

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 132—ASSEMBLYMEN
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FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment of a Regional Opioid Task Force in Clark County. (BDR S-721)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; requiring the Clark County Board of County Commissioners to establish a Regional Opioid Task Force to study certain issues relating to opioid overdose fatalities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill requires the Clark County Board of County Commissioners to
2 establish a Regional Opioid Task Force to review data relating to opioid overdose
3 fatalities and near fatalities and use such data to address gaps in community
4 services relating to opioids and opioid overdose fatalities. This bill also requires the
5 Clark County Board of County Commissioners to appoint the members to the Task
6 Force who must be certain persons, represent certain organizations or agencies or
7 have expertise in certain areas. This bill further requires the Task Force to submit a
8 report to the Governor and Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau with a
9 summary of the work of the Task Force and recommendations for legislation.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Clark County Board of County
2 Commissioners shall establish a Regional Opioid Task Force,
3 consisting of the following members appointed by the Clark County
4 Board of County Commissioners:



(a) One member who represents a social services agency in Clark County;

(b) One member who represents the Department of Family Services of Clark County;

(c) One member who represents the Department of Juvenile Justice Services of Clark County;

(d) One member who represents the Southern Nevada Health District;

(e) One member with experience in the field of public health epidemiology selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Southern Nevada Health District;

(f) One member with experience in the field of primary health care;

(g) One member with experience in the field of mental health;

(h) One member who represents the Clark County School District;

(i) One member who represents law enforcement selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department;

(j) One member with experience in the field of behavioral health;

(k) One member with experience in the field of addiction medicine;

(l) One member who represents a provider of emergency medical services in Clark County;

(m) One member who represents public health educators or community health workers who represent or serve persons with limited-English proficiency;

(n) One member who represents a substance use disorder prevention coalition in Clark County; and

(o) The Clark County coroner or his or her designee.

2. The Task Force shall:

(a) Review data relating to opioid overdose fatalities and near fatalities in the county to identify gaps in community services relating to opioids and opioid overdose fatalities;

(b) Identify existing statewide and community databases that contain information relating to harm reduction and substance use to assist in identifying gaps in community services and developing targeted interventions relating to opioids; and

(c) Ensure any data reviewed by the Task Force is comprised of multiple sources and databases.

3. After reviewing data pursuant to subsection 2, the Task Force may elect to conduct:



(a) A systemic review of opioid overdose fatalities occurring on or after October 1, 2023, as necessary to determine the responsiveness of community services; or

(b) A review of opioid overdose fatalities in the zip codes of Clark County with the highest numbers of opioid overdose fatalities.

4. In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, the Task Force shall identify:

(a) Any trends in the social determinants of health relating to opioid overdose fatalities; and

(b) Opportunities for collaboration to leverage existing resources to prevent opioid overdose fatalities, prevent substance misuse and promote recovery for persons with addictive disorders.

5. Beginning not later than January 1, 2024, the Task Force shall meet not less than once each quarter. The meetings of the Task Force must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.

6. The Clark County Board of County Commissioners shall ensure that there is sufficient staffing to support the administrative needs of the Task Force.

7. On or before December 30, 2024, the Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Legislature which includes a summary of the work of the Task Force and any recommendations for legislation.

Sec. 2. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on October 1, 2023, and expires by limitation on December 31, 2024.

