

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 422—ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. (BDR S-774)

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

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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 persons with disabilities; requiring the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to create a pilot program to serve children diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act establishes a federal
2 grant program to assist states in operating a statewide comprehensive system of
3 early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities. (20 U.S.C. §§
4 1431 et seq.) Existing law establishes the Autism Treatment Assistance Program
5 within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and
6 Human Services to serve as the primary autism program within the Department and
7 to provide and coordinate services to persons diagnosed or determined to have
8 autism spectrum disorders through the age of 19 years. (NRS 427A.875) Existing
9 law requires the Division to refer an infant or toddler with a disability who has
10 autism spectrum disorder and is eligible for early intervention services to the
11 Program and develop a plan of treatment for the infant or toddler. (NRS 427A.880)
12 Existing law additionally requires certain providers of health care to notify an
13 agency which provides child welfare services when the provider knows or has
14 reasonable cause to believe that a newborn infant has been affected by a fetal
15 alcohol spectrum disorder. (NRS 432B.220) To the extent that money is available,
16 this bill requires the Division to create a pilot program to serve children diagnosed
17 with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. This bill requires the program to provide: (1)
18 evidence-based services and support for such children who do not qualify to receive
19 services from other existing programs; and (2) training for providers of health care
20 and providers of other services relating to the provision of health care and other
21 services to such children. This bill requires the pilot program to be administered by
22 the Autism Treatment Assistance Program.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 1.5.** 1. The Aging and Disability Services Division of
3 the Department of Health and Human Services shall, to the extent
4 that money is available, create a pilot program to be administered by
5 the Autism Treatment Assistance Program established by NRS
6 427A.875 to serve children diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum
7 disorder.

8 2. If a pilot program is created pursuant to subsection 1, the
9 pilot program must provide:

10 (a) Evidenced-based services and support for children diagnosed
11 with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder who do not meet the
12 requirements to receive such services from existing programs; and

13 (b) Training to providers of health care and providers of other
14 services relating to the provision of health care and other services to
15 children diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

16 3. If a pilot program is created pursuant to subsection 1, the
17 Division shall, on or before July 1, 2025, submit a report of findings
18 and recommendations resulting from the pilot program created
19 pursuant to subsection 1 to:

20 (a) The Governor; and

21 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
22 transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and
23 Human Services.

24 4. As used in this section, “provider of health care” has the
25 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.

26 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023, and expires
27 by limitation on December 31, 2025.

