

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Committee on

Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

FILE NUMBER.....

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to continue the study of the system of juvenile justice in Nevada.

WHEREAS, The Legislative Commission was directed by Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 57 of the 69th session of the Nevada Legislature to study specific issues relating to the system of juvenile justice in this state; and

WHEREAS, The study was conducted during the 1997-98 legislative interim and it facilitated a wide-ranging discussion by national, state and local experts that resulted in the development of a comprehensive long-range plan to improve the system of juvenile justice in this state; and

WHEREAS, The study concluded that a second phase of discussion, oversight and consideration of this issue was necessary to ensure a comprehensive approach that will result in meaningful improvements in the system of juvenile justice in Nevada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a subcommittee, consisting of four members of the Assembly and four members of the Senate, to continue the study of the system of juvenile justice in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the subcommittee may appoint an advisory committee, consisting of persons who are knowledgeable in the areas of the study, to consult with and to assist in conducting the study; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study may include, but is not limited to:

1. A review and evaluation of the recent efforts made by state and local juvenile authorities to adopt and use uniform criteria, methodology and instruments when detaining a juvenile, placing a juvenile in a correctional facility or placing a juvenile on probation or otherwise in the community;
2. A review and evaluation of the system of intermediate sanctions and corresponding interventions for delinquent youth;
3. A review of the results of an updated report on the assessment of the need for juvenile correctional facilities and related programs in this state that was originally completed in August 1992;
4. A review of the evaluation of the Standardized Juvenile Justice Data Collection System of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources;
5. A review of the use in the juvenile justice system of this state of programs intended to prevent and treat substance abuse, including, without limitation, educational programs and aftercare efforts;
6. An assessment of the desirability of restructuring the relationship between state and local juvenile justice agencies, including the potential to produce a seamless continuum of care;

7. An assessment of gang activity and a review of prevention and intervention efforts;
 8. An assessment of school violence in this state;
 9. A review of the survey of the availability of nontraditional alternative education programs;
 10. An assessment of the uniformity of standards of operation for juvenile detention and juvenile correctional facilities;
 11. An evaluation of the results of an assessment of the need for mental health services for the juvenile justice population at the state and local level;
 12. A review and evaluation of a proposed integrated data system to track the various interactions that individual youths have with the various state and local service agencies;
 13. A review and evaluation of the programs and efforts to reduce truancy in public schools; and
 14. A discussion of the desirability of implementing restorative justice programs in this state, including programs involving interaction between the delinquent juvenile and the victim; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That no action may be taken by the subcommittee on recommended legislation unless it receives a majority vote of the Senators on the subcommittee and a majority vote of the Assemblymen on the subcommittee; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature.

~