### SENATE BILL NO. 174—SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

## FEBRUARY 18, 2019

#### Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides for an audit of certain services provided to persons with autism spectrum disorders. (BDR S-680)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to disability services; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the Medicaid program concerning the delivery of certain services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer Medicaid. (NRS 422.270) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the delivery of evidence-based services for persons with autism spectrum disorders during the 2019-2020 biennium.

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

**Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.** 1. The Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit during the 2019-2021 biennium of the Medicaid program, including, without limitation, Medicaid managed care programs, the Autism Treatment Assistance Program and any other program or services provided through the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the delivery of evidence-based services for children with autism spectrum disorders. The audit must include, without limitation:

(a) An analysis of the capacity of persons who provide such services and the wait times to receive such services:



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- (b) An identification and assessment of factors, including, without limitation, rates of reimbursement, lack of providers of services, procedures for authorization of services and delays in obtaining assessments and diagnoses, that inhibit access to and delivery of such services; and
- (c) An analysis of revenues and expenditures relating to such services and any unspent money that has been appropriated for such services since July 1, 2015.
- 2. The Legislative Auditor shall present a final written report of the audit to the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission by not later than January 31, 2021.
  - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.





