

Assembly Bill No. 424—Committee on
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public services for children; creating the Account for the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children in the State General Fund; authorizing the Committee for the Statewide Alert System to expend the money in the Account for certain purposes; authorizing the Committee to apply for gifts, grants and donations for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law establishes the Committee for the Statewide Alert System which oversees and performs certain functions relating to the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children. (NRS 432.350, 432.360) **Section 3** of this bill creates the Account for the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children in the State General Fund and requires the Committee to administer the Account, as recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. (NRS 232B.210-232B.250) To the extent that money is available in the Account for this purpose, **section 5** of this bill authorizes a member of the Committee who is not a representative of an agency in the Executive Department of State Government to receive reimbursement from the Account for expenses incurred while engaged in the business of the Committee, as recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee.

Existing law authorizes the Committee to receive gifts, grants and donations for use in carrying out its duties. (NRS 432.360) As recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee, **section 6** of this bill: (1) authorizes the Committee to apply for gifts, grants and donations for such purposes; and (2) requires the Committee to deposit such gifts, grants and donations in the Account.

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 432 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. *“Account” means the Account for the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children created by section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Account for the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children is hereby created in the State General Fund.*



2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

3. The money in the Account must only be used to carry out the provisions of NRS 432.300 to 432.380, inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of this act, and is hereby authorized for expenditure as a continuing appropriation for this purpose.

4. The Committee shall administer the Account, and claims against the Account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 4. NRS 432.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432.300 As used in NRS 432.300 to 432.380, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, the words and terms defined in NRS 432.310, 432.320 and 432.330 *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 5. NRS 432.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432.350 1. There is hereby created the Committee for the Statewide Alert System consisting of 15 members as follows:

(a) Five members appointed by the Governor who represent local law enforcement agencies;

(b) Five members appointed by the Governor who represent state law enforcement agencies;

(c) One representative of this State's Emergency Alert System, appointed by the Nevada Broadcasters Association or its successor;

(d) One representative of the Nevada Broadcasters Association or its successor, appointed by that Association;

(e) One representative of the Department of Transportation, appointed by the Director of the Department of Transportation;

(f) The Advocate for Missing or Exploited Children, appointed pursuant to NRS 432.157; and

(g) One representative of the public at large, appointed by the Governor from among the names of nominees provided to the Governor pursuant to subsection 5.

2. The Governor shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

3. After the initial terms, each member of the Committee serves a term of 3 years. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4. Members of the Committee serve without salary or compensation ~~{for their travel or per diem expenses.}~~, *except that,*



while engaged in the business of the Committee, each member who is not an officer or employee of the State may receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, to the extent that money is available in the Account for that purpose.

5. The Committee shall, at least 30 days before the beginning of the term of any member appointed pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1, or within 30 days after such a position on the Committee becomes vacant, submit to the Governor the names of at least three persons qualified for membership on the Committee pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1. The Governor shall appoint a new member or fill the vacancy from the list, or request a new list. The Governor may appoint any qualified person who is a resident of this State to the position described in paragraph (g) of subsection 1.

Sec. 6. NRS 432.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432.360 1. The Committee shall, in consultation with the Attorney General:

- (a) Oversee the System;
- (b) Set forth the components of the System;
- (c) Supervise and evaluate any training associated with the System;
- (d) Monitor, review and evaluate the activations of the System to determine whether such activations complied with NRS 432.300 to 432.380, inclusive ~~H~~, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*; and
- (e) Conduct periodic tests of the System.

2. The Committee may:

- (a) Dedicate the System to one or more persons;
- (b) Establish a name for the System that is in addition to the definition set forth in NRS 432.330; and
- (c) ~~H~~ *Apply for and accept* gifts, grants and donations for use in carrying out the provisions of NRS 432.300 to 432.380, inclusive ~~H~~, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act. Any money so received must be deposited in the Account.*

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.



