

Amendment No. 190

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 536

(BDR 38-1405)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Judiciary**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) ***green bold italic underlining*** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) ***green bold*** is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/17/2007

A.B. No. 536—Transfers certain authority concerning enforcement of child support and related services from the district attorneys to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-1405)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 536—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—~~[Transfers certain authority concerning enforcement of child support and related services from the district attorneys to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.] Requires certain reports to be submitted to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature regarding the status of certain recommendations concerning child support enforcement. (BDR ~~39~~ S-1405)~~

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 child support; ~~[prospectively transferring the authority for a program for the enforcement of child support and related services from district attorneys to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services,]~~ 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 ~~[on]~~ **regarding** the status of certain recommendations concerning child support enforcement; ~~[requiring the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and the district attorneys of this State to report to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning plans for carrying out the prospective transfer,]~~ and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[Existing law provides for the enforcement of obligations of child support under a program established pursuant to federal law through the district attorneys of this State, in conjunction with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. (Chapter 425 of NRS) This bill transfers all authority for that program to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, effective July 1, 2011. Section 3 of this bill requires the Chief of the Program to establish three regional offices to carry out the program, and requires each county to contribute to the funding of the program. Section 4 of this bill authorizes the Administrator of the Division to contract with the district attorneys to assist in carrying out the program.]~~

~~[Section 200 of this bill requires the District Attorney of Clark County to report to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning reviews conducted of the child support system by Policy Studies Inc. and MAXIMUS. Section 201 of this bill requires the Division of~~

~~Welfare and Supportive Services and the district attorneys of this State to prepare for the transition of duties and to report to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature concerning plans for carrying out the prospective transfer of the authority for the program.~~

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:

Delete existing sections 1 through 293 of this bill and replace with the following new section 1:

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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