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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 51—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to reporting of caseloads by chief judges in judicial districts that include family court. (BDR 1-377)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

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AN ACT relating to the court system; revising the provisions relating to the reporting of caseloads by chief judges in judicial districts that include family court; providing that certain information concerning caseloads be submitted to the director of the legislative counsel bureau; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1    **Section 1.** Chapter 3 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
2 provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.  
3    **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,*  
4 *the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this act have the*  
5 *meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*  
6    **Sec. 3.** *“Chief judge” means a district judge who is chosen as the*  
7 *chief judge of a judicial district pursuant to NRS 3.025.*  
8    **Sec. 4.** *“Family court” and “family division” mean the division of*  
9 *the district court that is established as a family court pursuant to NRS*  
10 *3.0105.*  
11    **Sec. 5.** NRS 3.0105 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
12    3.0105 1. There is hereby established, in each judicial district that  
13 includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more, a family court as a  
14 division of the district court.

2. If the caseload of the family court so requires, the ~~{presiding judge of the district, or the district judges by mutual consent in a district in which there is no presiding judge,}~~ **chief judge** may assign one or more **district** judges of the **judicial** district to act temporarily as judges of the family court.

3. If for any reason a judge of the family court is unable to act, any other district judge of the judicial district may be assigned as provided in subsection 2 to act temporarily as judge of the family court.

4. A **district** judge assigned to the family court pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 for a period of 90 or more days must attend the instruction required pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 3.028. ~~{Judges}~~ **District judges** must not be assigned to the family court pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 on a rotating basis.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 3.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.025 1. ~~{For the second and eighth judicial districts,}~~ **In each judicial district that includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more,** the district judges **of that judicial district** shall ~~{, on the first judicial day of each year,}~~ choose from among ~~{the judges of each district a}~~ **those district judges a chief judge who is to be the** presiding judge of the **judicial** district.

2. The ~~{presiding judge of the district}~~ **chief judge** shall:

(a) Assign cases to each judge in the **judicial** district;

(b) Prescribe the hours of court; ~~{and}~~

(c) Adopt such other rules or regulations as are necessary for the orderly conduct of court business ~~{,~~

~~—3.— On or before the 15th day of the month following, the presiding judge of the district} ; and~~

**(d) Perform all other duties of the chief judge or of a presiding judge that are set forth in this chapter and any other provision of NRS.**

3. **Not later than 15 days after the last day of each month, the chief judge** shall submit ~~{a written report}~~ to the clerk of the supreme court ~~{each month, showing;}~~ **and to the director of the legislative counsel bureau a written report that shows:**

(a) Those cases which are pending and undecided and to which judge the cases have been assigned;

(b) The type and number of cases each judge considered during the preceding month;

(c) The number of cases submitted to each judge during the preceding month;

(d) The number of cases decided by each judge during the preceding month;

and

1 (e) The number of full judicial days in which each judge appeared in  
2 court or in chambers in performance of his duties during the preceding  
3 month.

4 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

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