ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 64–COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the program to provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. (BDR 38-233)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: No.

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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 assistance; revising provisions governing persons subject to work requirements as a condition to receipt of benefits under the program to provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; removing a period of ineligibility for such benefits to the extent authorized by federal law; clarifying the application of hardship exceptions to certain limitations on benefits under the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing federal law creates the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, which is a grant program that provides money to eligible states to provide financial assistance to needy families. (42 U.S.C. §§ 601 et seq.) Existing Nevada law requires the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Services to work with the head of a household who is applying for benefits provided pursuant to the program to establish a written plan for personal responsibility for the household and an agreement of cooperation, which set forth the goals and obligations for individuals in the household relating to work, education, or both. (NRS 422A.535, 422A.540) If the Division determines that the head of household has not complied with the terms of the plan for personal responsibility or agreement of cooperation, existing law authorizes the Division, under certain circumstances, to reduce or terminate benefits. (NRS 422A.560)

Existing federal law requires a parent or caretaker who is receiving assistance under the program to work once the State determines the parent or caretaker is ready to engage in work or once the parent or caretaker has received assistance under the program for 24 months, whichever is earlier. (42 U.S.C. § 602(a)(1)(A)(ii)) **Section 1** of this bill clarifies Nevada law by applying this work requirement to a parent or caretaker receiving benefits under the program rather than to the head of the household. Under **section 1**, if a parent or caretaker does not comply with the work requirements, the head of household would be deemed not in compliance with the plan for personal responsibility and subject to reduction or termination of benefits. (NRS 422A.550, 422A.560)

Existing federal law authorizes a family to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for not more than 60 months, whether consecutive or cumulative, with certain exceptions. (42 U.S.C. § 608(a)(7)) Existing Nevada law prohibits a household that receives benefits for 24 months from receiving additional benefits for 12 consecutive months, with certain exceptions. (NRS 422A.570) **Section 2** of this bill removes this limitation from Nevada law, thereby authorizing a household to continuously receive benefits in accordance with the applicable federal time limitations. **Section 2** maintains the existing hardship exceptions to the maximum time for eligibility for benefits, which are authorized under federal law.

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

Section 1. NRS 422A.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422A.550 1. Subject to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 607(e), the Division shall require each ~~[head of a household]~~ ***parent or caretaker*** who is ~~[not]~~ ***receiving benefits, unless the parent or caretaker is*** suffering from a hardship described in subsection ~~[7]~~ ***5*** of NRS 422A.570 ***,*** to perform work:

(a) Within a reasonable time after the Division determines that the ~~[head of the household]~~ ***parent or caretaker*** is capable of finding and performing work; or

(b) Not later than the date on which the ~~[head of the household]~~ ***parent or caretaker*** has received benefits for 24 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative,

➥ whichever occurs earlier.

2. ~~[A]~~ ***If a parent or caretaker who is subject to the provisions of subsection 1 does not comply with the requirements of this section, the*** head of ~~[a]~~ ***the*** household ***:*** ~~[who does not comply with the requirements of this section:]~~

(a) Shall be deemed to have failed to comply with the terms of the plan for personal responsibility signed by the head of household pursuant to NRS 422A.535; and

(b) Is subject to the penalties prescribed by the Division pursuant to NRS 422A.560 for the failure to comply with the terms of that plan.

3. The Administrator shall adopt regulations setting forth the activities that will constitute work for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 422A.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422A.570 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a household that receives benefits for 24 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative, is prohibited from receiving additional benefits for 12 consecutive months unless the head of the household is suffering from a hardship.~~

~~2. The household may receive additional benefits for not more than 6 additional months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative, if the Administrator determines that providing benefits to the household will significantly increase the likelihood that the head of the household will become self-sufficient and will not need to apply for benefits in the future. A household that receives any additional benefits pursuant to this subsection is prohibited from receiving benefits for 12 consecutive months after the additional benefits cease to be provided unless the head of the household is suffering from a hardship.~~

~~3.]~~ The Division ~~[shall not provide benefits to a household if an adult member of that household has received benefits from this or any other state for 60 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative, unless the head of the household is suffering from a hardship.]~~ ***:***

(a) Shall administer the program in accordance with the applicable federal limits set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 608(a)(7).

(b) Shall not provide benefits to a household if an adult member of that household has reached the maximum period of eligibility set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 608(a)(7), whether that time period is consecutive or cumulative.

~~[4.]~~ ***2.*** Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~[5]~~ ***3*** and ~~[6,]~~ ***4,*** a household that is receiving benefits beyond the period prescribed in subsection 1 ~~[, 2 or 3]~~ because ~~[the head]~~ ***an adult member*** of the household ***who is receiving benefits*** is suffering from a hardship may continue to receive benefits for as long as ~~[the head]~~ ***that adult member*** of the household suffers from the hardship. Once ~~[the head]~~ ***that adult member*** of the household no longer suffers from the hardship, the household is not eligible to receive benefits ~~[:~~

~~(a) For 12 consecutive months if the household has not received benefits from this or any other state for 60 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or cumulative; or~~

~~(b) During the lifetime of the head of the household if the household has received benefits from this or any other state for 60 months, regardless of whether those months are consecutive or~~

~~cumulative, unless the head of the household again suffers from a hardship.~~

~~5.~~ ***if the household has reached the maximum period of eligibility set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 608(a)(7), whether that time period is consecutive or cumulative.***

3. A household that is receiving benefits pursuant to this section because ~~[the head]~~ ***an adult member*** of the household ***who is receiving benefits*** is suffering from a hardship described in paragraph (c) of subsection ~~[7]~~ ***5*** may not receive benefits pursuant to this section solely because of that hardship for more than 12 months during the lifetime of ~~[the head]~~ ***that adult member*** of the household.

~~[6.]~~ ***4.*** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the Administrator determines that the denial or suspension of benefits provided to a household solely because ~~[the head]~~ ***an adult member*** of the household ***who is receiving benefits*** is deemed to be suffering from a hardship is necessary to ensure that this State does not exceed the limitation set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 608(a)(7)(C), the Administrator may deny or suspend such benefits. The Administrator shall send written notice to a household whose benefits will be denied or suspended pursuant to this subsection.

~~[7.]~~ ***5.*** For the purposes of this section, ~~[the head]~~ ***an adult member*** of a household ***who is receiving benefits*** shall be deemed to be suffering from a hardship if the Division determines that the ~~[head]~~ ***adult member*** of ***the*** household:

(a) Is ill or physically or mentally incapacitated;

(b) Must care for an ill or incapacitated member of the household;

(c) Is a single custodial parent of a child who is less than 1 year of age;

(d) Is not a recipient of benefits but receives benefits on behalf of a member of the household who is a dependent;

(e) Is an unmarried parent who:

(1) Is less than 18 years of age; and

(2) Complies with the requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. §§ 608(a)(4) and 608(a)(5);

(f) Is a person who is:

(1) Sixty years of age or older;

(2) The caretaker of a child; and

(3) A relative, other than a parent, of that child; or

(g) Is suffering from any other condition or circumstance that the Administrator deems to be a hardship.

Sec. 3. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2028, for all other purposes.

