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SENATE BILL NO. 306—SENATORS CARLTON, COFFIN, PARKS,
HORSFORD; AMODEI, CARE, HARDY, MATHEWS,
MCGINNESS, TOWNSEND, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 16, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN SEGERBLOM, KOIVISTO,
OHRENSCHALL, KIHUEN; ANDERSON, ARBERRY,
CARPENTER, GOICOCHEA AND MCCLAIN

Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes the Health Division of the Department of
Health and Human Services to establish a grant
program to support the expansion of various health
care services. (BDR 40-1052)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 health; authorizing the Health Division of the
Department of Health and Human Services to establish
and administer a program to make grants of money to
support the expansion of federally qualified health centers
and rural health clinics in this State; authorizing the
Health Division to enter into any agreement and take any
other action necessary to maximize the amount of federal
money the State may obtain to carry out the program;
authorizing the Health Division to apply for and accept
any money from any source to carry out the program;
making an appropriation to the Health Division for the
grant program; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Health Division of the Department of
- 2 Health and Human Services to establish and administer a grant program to support
- 3 the expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.



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(42 U.S.C. §§ 1395x(aa)(4), 1395x(aa)(2)) **Section 1** authorizes the Health Division to apply for and accept gifts, grants, appropriations or donations from any public or private source to carry out the program. **Section 1** further authorizes the Health Division to enter into any agreement and take any other action necessary to maximize the amount of money the State may obtain from the Federal Government to carry out the program. Any grants made pursuant to the program may be used to: (1) assist with the capital costs of constructing or expanding any facility and with operational costs to enhance or expand the ability of a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to provide primary care services; (2) support access to primary care services for uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid patients; and (3) assist a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic with recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, including, without limitation, through a program for the repayment of student loans.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation to the Health Division to establish and administer the grant program to support the expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics created pursuant to **section 1** of this bill.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Health Division may, to the extent that money is available, establish and administer a program to make grants of money to support the expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State.

2. Grants made pursuant to the program may be used to:

(a) Assist with the capital costs of constructing or expanding any facility and with operational costs to enhance or expand the ability of a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to provide primary care services, including, without limitation, dental services;

(b) Support access to primary care services for uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid patients; and

(c) Assist a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic with recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, including, without limitation, through a program for the repayment of student loans.

3. The Health Division may enter into any agreement or take any other action necessary to maximize the amount of money this State may obtain from the Federal Government to carry out the provisions of this section, including, without limitation, providing any matching money necessary to receive the federal money.

4. The Health Division may apply for and accept gifts, grants, appropriations or donations from any public or private source to assist the Health Division in carrying out the provisions of this section.



1 **5. Money received by the Health Division to carry out the**
2 **provisions of this section must be accounted for separately.**

3 **6. As used in this section:**

4 **(a) "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning**
5 **ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(4).**

6 **(b) "Rural health clinic" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42**
7 **U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2).**

8 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
9 General Fund to the Health Division of the Department of Health
10 and Human Services the sum of \$300,000 for establishing and
11 administering the program to make grants of money to support the
12 expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health
13 clinics in this State pursuant to section 1 of this act.

14 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
15 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
16 2011, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
17 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
18 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
19 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
20 September 16, 2011, by either the entity to which the money was
21 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
22 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
23 Fund on or before September 16, 2011.

24 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 1 of this act become
25 effective upon passage and approval.

26 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

