ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 79–COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for certain persons. (BDR 40-552)

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 substance use disorders; requiring the Governor to include money to pay the costs of certain programs for the prevention of substance use disorders in the biennial proposed executive budget; establishing requirements for the allocation of money appropriated to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services for those programs; requiring the Division to submit certain reports relating to the expenditure of money appropriated to the Division for those programs; 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 Human Services to formulate and operate a comprehensive state plan for programs for alcohol or other substance abuse disorders. (NRS 458.025) Existing law authorizes the Division to contract with any appropriate public or private agency, organization or institution to carry out its duties relating to such programs. (NRS 458.035) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Governor to include in the biennial proposed executive budget of the State an amount of money to be appropriated to the Division to pay the costs of programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for persons who are 24 years of age or younger. **Section 1** requires the Division, when allocating money from such an appropriation, to give priority to local public or private agencies, organizations or institutions that provide

evidence-based programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for persons who are 24 years of age or younger. **Section 1** also requires the Division, within 60 days after the end of each biennium in which an appropriation is made to the Division to pay the costs of programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for persons who are 24 years of age or younger, to submit to the Director of the Department a report concerning the expenditure of the appropriation.

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

Section 1. Chapter 458 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Governor shall include in the biennial proposed executive budget of the State an amount of money to be appropriated to the Division to pay the costs of programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for persons who are 24 years of age or younger.

2. If any money is appropriated to the Division for the purpose set forth in subsection 1, the Division shall give priority in allocating such money to local public or private agencies, organizations or institutions that provide evidence-based programs for the prevention of substance use disorders for persons who are 24 years of age or younger.

3. Within 60 days after the end of a biennium in which an appropriation was made to the Division for the purpose set forth in subsection 1, the Division shall submit to the Director a report concerning the expenditure of the appropriation. The report must include, without limitation, for the biennium:

(a) The name of each entity that received an allocation from the appropriation;

(b) The amount of the allocation that each such entity received;

(c) The number of persons served by the program provided by the entity that received the allocation; and

(d) A summary of the program provided by the entity that received the allocation.

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