

SENATE BILL NO. 58—SENATOR TOWNSEND

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates Nevada commission on children and families. (BDR 18-1067)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
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 the state executive department; creating the Nevada commission on children and families; establishing its powers and duties; requiring the director of the department of human resources to provide certain staff assistance to the commission; 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.** Title 18 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 9,  
3 inclusive, of this act.

4     **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5 *requires, “commission” means the Nevada commission on children and*  
6 *families.*

7     **Sec. 3.** *1. The Nevada commission on children and families,*  
8 *consisting of 12 members appointed by the governor, is hereby created.*

9     *2. The governor shall designate one member of the commission to*  
10 *serve as chairman and one member of the commission to serve as vice*  
11 *chairman.*

12     *3. Each chairman, vice chairman and other officer of the*  
13 *commission shall serve for a term of 4 years.*

14     *4. No more than six members of the commission may be from the*  
15 *same political party.*

16     **Sec. 4.** *1. Except for the initial members, the term of office of each*  
17 *member of the commission is 4 years and commences on July 1 of the*  
18 *year of appointment. The members shall continue in office until their*  
19 *successors are appointed. Members are eligible for reappointment, except*  
20 *that no member may serve for any part of more than two consecutive*

1 *terms. Vacancies must be filled by appointment for the unexpired terms*  
2 *by the governor.*

3 *2. Members of the commission serve without compensation, but are*  
4 *entitled to be reimbursed for all travel and other expenses actually and*  
5 *necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits*  
6 *of available money.*

7 **Sec. 5.** *1. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman as*  
8 *frequently as required to perform its duties, but not less than quarterly. A*  
9 *majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the*  
10 *transaction of business, and a majority of a quorum present at any*  
11 *meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the commission.*

12 *2. The chairman of the commission may, with the approval of the*  
13 *commission, appoint committees from among its members to assist in*  
14 *carrying out the functions or duties of the commission.*

15 **Sec. 6.** *The commission shall:*

16 *1. In cooperation with interested state and local public and private*  
17 *entities:*

18 *(a) Promote community efforts and responsibility for the well-being of*  
19 *children and families in this state.*

20 *(b) Establish policies for the provision of services to children and*  
21 *families in this state that assist in the development of a stable, safe and*  
22 *healthful environment for those children and families.*

23 *2. Identify, foster and evaluate programs, services and resources for*  
24 *children and families in this state.*

25 *3. Identify inefficiencies, duplications and deficiencies in programs,*  
26 *services and resources for children and families in this state.*

27 *4. Identify and monitor the availability and use of federal, state and*  
28 *local public and private funding for programs, services and resources for*  
29 *children and families in this state.*

30 *5. Identify and evaluate the provisions of the state budget that affect*  
31 *programs, services and resources for children and families in this state.*

32 *6. On or before November 1 of each year, submit a report to the*  
33 *governor and the legislative commission summarizing the activities,*  
34 *needs and recommendations of the commission.*

35 **Sec. 7.** *1. The commission shall appoint an executive director who*  
36 *is in the unclassified service of the state and serves at the pleasure of the*  
37 *commission. The executive director is entitled to an annual salary as*  
38 *fixed by the commission within the limits of available money.*

39 *2. The executive director shall administer the provisions of this*  
40 *chapter under the direction and supervision of the commission.*

41 **Sec. 8.** *1. The director of the department of human resources shall*  
42 *provide such staff and assistance to the commission as the governor*  
43 *deems appropriate.*

44 *2. The commission may engage the services of such volunteer*  
45 *workers and consultants without salary as it deems necessary.*

46 **Sec. 9.** *The commission may apply for and receive gifts, grants,*  
47 *contributions or other money from the Federal Government, private*  
48 *agencies, affiliated associations and other persons for the purposes of*

1 *carrying out the provisions of this chapter and for defraying expenses*  
2 *incurred by the commission in the discharge of its duties.*

3 **Sec. 10.** As soon as practicable after July 1, 2001, the governor shall  
4 appoint to the Nevada commission on children and families:

5 1. Three members whose terms expire on June 30, 2002.

6 2. Three members whose terms expire on June 30, 2003.

7 3. Three members whose terms expire on June 30, 2004.

8 4. Three members whose terms expire on June 30, 2005.

9 **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

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