

SENATE BILL NO. 317—SENATORS SETTELMAYER, HAMMOND,
PICKARD, SEEVERS GANSERT; AND HARDY

MARCH 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to juvenile assessment centers. (BDR 5-165)

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 juveniles; establishing provisions relating to juvenile assessment centers; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill requires a juvenile assessment center, subject to available funding and for the purpose of providing support services to pupils in a school district who have been screened and identified as having had an adverse childhood experience that warrants the need for such services, to: (1) provide such a pupil who is referred to the juvenile assessment center with multidisciplinary intervention services that will assist the pupil with his or her academic progress; (2) provide weekly updates regarding the pupil's progress to the designated liaison of the school district; and (3) coordinate funding for and the oversight of regional multidisciplinary teams that provide support services directly to pupils at schools throughout Nevada.

Section 2 of this bill makes an appropriation of \$16,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Eighth Judicial District in this State for the purpose of: (1) establishing four additional juvenile assessment centers in the District; (2) funding proper mental health professional staff at each juvenile assessment center; (3) funding certain support services provided by a juvenile assessment center that are not covered by Medicaid; and (4) funding regional multidisciplinary prevention teams to provide support services directly to pupils in need of such services at schools throughout the District.



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

Section 1. Chapter 62B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To provide the requisite level of comprehensive support services to pupils in a school district who have been screened and identified as having had an adverse childhood experience that warrants the need for such services, a juvenile assessment center shall, subject to available appropriations:

(a) Provide such a pupil who is referred to the juvenile assessment center with intense, regular multidisciplinary intervention services to assist in managing or eradicating the barriers that impede the academic progress of the pupil;

(b) Provide weekly updates regarding the progress of the pupil to the designated liaison of the school district and, if necessary, coordinate any additional services needed to support the pupil; and

(c) Coordinate funding for and the oversight of regional multidisciplinary teams that provide support services directly to pupils at schools throughout this State.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Adverse childhood experience" means a stressful or traumatic event that a child experiences, including, without limitation:

(1) Being a victim of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or physical or emotional neglect.

(2) Witnessing physical, sexual or emotional abuse, physical or emotional neglect, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness, the incarceration of a family member or parental separation or divorce.

(b) "Juvenile assessment center" means a facility that provides assessments of children for the purpose of determining the needs of a particular child and coordinating appropriate support services to address those needs. The term includes, without limitation, the facility in Clark County known as The Harbor.

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Nevada the sum of \$16,000,000 for:

(a) The establishment of four additional juvenile assessment centers in the District;

(b) The funding of proper mental health professional staff required at each juvenile assessment center in the District;



(c) The funding of any portion of support services provided by a juvenile assessment center that is not covered by Medicaid, excluding any services relating to substance abuse; and

(d) The funding of regional multidisciplinary prevention teams to provide support services directly to pupils in need of such services at schools throughout the District.

2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used to supplement and not supplant or cause to be reduced any other source of funding for the purposes set forth in subsection 1.

3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

4. As used in this section, "juvenile assessment center" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

