

SENATE BILL NO. 177—SENATORS RATTI,  
CANNIZZARO AND SCHEIBLE

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence. (BDR 16-926)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: 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 crimes; revising provisions governing eligibility for and awarding of grants from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence; renaming the Account; increasing the portion of the fee for a marriage license that funds the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence in  
2 the State General Fund, which is administered by the Administrator of the Division  
3 of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.  
4 (NRS 217.440) Under existing law, a nonprofit organization is eligible for a grant  
5 from the Account if, among other requirements, the nonprofit organization provides  
6 its services exclusively for victims of domestic violence within this State. (NRS  
7 217.420, 217.440) **Section 2** of this bill revises the eligibility for a grant to instead  
8 require that the nonprofit organization provide its services: (1) exclusively for  
9 victims of domestic or sexual violence if located in a county whose population is  
10 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties); or (2) primarily for  
11 victims of domestic or sexual violence in a county whose population is less than  
12 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties). **Section 2**  
13 also excludes nonprofit organizations that provide services exclusively to victims of  
14 sexual violence from the eligibility requirement that the nonprofit organization be  
15 able to provide: (1) shelter to victims on any day, at any hour; and (2) facilities  
16 where food can be stored and prepared.

17 Existing law governs the allocation of money in the Account for grants for each  
18 county. Existing law requires the allocation of 15 percent of all money granted  
19 from the Account to organizations in a county whose population is 700,000 or more  
20 (currently Clark County) to an organization in the county which has been  
21 specifically created to assist victims of sexual assault. (NRS 217.410, 217.450)  
22 **Section 4** of this bill requires that 75 percent of the money allocated to each county



23 be allocated for grants for services for victims of domestic violence and 25 percent  
24 be allocated for grants for services for victims of sexual violence. **Section 4** also  
25 requires the Administrator of the Division to award grants to not more than: (1) one  
26 applicant to provide services for victims of domestic violence and one applicant to  
27 provide services for victims of sexual violence in counties whose population is less  
28 than 100,000; and (2) two applicants to provide services for victims of domestic  
29 violence and two applicants to provide services for victims of sexual violence in  
30 counties whose population is 100,000 or more. **Section 9** of this bill eliminates the  
31 requirement for the allocation of 15 percent of all money granted from the Account  
32 for organizations in a county whose population is 700,000 or more to an  
33 organization which has been specifically created to assist victims of sexual assault.

34 **Section 3** of this bill renames the Account as the Account for Aid for Victims  
35 of Domestic or Sexual Violence to reflect the additional use of money in the  
36 Account for services for victims of sexual violence. **Section 1** of this bill revises the  
37 definition of the term "victim of sexual assault" to include the term "victim of  
38 sexual violence" within the same definition for purposes of providing assistance to  
39 such victims. **Section 5** of this bill makes a conforming change for purposes of  
40 furnishing certain reports to the Administrator.

41 Existing law requires a county clerk to collect certain fees when issuing a  
42 marriage license. A portion of the fees a county clerk collects when issuing a  
43 marriage license is dedicated to the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic  
44 Violence. (NRS 122.060) **Section 6** of this bill increases the portion of the fee for a  
45 marriage license that funds the Account from \$25 to \$50.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 217.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 217.400 As used in NRS 217.400 to 217.475, inclusive, unless  
3 the context otherwise requires:

4 1. "Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations  
5 primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual  
6 involvement. The term does not include a casual relationship or an  
7 ordinary association between persons in a business or social context.

8 2. "Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services  
9 of the Department of Health and Human Services.

10 3. "Domestic violence" means:

11 (a) The attempt to cause or the causing of bodily injury to a  
12 family or household member or the placing of the member in fear of  
13 imminent physical harm by threat of force.

14 (b) Any of the following acts committed by a person against a  
15 family or household member, a person with whom he or she had or  
16 is having a dating relationship or with whom he or she has a child in  
17 common, or upon his or her minor child or a minor child of that  
18 person:

19 (1) A battery.

