

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 340—ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to take certain actions to improve access to diapers and diapering supplies for recipients of public assistance. (BDR 38-871)

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 Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to take certain actions to improve access to diapers and diapering supplies for recipients of public assistance; requiring the Director to work with diaper banks and similar organizations for certain related purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Health and
2 Human Services to appoint a committee to research opportunities to use federal
3 money to increase the availability of diapers and diapering supplies to certain
4 recipients of public assistance, including, without limitation, researching whether
5 diapers and diapering supplies may be provided as an incentive to complete certain
6 programs. Such programs may relate to smoking cessation, prenatal care visits or
7 pediatric follow-up appointments with certain providers of health care. **Section 2**
8 requires the committee to report to the Director at least two times each year and
9 requires the Director to take all necessary action to increase the availability of
10 diapers and diapering supplies to certain recipients of public assistance.

11 **Section 3** of this bill requires the Director to work collaboratively with any
12 diaper banks in this State and any similar nonprofit organizations which provide
13 diapers and diapering supplies to low-income persons at no cost or a reduced cost
14 to ensure recipients of public assistance are made aware of the existence, location
15 and services provided by such organizations. **Section 3** also requires the Director to
16 make this information available on the Internet website of the Department and with
17 any appropriate informational material which is made available to recipients of
18 public assistance to the extent possible.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 422A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The Director shall appoint a committee within*
4 *the Division to research opportunities to use money received from*
5 *the Federal Government to increase the availability of diapers and*
6 *diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance, including,*
7 *without limitation, researching whether diapers may be provided*
8 *as an incentive to complete certain programs. Such programs may*
9 *include, without limitation, programs relating to smoking*
10 *cessation, prenatal care visits or pediatric follow-up appointments*
11 *with providers of health care.*

12 **2.** *The Committee must report the results of its research to the*
13 *Director at least two times per year.*

14 **3.** *If the Director determines any such opportunities exist, the*
15 *Director shall take all necessary action to increase the availability*
16 *of diapers and diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance*
17 *including, without limitation, applying for any necessary waivers*
18 *from the Federal Government relating to public assistance*
19 *programs and making any necessary recommendations to the*
20 *Legislature for changes in state law.*

21 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Director shall work collaboratively with any*
22 *diaper banks in this State and any similar nonprofit organizations*
23 *which provide diapers and diapering supplies to low-income*
24 *persons at no cost or a reduced cost to ensure recipients of public*
25 *assistance are made aware of the existence, location and services*
26 *provided by such organizations.*

27 **2.** *The Director shall post the information described in*
28 *subsection 1 on the Internet website of the Department and shall*
29 *include such information with materials provided by the*
30 *Department to recipients of public assistance to the extent*
31 *possible.*

32 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

