

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S STUDY
OF FAMILY COURT SYSTEMS)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Urges family courts to coordinate and integrate certain cases and to ensure that certain parties and children are directed to appropriate agencies and services in timely manner and directs Chief Judges of Second and Eighth Judicial Districts to submit certain information to Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-376)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the family courts to coordinate and integrate as fully as possible all case files pertaining to the same parties or children and to ensure that such parties or children are directed to the appropriate agencies and services in a timely manner and directing the Chief Judges of the Second and Eighth Judicial Districts each to submit to the next regular session of the Nevada Legislature a report that includes a summary of any actions that have been or will be taken in the judicial district to achieve such results and any suggestions for necessary legislation to assist the judicial district in achieving such results.

- 1 WHEREAS, A parent or child may be involved in multiple cases in the
- 2 family courts concerning members of the same family or members of
- 3 related or combined families, such as where a parent or child is involved in
- 4 one case concerning divorce, paternity, guardianship or adoption and the
- 5 same parent or child is also involved in a separate case concerning child
- 6 support, custody, visitation, domestic violence, abuse, neglect,
- 7 delinquency, truancy or lack of supervision; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Such parents or children or whole families may urgently
- 9 require assistance from more than one of the various agencies or support
- 10 services that are available to assist parents, children and families; and

1 WHEREAS, Too much time may pass before necessary support services
2 or protection against neglect, abuse or violence is obtained if such parents,
3 children or families do not receive adequate and timely direction and
4 assistance in determining what services they require and where those
5 services are available; and

6 WHEREAS, The founders of the family court system originally intended
7 that the family courts would coordinate and integrate as fully as possible
8 all case files in the family courts which pertain to the same parties or
9 children but which are reviewed by multiple persons or agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, Such coordination and integration is essential to fully
11 addressing and solving the legal problems encountered by families in a
12 timely and efficient manner; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING, That the family courts are hereby urged to coordinate and
15 integrate as fully as possible all case files in the family courts which
16 pertain to the same parties or children but which are reviewed by multiple
17 persons or agencies; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the family courts are hereby urged to ensure that the
19 parties or children in all such cases are directed to the appropriate agencies
20 and services in a timely manner; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Chief Judges of the Second and Eighth Judicial
22 District Courts are hereby directed each to submit, on or before the first
23 Monday of February 2001, to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
24 Bureau for distribution at the next regular session of the Nevada
25 Legislature a report that includes:

26 1. A summary of any actions that have been or will be taken in the
27 judicial district to coordinate and integrate as fully as possible all such case
28 files; and

29 2. Any suggestions for necessary legislation to assist the judicial
30 district in coordinating and integrating as fully as possible all such case
31 files; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
33 a copy of this resolution to the Chief Judges of the Second and Eighth
34 Judicial District Courts and to each district judge who is assigned to a
35 department of the family court in those judicial districts.