

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AB 430

REQUESTORS OF AMENDMENT:

Assemblywoman Shea Backus

INTENT OF AMENDMENT: The intent of the amendment is to include an interim study concerning maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program.

EXPLANATION: Matters in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language proposed to be in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; and (5) orange double underline is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice shall conduct a study during the 2019 - 2020 interim concerning maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program. The study must include, without limitation:

- (a) Identification of Nevada's targeted at-risk communities to assess needs and existing resources;
- (b) Determination of methods for screening, identifying and referring families for early childhood home visiting program;
- (c) Establishment of a plan for coordination of existing home visitation intervention services;
- (d) Establishment of goal to improve health and development outcomes for children and families who are at risk and objectives to accomplish this goal;
- (e) Establishment of a plan to identify and address needs of proposed communities through high risk models;
- (f) Identification of Nevada's current and past experiences with implementing risk models to identify and address needs of community;
- (g) Identification of how to implement plan for proposed state home visiting program;
- (h) Establishment of plan for collecting data pertaining to mandated benchmarks and ensuring quality of data and analysis;
- (i) Establishment of plan for administration of state home visiting program; and
- (j) Establishment of plan for continuous quality improvement.

2. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice shall include its findings and any recommendations for legislation relating to the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1 in its report submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 218E.720.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

2 ~~Chapter 432 of NRS is hereby amended by adding~~
3 ~~thereto a new section to read as follows:~~
1. ~~The Division shall establish by regulation and coordinate~~

4 ~~with other state and local governmental entities to carry out a~~
5 ~~family home visiting system to provide for appropriately trained~~
6 ~~professionals to visit the homes of children during early~~
7 ~~childhood. The system must:~~

1 ~~(a) Employ evidence-based models of home visitation that use~~
2 ~~comprehensive standards based on peer-reviewed scientific~~
3 ~~research to ensure the delivery of high-quality services. The~~
4 ~~evidence-based models must have demonstrated at least two of the~~
5 ~~following:~~

6 ~~(1) Improved prenatal, maternal, infant or child health~~
7 ~~outcomes;~~

8 ~~(2) Improved safety and reduction in child abuse and~~
9 ~~neglect and other injuries to children;~~

10 ~~(3) Improved economic security and self-sufficiency of~~
11 ~~families; and~~

12 ~~(4) Enhanced early childhood development in the areas of~~
13 ~~social and emotional development, language, cognition and~~
14 ~~physical health that improves the readiness of the child for school.~~

15 ~~(b) Identify and refer families for home visitation before or~~
16 ~~soon after birth. Such referrals must prioritize families to receive~~
17 ~~services based on risk factors known to impair childhood~~
18 ~~development, including, without limitation:~~

19 ~~(1) Parents who are less than 20 years of age;~~

20 ~~(2) A history of prenatal drug or alcohol abuse;~~

21 ~~(3) A history of child abuse or neglect, domestic violence or~~
22 ~~other violence;~~

23 ~~(4) Parents who are incarcerated;~~

24 ~~(5) Parents who have reduced cognitive functioning or a~~
25 ~~significant disability;~~

26 ~~(6) Insufficient financial resources to meet the needs of the~~
27 ~~family;~~

28 ~~(7) A history of homelessness; and~~

29 ~~(8) Any other risk factor identified by the Division.~~

30 ~~2. On or before October 1 of each year, the Division shall~~
31 ~~post on an Internet website maintained by the Division a report~~
32 ~~concerning the family home visiting system established pursuant~~
33 ~~to subsection 1. The report must include, without limitation:~~

34 ~~(a) The number of families served by each evidence-based~~
35 ~~model employed by the program;~~

36 ~~(b) Demographic data concerning the families served by the~~
37 ~~program;~~

38 ~~(c) Data concerning the length of time that families are~~
39 ~~participating in the program;~~

40 ~~(d) Information concerning coordination with other state and~~
41 ~~local governmental entities to carry out the program; and~~

42 ~~(e) Information concerning outcomes relating to prenatal,~~

43 ~~maternal, infant and child health, occurrences of child abuse and~~
44 ~~neglect, family economic security, childhood development and~~
45 ~~school readiness.~~

1 ~~3. As used in this section, “abuse” and “neglect” have the~~
2 ~~meanings ascribed to them in NRS 432B.330.~~

3 ~~Sec. 2. This act becomes effective:~~

4 ~~1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting~~
5 ~~regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative~~
6 ~~tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and~~

7 ~~2. On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.~~