

SENATE BILL NO. 390—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to provide for a study concerning the long-term care of certain persons in this State. (BDR S-786)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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 public health; directing the Legislative Commission to provide for a study concerning the long-term care of certain persons in this State and certain facilities and programs which provide services to those persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires the Legislative Commission to provide for a study conducted
- 2 by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning the long-term care of
- 3 persons who are elderly or disabled in this State and facilities for long-term care
- 4 and other programs that provide services to those persons.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall provide for
- 2 a study conducted by the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
- 3 concerning the long-term care of persons who are elderly or
- 4 disabled in this State and facilities for long-term care and other
- 5 programs that provide services to those persons. The study must:
- 6 (a) Review and analyze the Community Service Options
- 7 Program for the Elderly, including, without limitation:
- 8 (1) A review of the services provided through the Program to
- 9 a person who is elderly in this State which enable him to remain in



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1 his own home or with his family to avoid placement in a facility for
2 long-term care; and

3 (2) A fiscal analysis of the Program;

4 (b) Review and analyze the Community Home-Based Initiatives
5 Program, including, without limitation:

6 (1) A review of the services provided through the Program to
7 a person who is elderly in this State which enable him to remain in
8 his own home or with his family to avoid placement in a facility for
9 long-term care; and

10 (2) A fiscal analysis of the Program;

11 (c) Review and analyze the Waiver for the Elderly in Adult
12 Residential Care Program, including, without limitation:

13 (1) A review of the services provided through the Program to
14 a person who is elderly in this State and who is placed in a
15 residential facility as an alternative to a facility for long-term care to
16 maximize the independence of the person; and

17 (2) A fiscal analysis of the Program;

18 (d) Analyze the feasibility and fiscal impact of establishing a
19 program in this State for assertive community treatment to assist
20 persons who are suffering from dementia or other mental illness and
21 provide support to such persons, including, without limitation:

22 (1) The services provided by such programs to enable
23 persons to remain in their own home or with family to avoid
24 placement in facilities for long-term care; and

25 (2) A fiscal analysis of such programs;

26 (e) Review and analyze the consequences, including any fiscal
27 impact, that would result if the statutory definition of "person with a
28 mental illness" was amended to include any person whose capacity
29 to exercise self-control, judgment and discretion is diminished by
30 Alzheimer's disease or dementia;

31 (f) Analyze the feasibility of further developing the Facility
32 Outreach and Community Integration Services Program in the
33 Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of
34 Health and Human Services;

35 (g) Analyze the feasibility of increasing enrollment in the
36 Nevada Caregiver Support Center at the University of Nevada,
37 Reno; and

38 (h) Review and analyze any other options for the long-term care
39 of persons in this State who are elderly or suffering from dementia
40 to avoid placing such persons in facilities for long-term care located
41 outside this State.

42 2. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall work in consultation
43 with the Department of Health and Human Services to collect the
44 information needed to conduct the study required pursuant to
45 subsection 1.



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1 3. On or before June 30, 2010, the staff of the Legislative
2 Counsel Bureau shall submit a report of the results of the study and
3 any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative Commission
4 and to the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The Legislative
5 Commission shall submit the report of the results of the study and
6 any recommendations for legislation to the 76th Session of the
7 Nevada Legislature.

8 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

