

Amendment No. 39

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 46	(BDR S-666)
Proposed by: Committee on Health and Human Services	
Amendment Box: Consistent with Amendment No. 67.	
Resolves Conflicts with: N/A	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering section 1 as sec. 4 and adding new sections designated sections 1 through 3, following the enacting clause, to read as follows:

“**Section 1.** NRS 218.53723 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.53723 1. There is hereby established a Legislative Committee on Children, Youth and Families consisting of:

(a) Five members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, at least two of whom were members of the Committee on Finance during the immediately preceding legislative session; and

(b) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at least two of whom were members of the Committee on Ways and Means during the immediately preceding legislative session.

2. The members of the Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from among their members. The Chairman must be elected from one house of the Legislature and the Vice Chairman

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from the other house. After the initial election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman, each of those officers holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a vacancy occurs in the Chairmanship or Vice Chairmanship, the members of the Committee shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. *The Chairman may appoint additional nonvoting advisory members as he deems necessary to facilitate the work of the Committee.*

4. Any member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve until the convening of the next session of the Legislature.

~~{4.}~~ **5.** Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Sec. 2. NRS 218.53725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.53725 1. The members of the Committee shall meet throughout each year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chairman or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or his designee shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary.

3. The Committee shall prescribe regulations for its own management and government.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, six voting members of the Committee constitute a quorum.

5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and by a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the Committee.

6. Except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, the **voting** members of the Committee are entitled to receive the compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session, the per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally and the travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207 for each day or portion of a day of attendance at a meeting of the Committee and while engaged in the business of the Committee. The salaries and expenses paid pursuant to this subsection and the expenses of the Committee must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 3. NRS 218.53727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.53727 The Committee ~~[shall:]~~ **may:**

1. Study and comment upon issues ~~[related to the]~~ **relating to:**

(a) Youth and families within this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Programs for the provision of services to youth and families in this State;

(2) Methods to enhance such programs and to ensure that youth and families are receiving services in the most appropriate setting;

(3) Federal and state laws concerning youth and families;

(4) The availability of useful information and data as needed for the State of Nevada effectively to make decisions, plan budgets and monitor costs and outcomes of services provided to youth and families;

(5) Methods to increase the availability of such information and data;

(6) Compliance with federal requirements which affect youth and families; and

(7) Any other matters that, in the determination of the Committee, affect youth and families.

(b) The provision of child welfare services within this State, including, without limitation:

- ~~{{a}}~~ (1) Programs for the provision of child welfare services;
- ~~{{b}}~~ (2) Licensing and reimbursement of providers of foster care;
- ~~{{c}}~~ (3) Mental health services; and
- ~~{{d}}~~ (4) Compliance with federal requirements.

2. Receive progress reports and testimony from the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources on the activities of each mental health consortium established pursuant to NRS 433B.333.

3. Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its powers pursuant to this section.

4. Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the study of issues related to *youth and families and* the provision of child welfare services within this State.

5. Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning ~~the~~ :

(a) *Issues involving youth and families within this State; and*

(b) *The manner in which the provision of child welfare services within this State may be improved.*”.

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sections 2 and 3 as sections 6 and 7 and adding a new section designated sec. 5, following section 1, to read as follows:

“**Sec. 5.** Section 3 of Chapter 24, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 359, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 3. 1. This section and section 1 of this act become effective on October 1, 2003.
- 2. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, ~~{2005.}~~ **2007**.
- 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective ~~{at 12:01 a.m.}~~ on July 1, ~~{2005.}~~ **2007**.”.

Amend sec. 3, page 3, line 11, before “This” by inserting “1.”.

Amend sec. 3, page 3, after line 11, by inserting:

“2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 2007.”.

Amend the title of the bill by deleting the first through third lines and inserting:

“AN ACT relating to the protection of children; revising the provisions governing the Legislative

Committee on Children, Youth and Families; extending the prospective expiration of the

Committee; requiring the Division of”.

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

“SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning provision of child welfare services.

(BDR 17-666)”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Legislative Committee on Children, Youth and Families, which is scheduled to cease operation on June 30, 2005. (NRS 218.5372-218.53727)

This bill extends the operation of the Legislative Committee on Children, Youth and Families to June 30, 2007, broadens the Committee's scope with regard to the issues it may study, comment and make recommendations on and provides for the additional appointment of nonvoting advisory members to the Committee to facilitate the work of the Committee.

Existing law gives responsibility for duties relating to the provision of child welfare services, including foster care services, to agencies of counties in each county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties). (Chapters 424 and 432B of NRS) The duties were transferred from the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources to such counties in 2001. (Chapter 1, Statutes of Nevada 2001, 17th Special Session, at page 1) At that time, the Division was specifically required to provide child welfare services in such counties as necessary until an agency in the county is fully capable of providing child welfare services. (Section 135, Chapter 1, Statutes of Nevada 2001, 17th Special Session, at page 61)

This bill requires the Division and each agency which provides child welfare services in a county whose population is 100,000 or more to develop a plan to fund child welfare services in this State.