20 (2) An assault.



1 (3) Compelling the other by force or threat of force to  
2 perform an act from which he or she has the right to refrain or to  
3 refrain from an act which he or she has the right to perform.

4 (4) A sexual assault.

5 (5) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct  
6 intended to harass the other. Such conduct may include, without  
7 limitation:

8 (I) Stalking.

9 (II) Arson.

10 (III) Trespassing.

11 (IV) Larceny.

12 (V) Destruction of private property.

13 (VI) Carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

14 (6) False imprisonment.

15 (7) Unlawful entry of the other's residence, or forcible entry  
16 against the other's will if there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of  
17 harm to the other from the entry.

18 4. "Family or household member" means a spouse, a former  
19 spouse, a parent or other adult person who is related by blood or  
20 marriage or is or was actually residing with the person committing  
21 the act of domestic violence.

22 5. "Participant" means an adult, child or incapacitated person  
23 for whom a fictitious address has been issued pursuant to NRS  
24 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive.

25 6. "Victim of domestic violence" includes the dependent  
26 children of the victim.

27 7. "Victim of human trafficking" means a person who is a  
28 victim of:

29 (a) Involuntary servitude as set forth in NRS 200.463 or  
30 200.464.

31 (b) A violation of any provision of NRS 200.465.

32 (c) Trafficking in persons in violation of any provision of NRS  
33 200.467 or 200.468.

34 (d) Sex trafficking in violation of any provision of  
35 NRS 201.300.

36 (e) A violation of NRS 201.320 or 201.395.

37 8. "Victim of sexual assault" ~~means~~ and "*victim of sexual*  
38 *violence*" *mean* a person who has been sexually assaulted as  
39 defined in NRS 200.366 or a person upon whom a sexual assault has  
40 been attempted.

41 9. "Victim of stalking" means a person who is a victim of the  
42 crime of stalking or aggravated stalking as set forth in NRS 200.575.

43 **Sec. 2.** NRS 217.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 217.420 To be eligible for a grant from the Account for Aid for  
45 Victims of Domestic *or Sexual* Violence, an applicant must:



1 1. Be a nonprofit corporation, incorporated or qualified in this  
2 state.

3 2. Be governed by a board of trustees which reflects the racial,  
4 ethnic, economic and social composition of the county to be served  
5 and includes at least one trustee who has been a victim of domestic  
6 *or sexual* violence.

7 3. Receive at least 15 percent of its money from sources other  
8 than the Federal Government, the State, any local government or  
9 other public body or their instrumentalities. Any goods or services  
10 which are contributed to the organization may be assigned their  
11 reasonable monetary value for the purpose of complying with the  
12 requirement of this subsection.

13 4. Provide its services ~~[exclusively]~~ :

14 (a) *Exclusively* for victims of domestic *or sexual* violence and  
15 only within this state ~~[ ]~~ *if located in a county whose population is*  
16 *100,000 or more; or*

17 (b) *Primarily for victims of domestic or sexual violence and*  
18 *only within this state if located in a county whose population is*  
19 *less than 100,000.*

20 5. Require its employees and volunteer assistants to maintain  
21 the confidentiality of any information which would identify persons  
22 receiving the services.

23 6. Provide its services without any discrimination on the basis  
24 of race, religion, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity  
25 or expression, marital status, national origin or ancestry.

26 7. Be able to provide:

27 (a) Except in counties whose population is less than 100,000 ~~[ ]~~  
28 *or if the organization provides services exclusively to victims of*  
29 *sexual violence*, shelter to victims on any day, at any hour.

30 (b) A telephone service capable of receiving emergency calls on  
31 any day, at any hour.

32 (c) Except in counties whose population is less than 100,000 ~~[ ]~~  
33 *or if the organization provides services exclusively to victims of*  
34 *sexual violence*, facilities where food can be stored and prepared.

