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Proposed Amendment
Assembly Bill 54

Judge William O. Voy
Family Division, Eighth Judicial District Court

February 20, 2003

- On February 19, 2003, Judge Voy called to relay his support for Assembly Bill 54.
- Judge Voy indicated that the measure appears to be intended to ensure that parents with joint custody are treated equally under the law with regard to access to a child's records. He supports this effort, as the non-primary caretaker with joint custody should not have to return to court for permission to obtain records that a parent with joint custody has a right to access. The example Judge Voy provided was access to a child's records at the doctor's office.
- However, Judge Voy expressed concern that the bill, as written, was too broad and could be interpreted to allow a parent access to records to which he or she would not ordinarily have access, such as child protective service records or juvenile records. To clarify, Judge Voy suggested the following amendment to page 3, Section 2, line 41 of the bill:

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, and except as otherwise prohibited by law, the custodian of records and other information concerning a child, and any other person who is responsible for maintaining such records and information, shall provide access to those records and information to any other parent of the child upon request. Such records and information include, without limitation, medical, dental and school records of the child and information contained therein.

- Judge Voy indicated a willingness to discuss this issue further and testify on the measure, if necessary. His number in Las Vegas is 702-455-5989.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY

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SUBMITTED BY: JUDGE W. VOY