

SENATE BILL NO. 530—COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY**—Creates the Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free Nevada and makes various appropriations relating to public health. (BDR 40-744)

**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 relating to public health; creating the Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free Nevada to award grants of money for the eradication of methamphetamine; creating a Technical Advisory Committee to assist the Task Force; making appropriations for certain treatment facilities, treatment programs and community triage centers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

**Section 2** of this bill creates the Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free Nevada to award grants of money for the eradication of methamphetamine.

**Section 3** of this bill creates the Technical Advisory Committee to assist the Task Force.

**Section 5** of this bill appropriates \$621,000 for each year of the biennium to the Department of Health and Human Services to fund a pilot program to provide a long-term residential treatment facility for substance abusers. **Section 6** of this bill describes the requirements of the pilot program.

**Section 7** of this bill appropriates \$1,296,000 for each year of the biennium to the Department of Corrections to fund postincarceration treatment programs for nonviolent offenders.

**Section 8** of this bill appropriates \$967,500 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and \$1,034,258 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the support of a community triage center in southern Nevada.

**Section 9** of this bill appropriates \$537,500 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and \$574,587 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, to the Division of Mental Health and



18 Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the  
19 support of a community triage center in northern Nevada.

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

1     **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3     **Sec. 2. 1. *The Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free***  
4 ***Nevada is hereby created. The Task Force consists of the***  
5 ***following seven members:***

6       (a) *The Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Health and*  
7 *Human Services.*

8       (b) *The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Human*  
9 *Resources and Education.*

10       (c) *One member who is a Legislator appointed by the Speaker*  
11 *of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate. The initial*  
12 *member appointed pursuant to this paragraph must be appointed*  
13 *by the Speaker of the Assembly. Upon the expiration of the term of*  
14 *the initial member, the successor of the initial member must be*  
15 *appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate. Thereafter, upon*  
16 *the expiration of the term of the member appointed pursuant to*  
17 *this paragraph, the authority to appoint a member pursuant to this*  
18 *paragraph alternates between the Speaker of the Assembly and the*  
19 *Majority Leader of the Senate.*

20       (d) *Three members appointed by the Governor.*

21       (e) *One member appointed by the Attorney General.*

22     ➤ *Each member appointed pursuant to this subsection must be a*  
23 *resident of this State and must not be employed in the Executive or*  
24 *Judicial Branch of State Government. Each person who appoints*  
25 *members pursuant to this subsection shall ensure that insofar as*  
26 *practicable, the members whom he appoints reflect the ethnic and*  
27 *geographical diversity of this State.*

28     2. *At its first meeting on or after July 1 of each odd-*  
29 *numbered year, the Task Force shall select the Chairman and*  
30 *Vice Chairman of the Task Force from among the legislative*  
31 *members of the Task Force. Each such officer shall hold office for*  
32 *a term of 2 years or until his successor is selected. The*  
33 *chairmanship of the Task Force must alternate each biennium*  
34 *between the Houses of the Legislature.*

35     3. *For each day or portion of a day during which a member*  
36 *of the Task Force who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the*  
37 *Task Force or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Task Force,*  
38 *except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is*  
39 *entitled to receive the:*



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(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

↪ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Task Force must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

4. Members of the Task Force who are not Legislators serve without salary, except that they are entitled to receive travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally. The travel expenses of:

(a) A member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of a local government thereof must be paid by the local government that employs him.

(b) Each remaining member of the Task Force must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

5. Each member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of a local government must be relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that he may perform his duties relating to the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Task Force to:

(a) Make up the time he is absent from work to fulfill his obligations as a member of the Task Force; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

6. The Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Department shall provide such administrative support to the Task Force as is required to carry out the duties of the Task Force. The State Health Officer shall provide such technical advice and assistance to the Task Force as is requested by the Task Force.

7. The Task Force may employ a person to assist the Task Force in the administration of grants pursuant to section 4 of this act and to perform such other administrative duties as directed.

8. The Task Force shall, on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.

**Sec. 3.** There is hereby created a Technical Advisory Committee to assist the Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free Nevada. The Committee consists of the following 21 members:

1. One member appointed by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association.

2. One member appointed by the Nevada District Attorneys Association.



1       3. One member who is a county or state public defender,  
2       appointed by the Attorney General.

3       4. One member who is a judge who presides over a drug  
4       court, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

5       5. One member who is a representative of juvenile services,  
6       appointed by the governing body of the Nevada Association of  
7       Counties.

8       6. One member who is a representative of a county agency for  
9       human services, appointed by the governing body of the Nevada  
10      Association of Counties.

