

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of foster care. (BDR R-1255)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of foster care in this state.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are more than 1,600 children in foster care in this
- 2 state; and
- 3 WHEREAS, It is important to provide the best possible foster care to
- 4 these children; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A study of and report on foster care in this state would
- 6 provide a substantial benefit to those working to maintain and improve the
- 7 quality of foster care in this state; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
- 9 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
- 10 appoint a subcommittee of eight legislators selected as follows:
- 11 1. Four members of the Senate; and
- 12 2. Four members of the Assembly,
- 13 to conduct an interim study of foster care in this state, including, without
- 14 limitation, the adequacy of the foster care currently provided in this state;
- 15 and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That the subcommittee shall consult with the members of
- 17 the advisory committee that is hereby created to assist the subcommittee to
- 18 study foster care in this state; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That the advisory committee, consisting of six members,
- 20 must be appointed as follows:
- 21 1. One member appointed by the presiding judge of the Second
- 22 Judicial District to represent the Family Court of the Second Judicial
- 23 District and one member appointed by the presiding judge of the Eighth
- 24 Judicial District to represent the Family Court of the Eighth Judicial

1 District, both of whom must have knowledge and experience in the
2 administration of foster care;

3 2. One member who is an employee of the Division of Child and
4 Family Services of the Department of Human Resources appointed by the
5 Director of the Department of Human Resources;

6 3. One member who is a court appointed special advocate appointed
7 by the Chairman of the subcommittee;

8 4. One member who is a foster parent appointed by the Chairman of
9 the subcommittee; and

10 5. One member who is a member of the general public appointed by
11 the Chairman of the subcommittee; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That each member of the advisory committee shall serve
13 without compensation, except that while he is engaged in the business of
14 the committee he is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel
15 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, which must
16 be paid from the legislative fund; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the appointment of the members to the advisory
18 committee must be made as soon as practicable after July 1, 1999; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
21 subcommittee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
22 Senate appointed to the subcommittee and a majority of the members of
23 the Assembly appointed to the subcommittee; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of its
25 findings and any recommendations for legislation to the 71st session of the
26 Nevada Legislature.