

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Senators Porter, Rawson, Washington, Wiener, Jacobsen, Amodei, Care, Carlton, James, Mathews, McGinness, O’Connell, Rhoads and Schneider

Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Segerblom

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Eighth Judicial District Court to provide for the selection and assignment of a district judge of the family court to serve as the judge of the juvenile court for a period of 3 years.

WHEREAS, The fair, efficient and uniform administration of juvenile justice is a vital interest of this state and its local governments and is a paramount concern of communities and families; and

WHEREAS, The growing population of Clark County has increased the number of juveniles who commit acts of delinquency or truancy; and

WHEREAS, The same juveniles often appear before the juvenile court more than once for repeated acts of delinquency or truancy; and

WHEREAS, A juvenile may be less likely to commit repeated acts of delinquency or truancy if the juvenile knows that he must appear before the same district judge who sanctioned him for his previous acts of delinquency or truancy; and

WHEREAS, A district judge who is assigned to the juvenile court for an extended period will become a more experienced and respected member of the juvenile justice system and, with that enhanced experience and respect, will be better able to administer the juvenile justice system fairly, efficiently and uniformly; and

WHEREAS, A district judge who is assigned to the juvenile court for an extended period will be in a better position to determine which juveniles may be appropriate candidates for treatment, rehabilitation or other alternatives to detention and which juveniles must be sanctioned by traditional methods of punishment and confinement; and

WHEREAS, The founders of the family court system envisioned the implementation of the concept of one judge for one family or one child; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Eighth Judicial District Court is hereby urged to adopt rules or procedures that provide for the selection and assignment of a district judge of the family court to serve as the judge of the juvenile court for a period of 3 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court and to each district judge who is assigned to a department of the family court in that judicial district.

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