

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Committee on Judiciary

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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.

WHEREAS, A parent or child may be involved in multiple cases in the family courts concerning members of the same family or members of related or combined families, such as where a parent or child is involved in one case concerning divorce, paternity, guardianship or adoption and the same parent or child is also involved in a separate case concerning child support, custody, visitation, domestic violence, abuse, neglect, delinquency, truancy or lack of supervision; and

WHEREAS, Such parents or children or whole families may urgently require assistance from more than one of the various agencies or support services that are available to assist parents, children and families; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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