

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 appoint a committee to research opportunities to improve access to diapers and diapering supplies for recipients of public assistance and other low-income families; authorizing the Director to take any necessary action to take advantage of opportunities to increase the availability of diapers and diapering supplies to such persons; 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 increase the
3 availability of diapers and diapering supplies to certain recipients of public
4 assistance and low-income families. **Section 2** requires the committee to consist of
5 representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services who have
6 knowledge of certain programs offered by the Department, as well as
7 representatives of organizations located in this State that provide services relating
8 to diapers and diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance and other low-
9 income families. **Section 2** also requires the committee to report the results of its
10 research to the Director of the Department on or before June 30 of each year and
11 requires the Director, on or before September 30 of each even-numbered year, to
12 submit a report of the results of such research and any recommendations for
13 changes in state laws or regulations to the Legislature. **Section 2** authorizes the
14 Director to take any necessary action to increase the availability of diapers and



diapering supplies to certain recipients of public assistance and other low-income families.

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

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

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

Sec. 2. 1. *The Director shall appoint a committee to research opportunities to increase the availability of diapers and diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance and other low-income families in this State, including, without limitation, researching opportunities to:*

(a) Use money received from the Federal Government to carry out a program of public assistance or other program for which the Department is responsible; and

(b) Obtain donations of money, diapers, diapering supplies or any combination thereof, including, without limitation, in-kind donations and donations from private foundations, manufacturers of diapers and diapering supplies and other sources.

2. *The committee must consist of representatives of:*

(a) The Department who have knowledge of programs offered by the Department, including, without limitation, programs relating to smoking cessation, prenatal care visits and follow-up appointments for infants and children with providers of health care; and

(b) Organizations located in this State which provide services relating to diapers and diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance and other low-income families, including, without limitation, organizations which advocate and provide referrals for such services.

3. *The committee must report the results of its research to the Director on or before June 30 of each year. If the Director determines that any opportunities exist to increase the availability of diapers and diapering supplies to recipients of public assistance and other low-income families, the Director may take any necessary action to take advantage of such opportunities,*



32 *including, without limitation, applying for any necessary waivers*
33 *from the Federal Government relating to public assistance.*

34 *4. The Director shall submit a report of the results of the*
35 *research, any action taken in response to the results and*
36 *recommendations for legislation to the Legislature on or before*
37 *September 30 of each even-numbered year.*

38 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Director shall work collaboratively with any*
39 *diaper banks in this State and any similar nonprofit organizations*
40 *which provide diapers and diapering supplies to low-income*
41 *persons at no cost or a reduced cost to ensure recipients of public*
42 *assistance and other low-income families are made aware of the*
43 *existence, location and services provided by such organizations.*

44 *2. The Director shall post the information described in*
45 *subsection 1 on the Internet website of the Department and shall*
46 *include such information with materials provided by the*
47 *Department to recipients of public assistance and other low-*
48 *income families to the extent possible.*

49 **Sec. 3.5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
50 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
51 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

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

