

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 345—ASSEMBLYMEN OHRENSCHALL, CONKLIN, CARLTON, OCEGUERA, SMITH; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ATKINSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BOBZIEN, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, DALY, DIAZ, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES, FRIERSON, HOGAN, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, LIVERMORE, MASTROLUCA, MUNFORD, NEAL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM AND STEWART

MARCH 21, 2011

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SCHNEIDER, LESLIE, HORSFORD, LEE, RHOADS; BREEDEN, HARDY, KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN, MANENDO, PARKS AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to services for persons with autism. (BDR 38-26)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 autism; establishing the Autism Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; making an appropriation to the Program for the provision of services to certain children with autism; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 The Department of Health and Human Services provides various programs for
- 2 persons with disabilities, including, without limitation, mental health services, early
- 3 intervention services and services for persons who are disabled. (NRS 232.300)
- 4 **Section 1** of this bill establishes the Autism Treatment Assistance Program within
- 5 the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department to improve programs
- 6 and services to persons with autism. **Section 1** also requires the Program to



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coordinate with other governmental entities to develop policies and programs for the treatment of persons with autism.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation to be used for the provision of services to certain persons with autism.

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

Section 1. Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. There is hereby established the Autism Treatment Assistance Program within the Division to serve as the primary autism program within the Department and to improve programs, services and treatment for persons with autism through the age of 19 years and their families.

2. The Autism Treatment Assistance Program shall coordinate with other governmental agencies to develop policies and programs for the treatment of persons with autism through the age of 19 years.

3. The policies and programs of the Autism Treatment Assistance Program which concern the provision of services to persons with autism must be submitted for review to the Nevada Autism Task Force created by section 40 of chapter 348, Statutes of Nevada 2007, or its successor organization. Such a policy or program must not become effective until approved by the Task Force or its successor organization.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Autism Treatment Assistance Program established pursuant to section 1 of this act within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$1,486,285 for the provision of services to persons with autism who are on the waiting list, if any, to participate in the Autism Treatment Assistance Program or on the waiting list, if any, of the Desert Regional Center, Sierra Regional Center or Rural Regional Center.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2013, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2013, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2013.



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1 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