35 (d) Counseling, or make referrals for counseling, for victims ~~[or~~  
36 *spouses]*, *partners* of victims and ~~[their children.]~~ *family members.*

37 (e) Assistance to victims in obtaining legal, medical,  
38 psychological or vocational help.

39 (f) Education and training , *including prevention programs*, for  
40 members of the community on matters which relate to domestic *and*  
41 *sexual* violence.

42 **Sec. 3.** NRS 217.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 217.440 1. An Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic *or*  
44 *Sexual* Violence is hereby created in the State General Fund. The  
45 Account must be administered by the Administrator of the Division.



1 2. Any nonprofit organization in the State which is able to meet  
2 the requirements specified in subsection 7 of NRS 217.420 may  
3 apply for a grant from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic  
4 *or Sexual* Violence.

5 3. An application for a grant must be received by the Division  
6 before April 1 preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is  
7 sought.

8 **Sec. 4.** NRS 217.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 217.450 1. The Commission on Behavioral Health shall  
10 advise the Administrator of the Division concerning the award of  
11 grants from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic *or Sexual*  
12 Violence.

13 2. The Administrator of the Division shall give priority to those  
14 applications for grants from the Account for Aid for Victims of  
15 Domestic *or Sexual* Violence submitted by organizations which  
16 offer the broadest range of services for the least cost within one or  
17 more counties. The Administrator shall not approve the use of  
18 money from a grant to acquire any buildings.

19 3. *The Administrator of the Division shall award grants to*  
20 *not more than:*

21 *(a) One applicant to provide services for victims of domestic*  
22 *violence and one applicant to provide services for victims of sexual*  
23 *violence in counties whose population is less than 100,000; and*

24 *(b) Two applicants to provide services for victims of domestic*  
25 *violence and two applicants to provide services for victims of*  
26 *sexual violence in counties whose population is 100,000 or more.*

27 4. The Administrator of the Division has the final authority to  
28 approve or deny an application for a grant. The Administrator shall  
29 notify each applicant in writing of the action taken on its application  
30 within 45 days after the deadline for filing the application.

31 ~~[4.]~~ 5. In determining the amount of money to be allocated for  
32 grants, the Administrator of the Division shall use the following  
33 formula:

34 (a) A basic allocation of \$7,000 must be made for each county  
35 whose population is less than 100,000. For counties whose  
36 population is 100,000 or more, the basic allocation is \$35,000.  
37 These allocations must be increased or decreased for each fiscal  
38 year ending after June 30, 1990, by the same percentage that the  
39 amount deposited in the account during the preceding fiscal year,  
40 pursuant to NRS 122.060, is greater or less than the sum of  
41 \$791,000.

42 (b) Any additional revenue available in the Account must be  
43 allocated to grants, on a per capita basis, for all counties whose  
44 population is 20,000 or more.



1 (c) *Seventy-five percent of the revenue allocated to each*  
2 *county must be allocated for grants for services for victims of*  
3 *domestic violence and 25 percent must be allocated for grants for*  
4 *services for victims of sexual violence.*

5 (d) Money remaining in the Account after disbursement of  
6 grants does not revert and may be awarded in a subsequent year.

7 **Sec. 5.** NRS 217.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 217.460 Each organization which has received a grant for  
9 assistance to victims of domestic *or sexual* violence shall furnish  
10 quarterly and annual financial reports to the Administrator of the  
11 Division in a manner which the Administrator may prescribe.

12 **Sec. 6.** NRS 122.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 122.060 1. The county clerk is entitled to receive as his or  
14 her fee for issuing a marriage license the sum of \$21.

15 2. The county clerk shall also at the time of issuing the  
16 marriage license:

17 (a) Collect the sum of \$10 and:

18 (1) If the board of county commissioners has adopted an  
19 ordinance pursuant to NRS 246.100, deposit the sum into the county  
20 general fund pursuant to NRS 246.180 for filing the originally  
21 signed certificate of marriage described in NRS 122.120.

