

Assembly Bill No. 234—Assemblymen Monroe-Moreno, Benitez-Thompson, Fumo; Assefa, Duran, Gorelow, Munk, Peters, Thompson, Watts and Yeager

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to child care; requiring the Program for Child Care and Development to include measures to increase the availability of child care for children with disabilities; requiring, to the extent of available money, the Program to reimburse a portion of the cost of child care provided to a child of a parent enrolled in certain educational programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing federal law establishes the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, a program that provides block grants to states to provide child care services for certain children. (42 U.S.C. §§ 9857 et seq.) To receive such a block grant, a state is required to submit a state plan that meets certain requirements and outlines the services that the state proposes to fund using the grant. (42 U.S.C. § 9858c) Existing Nevada law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Program for Child Care and Development in this State. (NRS 422A.338) This bill requires the state plan for the Program to include requirements that the Program: (1) include measures to increase the availability of child care for children with disabilities; and (2) to the extent that money is available, reimburse a portion of the cost of child care provided to the children of certain eligible parents who are enrolled in certain educational or vocational programs that award a degree or certificate. This bill further requires the Director of the Department to prepare an annual report for the Legislature concerning the plan.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. Chapter 422A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. To the extent authorized by federal law, the Director shall include in the state plan established for the Program for Child Care and Development pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9858c:

(a) Measures to increase the availability of child care for children with a disability, which may include, without limitation:

(1) An enhanced rate of reimbursement for child care provided to a child with a disability by a provider that receives any training or technical assistance deemed appropriate by the Director for the care of that child;

(2) Other economic incentives for such child care; or



(3) The provision of supplemental services to child care facilities or persons who provide child care for the purpose of increasing access to child care for children with disabilities.

(b) A requirement that, to the extent of money available, the Program provide reimbursement for a portion of the cost of child care provided to the child of a parent who is:

(1) Enrolled in an educational or vocational program that awards a degree or certificate at a postsecondary educational institution or eligible institution; and

(2) Otherwise eligible to participate in the Program.

2. On or before April of each even-numbered year, the Director shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice a report which must include:

(a) A description of the measures included in the state plan pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1; and

(b) Data concerning the usage of reimbursements pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 396.916.

(b) "Postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 394.099.

Sec. 1.5. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective:

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

2. On July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

