

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 each child referred to system of juvenile justice and requires each juvenile probation department 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.

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:

- 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
12 of the youth correctional services , as directed by the department , ~~of~~
13 ~~human resources,~~ regarding each child referred to the system of juvenile
14 justice in this state:



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- 1 (a) A unique number assigned to the child for identification;
2 (b) Basic demographic information regarding the child, including,
3 without limitation:
4 (1) The age, sex and race or other ethnic background of the child;
5 ~~and~~
6 (2) The composition of the household in which the child resides; *and*
7 *(3) The economic background of the child;*
8 (c) The charges for which the child is referred;
9 (d) The dates of any detention of the child;
10 (e) The nature of the disposition of each referral of the child;
11 (f) The dates any petitions are filed regarding the child, and the charges
12 set forth in those petitions; and
13 (g) The disposition of any petitions filed regarding the child, including
14 any applicable findings.
15 3. In addition to the information required pursuant to subsection 2 and
16 except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the department ~~of human~~
17 ~~resources~~ shall require the staff of the youth correctional services to
18 collect and transmit the following information to the standardized system
19 regarding each child committed to or otherwise placed in the custody of the
20 division : ~~of child and family services.~~
21 (a) A record of each placement of the child, including, without
22 limitation, the period of each placement and the services provided to the
23 child during each placement;
24 (b) The dates of each release of the child, including any release of the
25 child on parole;
26 (c) If the child is released on parole, the period of each release and the
27 services provided to the child during each release; and
28 (d) The nature of or reason for each discharge of the child from the
29 custody of the division . ~~of child and family services.~~
30 4. The information maintained in the standardized system must not
31 include the name or address of any person.
32 5. The division ~~of child and family services~~ shall adopt such
33 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section,
34 including requirements for the transmittal of information required from the
35 juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments, and the staff of the
36 youth correctional services , as directed by the department , ~~of human~~
37 ~~resources.~~ to the standardized system.
38 6. Each juvenile court and local juvenile probation department, and the
39 staff of the youth correctional services as directed by the department , ~~of~~
40 ~~human resources,~~ shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to
41 subsection 5.
42 *7. On or before January 31 of each year, each local juvenile*
43 *probation department shall:*
44 *(a) Analyze the information it submitted to the standardized system*
45 *during the previous year pursuant to this section to determine whether*
46 *children of racial or ethnic minorities and children from economically*
47 *disadvantaged homes are receiving disparate treatment in the system of*
48 *juvenile justice in comparison to the general population;*



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- 1 ***(b) As necessary, develop appropriate recommendations to address***
- 2 ***any such disparate treatment; and***
- 3 ***(c) Prepare and submit to the division a report which includes the***
- 4 ***results of the analysis it conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) and any***
- 5 ***recommendations it developed pursuant to paragraph (b).***
- 6 ***8. The division shall annually compile the reports it receives***
- 7 ***pursuant to subsection 7 and publish a document which includes a***
- 8 ***compilation of the reports.***
- 9 ***9. As used in this section:***
- 10 ***(a) "Department" means the department of human resources.***
- 11 ***(b) "Division" means the division of child and family services of the***
- 12 ***department.***

