

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

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN SEGERBLOM

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider 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 Committee on Health Care to consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to
- 2 consider the establishment of a health insurance exchange in this State.
- 3 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to
- 4 provide to the Legislature any recommendations for legislation as a result of its
- 5 consideration.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. During the 2009-2011 interim, the Legislative
- 2 Committee on Health Care shall consider the establishment of a
- 3 health insurance exchange that provides information on health
- 4 insurance options and health care products, including, to the extent
- 5 practicable, an examination of:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. As used in this section:

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

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

**Sec. 2.** The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall provide to the Legislature as a result of its consideration of any of the topics listed in section 1 of this act any recommendations for legislation.

