

SENATE BILL NO. 316—SENATORS COPENING, PARKS,
WOODHOUSE, WIENER; AND CARLTON

MARCH 16, 2009

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN SEGERBLOM

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to provide for a study concerning the establishment of a health insurance exchange in Nevada. (BDR S-1108)

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 insurance; directing the Legislative Commission to provide for a study concerning the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires the Legislative Commission to provide for a study conducted by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State.

Section 2 of this bill requires the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to submit a report of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Commission not later than June 30, 2010. **Section 2** also requires the Legislative Commission to submit the report and any recommendations for legislation to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

Section 1. 1. The Legislative Commission shall provide for a study conducted by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning the establishment of a health insurance exchange that



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1 provides information on health insurance options and health care
2 products.

3 2. The study must include, without limitation, an examination
4 of:

5 (a) Whether a health insurance exchange would provide persons
6 in this State with greater access, choice, portability and affordability
7 of health insurance coverage;

8 (b) The potential scope of a health insurance exchange;

9 (c) The potential powers and duties of a health insurance
10 exchange;

11 (d) The benefits and value of a health insurance exchange to this
12 State, including, without limitation, the extent to which the
13 exchange may lower the cost of health care coverage;

14 (e) The use of a health insurance exchange to receive and process
15 employee premiums on a pretax basis pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 125;

16 (f) The eligibility criteria that a person or insurer must meet to
17 participate in a health insurance exchange;

18 (g) The types of health care plans that may be offered through a
19 health insurance exchange and the extent to which each such health
20 care plan should be available for purchase only through the exchange;

21 (h) The loss ratio requirements for health care plans offered
22 through a health insurance exchange;

23 (i) The estimated administrative costs of operating a health
24 insurance exchange and the methods for funding the administrative
25 costs; and

26 (j) Any other issues relevant to the establishment, regulation and
27 operation of a health insurance exchange.

28 3. As used in this section:

29 (a) "Health care plan" means a policy, contract, certificate or
30 agreement offered or issued to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for
31 or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

32 (b) "Health insurance exchange" means a program that provides
33 information concerning health care plans, including, without
34 limitation, information concerning costs, benefits, availability of and
35 eligibility for health care plans.

36 (c) "Loss ratio" means incurred losses divided by the sum of
37 earned premiums.

38 **Sec. 2.** Not later than June 30, 2010, the staff of the Legislative
39 Counsel Bureau shall submit a report of the results of the study
40 conducted pursuant to section 1 of this act and any recommendations
41 for legislation to the Legislative Commission. The Legislative
42 Commission shall submit the report and any recommendations for
43 legislation to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

