

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 156—ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing family resource centers. (BDR 38-209)

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 public welfare; revising the manner in which the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services determines whether a community is at-risk for purposes of provisions relating to family resource centers; requiring a family resource center to obtain input from certain elected officials when creating an action plan; requiring a case manager at a family resource center to collect and analyze data to monitor the performance of certain responsibilities by members of families receiving services from the family resource center; expanding the information included in the annual report prepared by family resource centers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law defines the term “family resource center” as a facility within an at-risk community where families may obtain: (1) an assessment of their eligibility for social services; (2) social services; and (3) referrals to obtain social services from other service agencies or organizations. (NRS 430A.040) **Section 1** of this bill revises the definition of “at-risk community” to require the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to use data and demographic analyses to determine whether a community is “at-risk.” In addition, **section 1** requires the Director, when making such a determination, to consider the number of families in the community who: (1) have incomes that are less than 133 percent of the federally designated level signifying poverty instead of the number of families in the community who have low incomes; and (2) are at imminent risk of homelessness in addition to the number of families in the community who are transient. **Section 2** of this bill clarifies that a family resource center is a facility where families may obtain social services directly from the center.



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Before a family resource center may obtain a grant from the Director, existing law requires the family resource center to create an action plan which must be approved by the Director. Such an action plan must be developed with input from members of the family resource center council, an organization of community members who assist and advise the family resource center. (NRS 430A.045, 430A.120, 430A.140) **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill require the family resource center also to develop the plan with input from local and state elected officials who represent the geographic area in which the family resource center is located when creating the action plan.

Existing law requires a case manager to develop a plan with each family that seeks services from a family resource center and requires that the plan specify the responsibilities the family members must fulfill to remain eligible for services. (NRS 430A.170) **Section 5** of this bill requires the case manager to collect and analyze data to monitor the performance of these responsibilities by the family members. **Section 6** of this bill requires the annual report submitted to the Director by each family resource center to include, for each family to which the family resource center provides services, a summary of the performance of these responsibilities.

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

Section 1. NRS 430A.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

430A.020 "At-risk community" means a geographic area that the Director has declared, *based on an analysis of demographics and data*, to be in need of social and economic assistance and social service programs because of the number of families who reside there who:

1. Have ~~low~~ incomes *that are less than 133 percent of the federally designated level signifying poverty*;
2. Are transient ~~or~~ *at imminent risk of homelessness*; or
3. Have members whose ability to excel in academics, work and social situations is impaired by the educational, economic and social situation of the family as a unit.

Sec. 2. NRS 430A.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

430A.040 "Family resource center" means a facility within an at-risk community where families may obtain:

1. An assessment of their eligibility for social services;
2. Social services ~~or~~ *directly from the family resource center*;
- and
3. Referrals to obtain social services from other social service agencies or organizations.

Sec. 3. NRS 430A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

430A.120 The Director shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The regulations must provide:



1 1. Criteria for evaluating and determining the geographic
2 boundaries for at-risk communities.

3 2. A method for establishing family resource centers, which
4 must include the option of designating existing organizations as
5 family resource centers.

6 3. Criteria for evaluating and approving action plans. The
7 criteria must provide that no action plan will be approved unless it
8 is:

9 (a) Tailored to meet the specific needs of the community;

10 (b) Developed with input from members of the family resource
11 center council ~~§~~ *and local and state elected officials who*
12 *represent the geographic area in which the family resource center*
13 *is located;* and

14 (c) Feasible in relation to the resources available to the family
15 resource center to which the action plan applies.

16 4. Criteria for the establishment and composition of a family
17 resource center council.

18 **Sec. 4.** NRS 430A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 430A.140 1. Before a family resource center may obtain a
20 grant from the Director, the family resource center:

21 (a) Must submit to the Director an action plan created by the
22 family resource center with input from the family resource center
23 council ~~§~~ *and local and state elected officials who represent the*
24 *geographic area in which the family resource center is located;*
25 and

26 (b) Must obtain approval from the Director of that action plan.

27 2. An action plan must be resubmitted to the Director for
28 approval:

29 (a) On or before July 1 of each year; and

30 (b) Any time the family resource center adopts a proposed
31 amendment to the action plan.

32 **Sec. 5.** NRS 430A.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 430A.170 1. Each family resource center must have a case
34 manager and may have a coordinator to handle administrative
35 matters. If a family resource center does not employ a separate
36 person to act as coordinator, the case manager shall also act as
37 coordinator.

38 2. The Director shall provide training for all case managers on
39 how to assess the needs of families using the family resource center.

40 3. The case manager shall, for each family that seeks services
41 from the center ~~§, develop~~ :

42 *(a) Develop* a plan with the family which specifies:

43 ~~(a)~~ (1) The services for which the family is eligible;

44 ~~(b)~~ (2) Whether the family will receive services from the
45 family resource center or a social service agency, or both;



~~1~~ ~~(c)~~ (3) The responsibilities the family members must fulfill to
2 remain eligible for the services; and

~~3~~ ~~(d)~~ (4) The manner in which the performance of
4 responsibilities by the agency and the family members will be
5 monitored ~~+~~; and

6 *(b) Collect and analyze data to monitor the performance by the*
7 *family members of the responsibilities prescribed in the plan.*

8 **Sec. 6.** NRS 430A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 430A.200 1. On or before August 1 of each year, each family
10 resource center shall submit a report to the Director summarizing
11 ~~its~~:

12 *(a) Its* achievements and accounting for the expenditure of any
13 money provided to it by the Director for the previous fiscal year ~~+~~;
14 and

15 *(b) For each family that receives services from the family*
16 *resource center, the performance by the family members of the*
17 *responsibilities prescribed in the plan developed pursuant to*
18 *subsection 3 of NRS 430A.170.*

19 2. On or before September 30 of each year, the Director shall
20 provide a written report to the Interim Finance Committee
21 concerning the expenditure during the preceding fiscal year of all
22 money received by the Director for carrying out the provisions of
23 this chapter.

24 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