22 (2) If the board of county commissioners has not adopted an  
23 ordinance pursuant to NRS 246.100, pay it over to the county  
24 recorder as his or her fee for recording the originally signed  
25 certificate of marriage described in NRS 122.120.

26 (b) Collect the additional fee described in subsection 2 of NRS  
27 246.180, if the board of county commissioners has adopted an  
28 ordinance authorizing the collection of such fee, and deposit the fee  
29 pursuant to NRS 246.190.

30 (c) Collect the additional fee imposed pursuant to NRS 246.075,  
31 if the board of county commissioners has adopted an ordinance  
32 imposing the fee.

33 3. The county clerk shall also at the time of issuing the  
34 marriage license collect the additional sum of \$4 for the State of  
35 Nevada. The fees collected for the State must be paid over to the  
36 county treasurer by the county clerk on or before the fifth day of  
37 each month for the preceding calendar month, and must be placed to  
38 the credit of the State General Fund. The county treasurer shall  
39 remit quarterly all such fees deposited by the county clerk to the  
40 State Controller for credit to the State General Fund.

41 4. The county clerk shall also at the time of issuing the  
42 marriage license collect the additional sum of ~~[\$25]~~ **\$50** for  
43 the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic *or Sexual* Violence in  
44 the State General Fund. The fees collected for this purpose must be  
45 paid over to the county treasurer by the county clerk on or before the



1 fifth day of each month for the preceding calendar month, and must  
2 be placed to the credit of that Account. The county treasurer shall,  
3 on or before the 15th day of each month, remit those fees deposited  
4 by the county clerk to the State Controller for credit to that Account.

5 5. Any fee charged and collected pursuant to this section is  
6 separate and distinct from any administrative fee charged and  
7 collected by a county clerk's office, including, without limitation, a  
8 fee for certifying a copy of a marriage license.

9 **Sec. 7.** 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an  
10 officer or an agency whose name has been changed or whose  
11 responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of  
12 this act to another officer or agency remain in force until amended  
13 by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the adoption  
14 of the regulations has been transferred.

15 2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer  
16 or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities  
17 have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to  
18 another officer or agency are binding upon the officer or agency to  
19 which the responsibility for the administration of the provisions of  
20 the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts  
21 and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to  
22 which the responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the  
23 contract or other agreement has been transferred.

24 3. Any action taken by an officer or agency whose name has  
25 been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred  
26 pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency  
27 remains in effect as if taken by the officer or agency to which the  
28 responsibility for the enforcement of such actions has been  
29 transferred.

30 **Sec. 8.** The Legislative Counsel shall:

31 1. In preparing the reprint and supplements to the Nevada  
32 Revised Statutes, appropriately change any references to an officer,  
33 agency or other entity whose name is changed or whose  
34 responsibilities are transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act  
35 to refer to the appropriate officer, agency or other entity.

36 2. In preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative  
37 Code, appropriately change any references to an officer, agency or  
38 other entity whose name is changed or whose responsibilities are  
39 transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to refer to the  
40 appropriate officer, agency or other entity.

41 **Sec. 9.** NRS 217.410 is hereby repealed.

42 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.



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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION**

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**217.410 Allocation of money to organizations specifically created to assist victims of sexual assault.** In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the Administrator of the Division shall allocate 15 percent of all money granted to organizations in the county from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence to an organization in the county which has been specifically created to assist victims of sexual assault. The Administrator of the Division has the final authority in determining whether an organization may receive money pursuant to this section. Any organization which receives money pursuant to this section shall furnish reports to the Administrator of the Division as required by NRS 217.460. To be eligible for this money, the organization must receive at least 15 percent of its money from sources other than the Federal Government, the State, any local government or other public body or their instrumentalities. Any goods or services which are contributed to the organization may be assigned their reasonable monetary value for the purpose of complying with this requirement.

