

SENATE BILL NO. 424—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

APRIL 29, 2021

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Creates the Public Health Resource Office.
(BDR 40-1107)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 health; creating the Public Health Resource Office within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; providing for the appointment of the Public Health Resource Officer; prescribing the duties of the Office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to administer provisions of law relating to public health. (NRS 439.010) This bill: (1) creates the Public Health Resource Office within the Division; and (2) provides for the appointment of the Public Health Resource Officer to oversee the Office. This bill requires the Office to perform certain duties to improve the delivery of public health services and otherwise meet the public health needs of this State.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Public Health Resource Office is hereby created within the Division.



2. *The Administrator shall appoint a person who is knowledgeable in the field of public health to serve as the Public Health Resource Officer. The Public Health Resource Officer is in the unclassified service of the State.*

3. *The Public Health Resource Officer may employ such persons as are necessary to carry out the duties of the Office. Such employees are in the unclassified service of the State.*

4. *The Office may accept gifts, grants and donations to support its duties.*

5. *The Office shall:*

(a) *Analyze the existing infrastructure for meeting the public health needs of this State and the relationships between persons and entities involved in the provision of public health services, including, without limitation, the Division, local health authorities, providers of health care, health care facilities and nonprofit organizations; and*

(b) *Identify and make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, Director and Administrator concerning:*

(1) *Unmet needs for public health services;*

(2) *Opportunities to obtain federal or private funding to support public health services; and*

(3) *Ways in which to improve coordination between providers of public health services and maximize efficiency in the delivery of public health services.*

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective:

1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks; and

2. On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

