious mental
10 illness who are involved with the criminal justice system are
11 homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and many of
12 these persons are arrested and jailed for minor, nonviolent offenses;
13 4. The majority of persons with a mental illness or emotional
14 disorder who are involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system
15 are responsive to medical and psychological interventions that
16 integrate treatment, rehabilitation and support services; and



5. Collaborative programs between mental health, substance abuse and criminal or juvenile justice systems that ensure the provision of services for those with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders can reduce the number of such persons in adult and juvenile correctional facilities while providing improved public safety.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources for the support of the Mental Health Court in Clark County:

For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.....\$1,000,000

For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007.....\$1,000,000

Sec. 3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by section 2 of this act remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2007.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

