

Senate Bill No. 232—Committee on Judiciary

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; providing for the collection of information on the economic background of each child referred to the system of juvenile justice; requiring each local juvenile probation department to determine whether children of racial or ethnic minorities and children from economically disadvantaged homes are receiving disparate treatment in the system of juvenile justice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 62.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62.910 1. The division ~~of child and family services of the department of human resources~~ shall establish a standardized system for the reporting, collection, analysis, maintenance and retrieval of information concerning juvenile justice in this state. The division is responsible for the retrieval and analysis of the categories of information contained in the standardized system and the development of any reports from that information.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the standardized system must collect, categorize and maintain the following information from the juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments, and the staff of the youth correctional services , as directed by the department , ~~of human resources,~~ regarding each child referred to the system of juvenile justice in this state:

- (a) A unique number assigned to the child for identification;
- (b) Basic demographic information regarding the child, including, without limitation:
 - (1) The age, sex and race or other ethnic background of the child;
~~and~~
 - (2) The composition of the household in which the child resides; *and*
 - (3) *The economic background of the child;*
- (c) The charges for which the child is referred;
- (d) The dates of any detention of the child;
- (e) The nature of the disposition of each referral of the child;
- (f) The dates any petitions are filed regarding the child, and the charges set forth in those petitions; and
- (g) The disposition of any petitions filed regarding the child, including any applicable findings.

3. In addition to the information required pursuant to subsection 2 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the department ~~of human resources~~ shall require the staff of the youth correctional services to collect and transmit the following information to the standardized system regarding each child committed to or otherwise placed in the custody of the division : ~~of child and family services;~~

- (a) A record of each placement of the child, including, without limitation, the period of each placement and the services provided to the child during each placement;
- (b) The dates of each release of the child, including any release of the child on parole;

(c) If the child is released on parole, the period of each release and the services provided to the child during each release; and

(d) The nature of or reason for each discharge of the child from the custody of the division. ~~{of child and family services.}~~

4. The information maintained in the standardized system must not include the name or address of any person.

5. The division ~~{of child and family services}~~ shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including requirements for the transmittal of information required from the juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments, and the staff of the youth correctional services, as directed by the department, ~~{of human resources.}~~ to the standardized system.

6. Each juvenile court and local juvenile probation department, and the staff of the youth correctional services as directed by the department, ~~{of human resources.}~~ shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 5.

7. On or before January 31 of each year, each local juvenile probation department shall:

(a) Analyze the information it submitted to the standardized system during the previous year pursuant to this section to determine whether children of racial or ethnic minorities and children from economically disadvantaged homes are receiving disparate treatment in the system of juvenile justice in comparison to the general population;

(b) As necessary, develop appropriate recommendations to address any such disparate treatment; and

(c) Prepare and submit to the division a report which includes the results of the analysis it conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) and any recommendations it developed pursuant to paragraph (b).

8. The division shall annually compile the reports it receives pursuant to subsection 7 and publish a document which includes a compilation of the reports.

9. As used in this section:

(a) "Department" means the department of human resources.

(b) "Division" means the division of child and family services of the department.