

Assembly Bill No. 68–Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; revising the manner in which the assessment imposed on certain counties for the operation of a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children is calculated; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes a juvenile court to commit a child to the custody of a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children and requires each county whose population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties other than Clark County) to pay an assessment for the operation of certain such facilities to the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. Existing law also establishes the formula used to calculate the assessment owed by each county subject to this requirement. Under existing law, the assessment owed by each assessed county equals the total amount of money budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional facility, minus any money appropriated by the Legislature for the support of the regional facility, divided by the total number of pupils enrolled in public schools in this State in the preceding school year, excluding pupils enrolled in public schools in an unassessed county, and multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in public schools in the assessed county. (NRS 62B.150)

This bill revises this formula by providing that, after any amount of money appropriated by the Legislature for the support of the regional facility has been subtracted from the amount of money budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional facility, the assessment owed by each assessed county equals the sum of: (1) fifty percent of the remaining amount of money budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional facility, divided by the total number of pupils enrolled in public schools in this State in the preceding school year, excluding pupils enrolled in public schools in an unassessed county, and multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in public schools in the assessed county; and (2) fifty percent of the remaining amount of money budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional facility, divided by the total number of bed days at the facility for the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years, and multiplied by the number of bed days used by the assessed county. For the purposes of calculating the assessment owed, this bill defines the term “bed day” to mean a day for which a specific bed at a regional facility is occupied.

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. NRS 62B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62B.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[6.]~~ 8, each county shall pay an assessment for the operation of each



regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children that is partially supported by the State of Nevada and is operated by a county whose population is less than 700,000.

2. The ~~assessment owed~~ *total aggregated amount of assessments required to be paid* by ~~each county~~ *all counties subject to the requirements of subsection 1* equals the total amount budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional facility, minus any money appropriated by the Legislature for the support of the regional facility. ~~§~~

3. *The assessment owed by each assessed county equals the sum of:*

(a) Fifty percent of the total aggregated amount of assessments prescribed by subsection 2, divided by the total number of pupils in this State in the preceding school year, excluding pupils in counties whose population is 700,000 or more, and multiplied by the number of pupils in the assessed county ~~§~~; and

(b) Fifty percent of the total aggregated amount of assessments prescribed by subsection 2, divided by the total number of bed days at the regional facility for the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years, and multiplied by the number of bed days used by the assessed county.

4. The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services shall calculate the assessment owed by each county *pursuant to subsection 3* in June of each year for the ensuing fiscal year.

~~§~~ 5. Each county must pay the assessed amount to the Division of Child and Family Services in quarterly installments that are due the first day of the first month of each calendar quarter.

~~§~~ 6. The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services shall deposit the money received pursuant to subsection ~~§~~ 5 in a separate account in the State General Fund. The money in the account may be withdrawn only by the Administrator for the operation of regional facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of children.

~~§~~ 7. Revenue raised by a county to pay the assessment required pursuant to subsection 1 is not subject to the limitations on revenue imposed pursuant to chapter 354 of NRS and must not be included in the calculation of those limitations.

~~§~~ 8. The provisions of this section do not apply to a county whose population is 700,000 or more.

~~§~~ 9. As used in this section ~~§~~ *“regional”*:

(a) “Bed day” means a day for which a specific bed at a regional facility is occupied.



(b) **“Regional** facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children” or “regional facility” does not include the facility in Lyon County known as Western Nevada Regional Youth Center.

Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) 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

(b) On July 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

