

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 430—ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes a family home visiting system to provide support to new parents. (BDR 38-1001)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 children; providing for the establishment of a family home visiting system to provide support to new parents; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law imposes certain requirements to ensure maternal and child health. (Chapter 442 of NRS) This bill requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and coordinate with other governmental entities to carry out a family home visiting system to provide for appropriately trained professionals to visit the homes of children during early childhood. This bill requires the family home visiting system to: (1) employ evidence-based models that have demonstrated positive outcomes in certain areas; and (2) prioritize families to receive services based on risk factors known to impair childhood development. This bill also requires the Division to publish an annual report that contains certain information about the family home visiting system.

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

Section 1. Chapter 432 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Division shall establish by regulation and coordinate with other state and local governmental entities to carry out a family home visiting system to provide for appropriately trained professionals to visit the homes of children during early childhood. The system must:



(a) *Employ evidence-based models of home visitation that use comprehensive standards based on peer-reviewed scientific research to ensure the delivery of high-quality services. The evidence-based models must have demonstrated at least two of the following:*

(1) *Improved prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes;*

(2) *Improved safety and reduction in child abuse and neglect and other injuries to children;*

(3) *Improved economic security and self-sufficiency of families; and*

(4) *Enhanced early childhood development in the areas of social and emotional development, language, cognition and physical health that improves the readiness of the child for school.*

(b) *Identify and refer families for home visitation before or soon after birth. Such referrals must prioritize families to receive services based on risk factors known to impair childhood development, including, without limitation:*

(1) *Parents who are less than 20 years of age;*

(2) *A history of prenatal drug or alcohol abuse;*

(3) *A history of child abuse or neglect, domestic violence or other violence;*

(4) *Parents who are incarcerated;*

(5) *Parents who have reduced cognitive functioning or a significant disability;*

(6) *Insufficient financial resources to meet the needs of the family;*

(7) *A history of homelessness; and*

(8) *Any other risk factor identified by the Division.*

2. *On or before October 1 of each year, the Division shall post on an Internet website maintained by the Division a report concerning the family home visiting system established pursuant to subsection 1. The report must include, without limitation:*

(a) *The number of families served by each evidence-based model employed by the program;*

(b) *Demographic data concerning the families served by the program;*

(c) *Data concerning the length of time that families are participating in the program;*

(d) *Information concerning coordination with other state and local governmental entities to carry out the program; and*

(e) *Information concerning outcomes relating to prenatal, maternal, infant and child health, occurrences of child abuse and neglect, family economic security, childhood development and school readiness.*



1 **3. As used in this section, “abuse” and “neglect” have the**
2 **meanings ascribed to them in NRS 432B.330.**

3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

4 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
5 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
6 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

7 2. On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.

