

SENATE BILL NO. 232—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF INTERIM STUDY OF SYSTEM OF  
JUVENILE JUSTICE IN NEVADA (ACR 13))

FEBRUARY 22, 2001

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides for collection of information on economic background of child referred to system of juvenile justice and requires division of child and family services of department of human resources to determine whether children of racial or ethnic minorities and children from economically disadvantaged homes are receiving disparate treatment in system of juvenile justice. (BDR 5-573)

FISCAL NOTE:   Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
                      Effect on the State: Yes.

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

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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 the division of child and family services of the department of human resources 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; requiring the division to prepare and submit a report to the director of the legislative counsel bureau; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 62.910 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     62.910 1. The division ~~of child and family services of the~~  
3     ~~department of human resources~~ shall establish a standardized system for  
4     the reporting, collection, analysis, maintenance and retrieval of information  
5     concerning juvenile justice in this state. The division is responsible for the  
6     retrieval and analysis of the categories of information contained in the  
7     standardized system and the development of any reports from that  
8     information.  
9     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the standardized  
10    system must collect, categorize and maintain the following information  
11    from the juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments, and the staff



1 of the youth correctional services , as directed by the department , ~~of~~  
2 ~~human resources,~~ regarding each child referred to the system of juvenile  
3 justice in this state:

4 (a) A unique number assigned to the child for identification;  
5 (b) Basic demographic information regarding the child, including,  
6 without limitation:

7 (1) The age, sex and race or other ethnic background of the child;  
8 ~~and~~

9 (2) The composition of the household in which the child resides; *and*

10 *(3) The economic background of the child;*

11 (c) The charges for which the child is referred;

12 (d) The dates of any detention of the child;

13 (e) The nature of the disposition of each referral of the child;

14 (f) The dates any petitions are filed regarding the child, and the charges  
15 set forth in those petitions; and

16 (g) The disposition of any petitions filed regarding the child, including  
17 any applicable findings.

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

24 (a) A record of each placement of the child, including, without  
25 limitation, the period of each placement and the services provided to the  
26 child during each placement;

27 (b) The dates of each release of the child, including any release of the  
28 child on parole;

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

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

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

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

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

45 *7. On or before January 31 of each year, the division shall, in*  
46 *conjunction with professionals knowledgeable about the system of*  
47 *juvenile justice:*

48 *(a) Analyze the information collected during the previous year*  
49 *pursuant to this section to determine whether children of racial or ethnic*



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1 *minorities and children from economically disadvantaged homes are*  
2 *receiving disparate treatment in the system of juvenile justice in*  
3 *comparison to the general population; and*  
4 *(b) As necessary, develop appropriate recommendations to address*  
5 *any such disparate treatment.*  
6 *8. The division shall prepare and submit to the director of the*  
7 *legislative counsel bureau an annual report describing the findings from*  
8 *the analysis conducted pursuant to subsection 7 and any*  
9 *recommendations made pursuant to subsection 7.*  
10 *9. As used in this section:*  
11 *(a) "Department" means the department of human resources.*  
12 *(b) "Division" means the division of child and family services of the*  
13 *department.*

