

SENATE BILL NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment of a system for the electronic submission of applications for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. (BDR 38-210)

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 welfare; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a system for the electronic submission of applications for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program; requiring certain agencies to use the system to forward such applications to the Department; requiring the transfer of money from the Abandoned Property Trust Account for the Department to establish and maintain the system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the administration of welfare programs pursuant to federal law, including Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. (Chapters 422 and 422A of NRS) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a system which allows applicants for these programs to submit applications electronically. **Section 1** further requires agencies that are designated by the Director of the Department to receive applications or determine eligibility for Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program to use the system to forward applications to the Department.

Certain money received by the State pursuant to chapter 120A of NRS, including proceeds from the sale of unclaimed property, is deposited in the Abandoned Property Trust Account. (NRS 120A.620) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill require an annual transfer of money from the Account for the Department to establish and maintain the system required by **section 1** of this bill.



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

Section 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall establish and maintain a system which allows an applicant for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to submit the application electronically. The system must allow an applicant to submit an application through the Internet or another on-line service designated by the Department.

2. An agency designated by the Director to receive applications or determine eligibility for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program shall use the system established pursuant to subsection 1 to forward to the Department all applications received by the agency.

3. An applicant for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program must not be required to submit an application electronically. If an applicant submits a written application to an agency designated by the Director, the agency shall create an electronic application on behalf of the applicant and use the system established pursuant to subsection 1 to forward the application to the Department.

Sec. 2. NRS 120A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:
120A.620 1. There is hereby created in the State General Fund the Abandoned Property Trust Account.

2. All money received by the Administrator under this chapter, including the proceeds from the sale of abandoned property, must be deposited by the Administrator in the State General Fund for credit to the Account.

3. Before making a deposit, the Administrator shall record the name and last known address of each person appearing from the holders' reports to be entitled to the abandoned property and the name and last known address of each insured person or annuitant, and with respect to each policy or contract listed in the report of an insurance company, its number, the name of the company and the amount due. The record must be available for public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

4. The Administrator may pay from money available in the Account:

- (a) Any costs in connection with the sale of abandoned property.
- (b) Any costs of mailing and publication in connection with any abandoned property.
- (c) Reasonable service charges.



(d) Any costs incurred in examining the records of a holder and in collecting the abandoned property.

(e) Any valid claims filed pursuant to this chapter.

5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 120A.610, by the end of each fiscal year, the balance in the Account must be transferred as follows:

(a) The first \$7,600,000 each year must be transferred to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund created by NRS 396.926.

(b) *After making the transfer pursuant to paragraph (a), \$159,513.84, if available, must be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the system required pursuant to section 1 of this act.*

(c) The remainder must be transferred to the State General Fund, but remains subject to the valid claims of holders pursuant to NRS 120A.590 and owners pursuant to NRS 120A.640. No such claim may be satisfied from money in the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund ~~or~~ *or from money transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to paragraph (b).*

6. If there is an insufficient amount of money in the Account to pay any cost or charge pursuant to subsection 4, the State Board of Examiners may, upon the application of the Administrator, authorize a temporary transfer from the State General Fund to the Account of an amount necessary to pay those costs or charges. The Administrator shall repay the amount of the transfer as soon as sufficient money is available in the Account.

Sec. 3. NRS 120A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

120A.620 1. There is hereby created in the State General Fund the Abandoned Property Trust Account.

2. All money received by the Administrator under this chapter, including the proceeds from the sale of abandoned property, must be deposited by the Administrator in the State General Fund for credit to the Account.

3. Before making a deposit, the Administrator shall record the name and last known address of each person appearing from the holders' reports to be entitled to the abandoned property and the name and last known address of each insured person or annuitant, and with respect to each policy or contract listed in the report of an insurance company, its number, the name of the company and the amount due. The record must be available for public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

4. The Administrator may pay from money available in the Account:

(a) Any costs in connection with the sale of abandoned property.

(b) Any costs of mailing and publication in connection with any abandoned property.



- 1 (c) Reasonable service charges.
2 (d) Any costs incurred in examining the records of a holder and
3 in collecting the abandoned property.
4 (e) Any valid claims filed pursuant to this chapter.
5 5. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 120A.610, by the end
6 of each fiscal year, the balance in the Account must be transferred as
7 follows:
8 (a) The first \$7,600,000 each year must be transferred to the
9 Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund created by NRS 396.926.
10 (b) After making the transfer pursuant to paragraph (a),
11 ~~[\$159,513.84,]~~ **\$12,500 each year**, if available, must be transferred
12 to the Department of Health and Human Services to ~~establish~~
13 **maintain** the system required pursuant to section 1 of this act.
14 (c) The remainder must be transferred to the State General Fund,
15 but remains subject to the valid claims of holders pursuant to NRS
16 120A.590 and owners pursuant to NRS 120A.640. No such claim
17 may be satisfied from money in the Millennium Scholarship Trust
18 Fund or from money transferred to the Department of Health and
19 Human Services pursuant to paragraph (b).
20 6. If there is an insufficient amount of money in the Account to
21 pay any cost or charge pursuant to subsection 4, the State Board of
22 Examiners may, upon the application of the Administrator,
23 authorize a temporary transfer from the State General Fund to the
24 Account of an amount necessary to pay those costs or charges. The
25 Administrator shall repay the amount of the transfer as soon as
26 sufficient money is available in the Account.
27 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 2 of this act
28 become effective on July 1, 2009.
29 2. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.

