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AN ACT relating to caregivers; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a pilot program to administer certain assessments to family caregivers and report the results of the pilot program to certain entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes various programs to provide services to aging persons and persons with disabilities. (Chapter 427A of NRS) This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, during the 2023-2024 interim, to: (1) develop evidence-based and culturally sensitive assessments to be administered to family caregivers for persons with disabilities or health conditions; and (2) implement a pilot program to administer those assessments to family caregivers. This bill requires those assessments to measure certain factors related to the capabilities, needs and quality of life of such family caregivers. This bill requires the Department to: (1) annually report on the progress and results of the pilot program to the Legislature and certain entities that provide or oversee services for persons with disabilities in this State; and (2) publish the report on an Internet website maintained by the Department.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. 1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall, during the 2023-2024 interim:

(a) Develop evidence-based and culturally sensitive assessments to be administered to family caregivers by the Department. Such assessments must:

(1) Determine the willingness and ability of a family caregiver to provide long-term services and supports to a person with a disability or health condition and the needs of such family caregivers;

(2) Measure the extent, quality, value and effect of social determinants of health, specific risk factors related to stress and depression and environmental and cultural barriers on family caregivers;

(3) Measure the efficacy of referrals linking family caregivers to local community resources;



(4) Assess the capacity of each family caregiver to provide all necessary care, including, without limitation, any activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living; and

(5) Identify the knowledge and needs of family caregivers, social supports for family caregivers, the willingness of family caregivers to undertake caregiving tasks and the ability of family caregivers to provide care.

(b) Establish a process for gathering data collected through the assessments developed pursuant to paragraph (a).

(c) Develop and implement a pilot program to administer the assessments developed pursuant to paragraph (a) and collect data from the assessments using the process established pursuant to paragraph (b), emphasizing the collection of data necessary to:

(1) Identify unmet demand for community resources to assist caregivers; and

(2) Develop resources to meet that demand.

(d) Recruit persons and entities who directly or indirectly receive money from the Department or any Division thereof to provide services for older persons or persons with disabilities or health care services to voluntarily participate in the pilot program developed pursuant to paragraph (c).

2. On or before June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall:

(a) Compile a report concerning the progress and results of the activities conducted pursuant to subsection 1. The report must include, without limitation, data concerning the factors assessed pursuant to subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

(b) Publish the report on an Internet website maintained by the Department.

(c) Submit the report to:

(1) The Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition;

(2) The Nevada Commission on Aging created by NRS 427A.032;

(3) The statewide independent living council established in this State pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 796d;

(4) The Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities created by NRS 427A.1211; and

(5) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs.



3. As used in this section, “family caregiver” means a member of the family of a person with a disability or a health condition who provides regular care for that person on a full-time or part-time basis.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

