

SENATE BILL NO. 140—SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain programs of treatment established by the juvenile court. (BDR 5-62)

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 juvenile justice; expanding the scope of a program established by the juvenile court for the treatment of children diagnosed with or suspected to have autism spectrum disorders to include children diagnosed with or suspected to have certain other neurobehavioral disorders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the juvenile court to establish an appropriate program for the treatment of children diagnosed with or suspected to have autism spectrum disorders and prescribes the criteria for eligibility to participate in such a program. (NRS 62B.700) This bill: (1) expands the scope of the program to include children diagnosed with or suspected to have neurobehavioral disorders associated with prenatal exposure to alcohol or a controlled substance; and (2) authorizes the juvenile court to assign a child who is diagnosed with or suspected to have any such neurobehavioral disorder to the program under certain circumstances.

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

Section 1. NRS 62B.700 is hereby amended to read as follows: 62B.700 1. The juvenile court may establish an appropriate program for the treatment of children diagnosed with or suspected to have autism spectrum disorders or neurobehavioral disorders



1 *associated with prenatal exposure to alcohol or a controlled*
2 *substance* to which it may assign a child who is alleged or
3 adjudicated to have committed a delinquent act if the child:

4 (a) Is diagnosed with, including, without limitation, through the
5 use of a standardized assessment, or suspected to have an autism
6 spectrum disorder ~~[;]~~ *or neurobehavioral disorder associated with*
7 *prenatal exposure to alcohol or a controlled substance;*

8 (b) Would benefit from assignment to the program; and

9 (c) Is not ineligible for assignment to the program pursuant to
10 any other provision of law.

11 2. The assignment of a child who is alleged or adjudicated to
12 have committed a delinquent act to a program pursuant to this
13 section must:

14 (a) Include:

15 (1) The terms and conditions for successful completion of the
16 program; and

17 (2) The terms and conditions of the informal supervision or
18 probation of the child, if applicable.

19 (b) Provide for progress reports at intervals set by the juvenile
20 court to ensure that the child is making satisfactory progress towards
21 completion of the program.

22 3. As used in this section ~~[; “autism”]~~ :

23 (a) *“Autism spectrum disorder”* means a condition that meets
24 the diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorder published in the
25 current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
26 Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association or the
27 edition thereof that was in effect at the time the condition was
28 diagnosed or determined.

29 (b) *“Neurobehavioral disorder associated with prenatal*
30 *exposure to alcohol or a controlled substance”* means a condition
31 *that meets the diagnostic criteria for a neurobehavioral disorder*
32 *associated with prenatal exposure to alcohol or controlled*
33 *substances published in the current edition of the Diagnostic and*
34 *Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American*
35 *Psychiatric Association or the edition thereof that was in effect at*
36 *the time the condition was diagnosed or determined. The term*
37 *includes, without limitation, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and*
38 *neonatal abstinence syndrome.*

