

Assembly Bill No. 536—Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT relating to child support; requiring the District Attorney of Clark County and the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature regarding the status of certain recommendations concerning child support enforcement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill requires the District Attorney of Clark County to prepare a report for submission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning the progress made in carrying out recommendations that were provided to the District Attorney concerning the Family Support Division of the Office of the District Attorney in a report made in 2003. This bill further requires the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare a report for submission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning the progress made towards carrying out recommendations contained in an audit from 2006 concerning the enforcement of child support in this State. The district attorneys of this State are required to cooperate with and provide to the Division any information necessary for inclusion in the report. This bill further specifies additional topics to be included in the report from the Division. The report by the District Attorney and the report by the Division must be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau not later than September 1, 2008.

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

Section 1. 1. The District Attorney of Clark County shall prepare a report concerning the manner in which the recommendations have been carried out or the status of such recommendations that are contained in the July 2, 2003, report entitled "Organizational Assessment of the Clark County, Nevada, District Attorney's Family Support Division," which was submitted to the District Attorney by Policy Studies Inc.

2. The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare a report providing the manner in which the recommendations contained the December 22, 2006, "Performance Audit of the State of Nevada's Enforcement and Collection of Child Support" prepared by MAXIMUS have been carried out or the status of such recommendations. Each district attorney in this State shall cooperate with the Division and provide the necessary information to the



Division for inclusion in the report. The report must include, without limitation, the status of, or the manner in which the Division and the district attorneys have carried out, specific recommendations to:

- (a) Centralize processing of cases and call center functions;
- (b) Measure the success of the Program for the Enforcement of Child Support through performance measures rather than policy adherence;
- (c) Improve reporting by management;
- (d) Develop and adhere to a strategic plan; and
- (e) Develop a document imaging system.

3. The report prepared pursuant to subsection 2 must also include, without limitation, information concerning:

(a) Strategic planning among the district attorneys of this State concerning the future funding for the enforcement of child support in Nevada;

(b) Programs to enforce child support in other states with a distribution of population which is similar to the distribution in Nevada;

(c) Options for creating a regional structure in Nevada and whether such options would enhance efficiency and benefit the Program for the Enforcement of Child Support and the agencies involved in the collection of child support;

(d) Training programs that have been implemented for employees who assist in the collection of child support;

(e) An analysis of the benefits and detriments of using administrative hearing officers rather than masters in matters relating to the enforcement of child support; and

(f) The status of improvements in information technology, including, without limitation, technology for case management to replace the Nevada Operations of Multi-Automated Data Systems currently used in the collection of child support.

4. The reports prepared pursuant to this section must be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau not later than September 1, 2008, for distribution to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

5. As used in this section, "Program for the Enforcement of Child Support" means the program established to locate absent parents, establish paternity and obtain child support pursuant to Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq., and other provisions of that Act relating to the enforcement of child support.

