

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 156—ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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; 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 200 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.

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



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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.

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 ~~How~~ incomes ~~that~~ *that are less than 200 percent of the federally designated level signifying poverty;*
2. Are transient ~~that~~ *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 ~~that~~ *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. Criteria for evaluating and determining the geographic boundaries for at-risk communities.
2. A method for establishing family resource centers, which must include the option of designating existing organizations as family resource centers.



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

- (a) Tailored to meet the specific needs of the community;
- (b) Developed with input from members of the family resource center council ~~†~~ *and local and state elected officials who represent the geographic area in which the family resource center is located;* and
- (c) Feasible in relation to the resources available to the family resource center to which the action plan applies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) On or before July 1 of each year; and
- (b) Any time the family resource center adopts a proposed amendment to the action plan.

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

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

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

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

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

- ~~†(a)†~~ (1) The services for which the family is eligible;
- ~~†(b)†~~ (2) Whether the family will receive services from the family resource center or a social service agency, or both;
- ~~†(c)†~~ (3) The responsibilities the family members must fulfill to remain eligible for the services; and
- ~~†(d)†~~ (4) The manner in which the performance of responsibilities by the agency and the family members will be monitored ~~†~~; *and*



- 1 *(b) Collect and analyze data to monitor the performance by the*
- 2 *family members of the responsibilities prescribed in the plan.*
- 3 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 4 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

