ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 185—ASSEMBLYMEN SPIEGEL, BILBRAY-AXELROD; BENITEZ-THOMPSON, COHEN, DURAN, FUMO, JAUREGUI, MCCURDY, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, SWANK, THOMPSON AND WATTS

## FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Providing for a study concerning certain health benefits. (BDR S-277)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health insurance; requiring the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program to conduct a study of the impact of using Medicare-based pricing for the health benefits of public employees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:** 

This bill requires that during the 2019-2021 interim, the Board of the Public Employees' Benefit Program conduct a study of establishing Medicare-based pricing for the health benefit plan for public employees. The study must include, without limitation, consideration of the coverage and pricing of prescription drugs by Medicare and whether establishing Medicare-based pricing is beneficial to employees of this State. The Board shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2021.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)
- 3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 5 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 6 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)





- **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

- **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 12. (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 13. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 13.5.** 1. The Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program shall conduct a study during the 2019-2021 interim concerning establishing pricing for the health benefits of public employees that is based on pricing for Medicare benefits.
  - 2. The study must include, without limitation, consideration of the coverage and pricing of prescription drugs by Medicare and whether establishing Medicare-based pricing is beneficial for the employees of this State.
  - 3. The Board shall utilize the staff of the Program to conduct the study.
  - 4. On or before January 1, 2021, the Board shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to:
    - (a) The Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor; and
  - (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.
    - **Sec. 14.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.





