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AN ACT relating to the protection of children; creating the Office of Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure in the Office of the Attorney General; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill creates the Office of Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure in the Office of the Attorney General. The Attorney General appoints the Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure, who will engage in activities to assist in the establishment of programs for children who are endangered by drug exposure and to educate the public about children who are endangered by drug exposure. **Section 2** of this bill defines “child who is endangered by drug exposure” for the purposes of these provisions.

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

Section 1. Chapter 228 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Child who is endangered by drug exposure” means:*

1. A child who is born affected by prenatal illegal substance abuse or who has withdrawal symptoms resulting from such abuse, or has experienced other complications at birth as a result of such abuse as determined by a physician;

2. A child who illegally has a controlled substance in his body as a direct and foreseeable result of the act or omission of the parent, guardian or other person who exercises control or supervision of the child; or

3. A child who is allowed, in violation of NRS 453.3325, to be present in any conveyance or upon any premises wherein a controlled substance is unlawfully possessed, used, sold, exchanged, bartered, supplied, prescribed, dispensed, given away, administered, manufactured or compounded in violation of any of the provisions of NRS 453.011 to 453.552, inclusive.

Sec. 3. 1. *The Office of Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure is hereby created in the Office of the Attorney General.*

2. The Attorney General shall appoint a person to serve as Statewide Coordinator who is knowledgeable about the legal and societal aspects of children who are endangered by drug exposure.



3. The Statewide Coordinator is in the unclassified service of the State.

Sec. 4. *1. The Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure shall:*

(a) Provide necessary assistance to communities and local governments in establishing programs for children who are endangered by drug exposure.

(b) Provide education to the public concerning children who are endangered by drug exposure.

(c) Perform such other tasks as are necessary to carry out his duties and the functions of his office.

2. The Attorney General may accept grants, gifts, donations, bequests or devises on behalf of the Office of Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure which must be used to carry out the duties of the Statewide Coordinator.

Secs. 5 and 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