11      7. The Director of the Department of Health and Human  
12      Services.

13      8. One member who is a member of the Board of County  
14      Commissioners of Clark County, appointed by the Board.

15      9. One member who is a member of the Board of County  
16      Commissioners of Washoe County, appointed by the Board.

17      10. One member who is a member of the board of county  
18      commissioners of a rural county, appointed by the Nevada  
19      Association of Counties.

20      11. One member appointed by the governing body of the  
21      Nevada League of Cities.

22      12. The Director of the Department of Public Safety.

23      13. One member who is employed by the Clark County  
24      School District, appointed by the Governor.

25      14. One member who is employed by the Washoe County  
26      School District, appointed by the Governor.

27      15. One member who is employed by a school district in a  
28      rural county, appointed by the Governor.

29      16. One member who is a representative of a treatment center  
30      located in Clark County, appointed by the Governor.

31      17. One member who is a representative of a treatment center  
32      located in Washoe County, appointed by the Governor.

33      18. One member who is a representative of a treatment center  
34      located in a rural county, appointed by the Governor.

35      19. One member who is a representative of the public  
36      relations industry, appointed by the Governor.

37      20. One member who is employed by a police department on  
38      an Indian reservation or Indian colony, appointed by the  
39      Governor.

40      21. The Director of the Administrative Offices of the Court.

41      **Sec. 4. 1. The Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free**  
42      **Nevada shall award grants of money to local governments,**  
43      **schools, nonprofit organizations and community-based**  
44      **organizations that develop a comprehensive, multidisciplinary,**  
45      **community-based approach to the eradication of**



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*methamphetamine in their communities which includes, without limitation, elements concerning prevention, education, enforcement, treatment, and the criminal justice and court systems.*

*2. A request for a grant must be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee created pursuant to section 3 of this act. The Technical Advisory Committee shall review each request for a grant and forward its recommendation concerning the request to the Task Force, which shall make the final determination whether or not to award the grant.*

*3. The Technical Advisory Committee shall, on or before January 31 of each year, submit a report concerning its activities during the immediately preceding calendar year to the Task Force.*

**Sec. 5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to fund a pilot program in accordance with section 6 of this act:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....\$621,000

For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....\$621,000

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

**Sec. 6.** 1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall:

(a) Prescribe the form for an application to establish a pilot program to provide a long-term residential treatment facility for substance abusers; and

(b) Prescribe the criteria for the selection of an organization to establish the pilot program.

2. The pilot program must:

(a) Emphasize the provision of comprehensive prevention and treatment services and programs; and

(b) Provide intensive case management and wraparound services.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Substance abusers" means persons who abuse, are addicted to or are psychologically or physically dependent on:



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- 1 (1) Alcohol;  
2 (2) A controlled substance; or  
3 (3) A drug, poison, solvent or toxic inhalant. This  
4 subparagraph does not include tobacco or products made from  
5 tobacco.

6 (b) "Wraparound services" means nonclinical supportive  
7 services, including, without limitation, child care, and vocational,  
8 educational and transportation services, that are designed to improve  
9 the recipient's access to and retention in the pilot program.

10 **Sec. 7.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
11 General Fund to the Department of Corrections to fund  
12 postincarceration treatment programs to help nonviolent offenders  
13 successfully transition from prison and become productive members  
14 of society:

15 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....\$1,296,000

16 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....\$1,296,000

17 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1  
18 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be  
19 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal  
20 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
21 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
22 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
23 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
24 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively, by  
25 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity  
26 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and  
27 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
28 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

29 **Sec. 8.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
30 General Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental  
31 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for  
32 Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services for the support of a  
33 community triage center:

34 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....\$967,500

35 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....\$1,034,258

36 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1  
37 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be  
38 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal  
39 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
40 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
41 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
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45 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and



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1 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
2 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

3 **Sec. 9.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
4 General Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for  
6 Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services for the support of a  
7 community triage center:

8 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....\$537,500

9 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....\$574,587

10 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1  
11 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be  
12 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal  
13 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
14 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
15 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
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17 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively, by  
18 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity  
19 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and  
20 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
21 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

22 **Sec. 10.** As soon as practicable after July 1, 2007, the  
23 appointing authorities specified in:

24 1. Section 2 of this act shall make their respective  
25 appointments to the Task Force for a Methamphetamine Free  
26 Nevada created by that section.

27 2. Section 3 of this act shall make their respective  
28 appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee created by that  
29 section.

30 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

