

## Amendment No. 691

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 77 First Reprint

(BDR 15-185)

**Proposed by:** Committee on Judiciary**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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Amend section 1, page 3, line 7, by deleting “50” and inserting “70”.

Amend section 1, page 3, by deleting lines 9 through 11 and inserting:

*“allow the person to participate in counseling sessions in a program for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence that has been certified pursuant to NRS 228.470 every other week for the number of months required pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) so long as the number of hours of counseling is not less than 6 hours per month.”.*

Amend section 1, page 4, by deleting lines 6 through 22 and inserting:

“8. As used in this section:”.

Amend sec. 2, pages 5 and 6, by deleting lines 42 through 44 on page 5 and lines 1 through 3 on page 6, and inserting:

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Date: 5/9/2005

S.B. No. 77—Revises provisions pertaining to counseling required for person convicted of battery which constitutes domestic violence.



*“submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature a written report concerning the effectiveness of participation in counseling sessions in a program for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence ordered by a court pursuant to NRS 200.485 and the effect of such counseling sessions on recidivism of the offenders who commit battery which constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018; and”.*

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sec. 3 as sec. 5 and adding new sections designated sections 3 and 4, following sec. 2, to read as follows:

**“Sec. 3.** The report submitted to the Legislature by the Court Administrator in 2007 and 2009 pursuant to subsection 13 of NRS 1.360, as amended by this act, must include information concerning the effectiveness of biweekly counseling sessions and the effect, if any, of participating in biweekly counseling sessions on recidivism of offenders.

**Sec. 4.** On or before February 15, 2009, the Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature a written report concerning the efforts and progress made by the Division in certifying programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence provided by rural mental health clinics.”.

Amend sec. 3, page 6, by deleting line 6 and inserting:

**“Sec. 5.** 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

2. The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 2009.”.

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT relating to domestic violence; authorizing a court to order a person convicted of domestic violence to participate in counseling sessions on a biweekly basis in certain circumstances; requiring the Court Administrator to submit reports to the Legislature concerning the effectiveness of court-ordered participation in programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence; requiring the Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources to report to the Legislature concerning certification of such programs in rural mental health clinics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative  
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a person convicted of domestic violence battery to participate in weekly counseling sessions of at least 1 1/2 hours, for a total of at least 6 hours of counseling per month, in a program for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence. (NRS 200.485)

This bill authorizes a court, until June 30, 2009, to allow a person to participate in such counseling sessions on a biweekly basis, for a total of at least 6 hours of counseling per month, if the person lives more than 70 miles from the nearest location at which counseling services are available.

This bill requires the Court Administrator to submit a written report concerning the effectiveness of court-ordered counseling for persons who commit a battery that constitutes domestic violence to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to each regular session of the Legislature. The report must also address the effectiveness of biweekly counseling sessions.

This bill further requires the Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources to submit a report to the Legislature concerning the efforts and progress made by the Division in certifying programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence provided by rural mental health clinics.