SENATE BILL NO. 173–SENATOR PARKS (BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment and maintenance of an integrated system for the provision of health and social services in certain counties. (BDR 40-368)

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 health districts; authorizing the board of county commissioners of certain counties to authorize the district board of health to establish and maintain an integrated system for the provision of certain health and social services; authorizing the board of county commissioners to place certain county agencies under the direct control and supervision of the district health department; authorizing the district board of health to adopt regulations; requiring the district board of health to make certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature concerning an integrated system for the provision of health and social services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill authorizes the board of county commissioners in a county whose population is 400,000 or more (currently Clark County) to authorize the district board of health to establish and maintain an integrated system to provide comprehensive health and social services, including: (1) adoption services; (2) alcohol and drug abuse prevention services; (3) child abuse prevention services; (4) child welfare services; (5) delinquency prevention services; (6) determination of eligibility for public assistance; (7) employment and training services; (8) foster care services; (9) health services; and (10) mental health services. In addition, **section 1** authorizes the board of county commissioners to place any county agency which provides health or social services under the direct control and supervision of the district health department. **Section 1** also authorizes the district board of health to adopt regulations to carry out the integrated system and administer any county agency placed under the direct control and supervision of the district health

department. A district board of health that establishes and maintains an integrated system for the provision of health and social services is required to provide a biennial report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the system and the services provided by the system.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. In addition to any other powers, duties and authority conferred on the district board of health, the board of county commissioners may authorize the district board of health to establish and maintain an integrated system to:

(a) Provide comprehensive health and social services in an efficient, cost-effective and client-focused manner; and

(b) Promote wellness, self-sufficiency and a better quality of life for all persons and families who use the services provided by the system.

2. An integrated system to provide health and social services established pursuant to subsection 1 may include:

(a) Adoption services;

(b) Alcohol and drug abuse prevention services;

(c) Child abuse prevention services;

(d) Child welfare services;

(e) Delinquency prevention services;

(f) Determination of eligibility for public assistance;

(g) Employment and training services;

(h) Foster care services;

(i) Health services; and

(j) Mental health services.

3. To enable the district board of health to maintain an integrated system to provide health and social services established pursuant to subsection 1, the board of county commissioners may place any county agency which provides any service described in subsection 2 under the direct control and supervision of the district health department.

4. The district board of health may adopt regulations in the manner provided in NRS 439.366:

(a) To establish and maintain an integrated system to provide health and social services pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) For the administration of any agency of the county which is placed under the direct control and supervision of the district health department pursuant to subsection 3.

5. A district board of health which is authorized to establish and maintain an integrated system to provide health and social services pursuant to subsection 1 shall, in consultation with the State Board of Health and the Director, develop outcome and performance measures specific to the provision of health and social services by the system.

6. The provisions of this section do not authorize a district board of health, district health department, county, board of county commissioners or any agency of a county to:

(a) Discontinue meeting any obligation under state or federal law to provide health or social services; or

(b) Take any action that would reduce eligibility for state or federal funding for any health or social services provided by the State or any political subdivision of the State.

7. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, a district board of health that establishes and maintains an integrated system to provide health and social services pursuant to subsection 1 shall submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature a written report concerning the performance, efficiency and cost of providing health and social services through the system.

Sec. 2. NRS 439.361 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.361 The provisions of NRS 439.361 to 439.368, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** apply to a county whose population is 400,000 or more.

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