

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION**

**Seventy-fourth Session
May 18, 2007**

The Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education was called to order by Chair Maurice E. Washington at 11:19 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2007, in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chair
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske, Vice Chair
Senator Dennis Nolan
Senator Joseph J. Heck
Senator Valerie Wiener
Senator Steven A. Horsford
Senator Joyce Woodhouse

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley, Assembly District No. 8

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, Committee Policy Analyst
Joe McCoy, Committee Policy Analyst
Sara Partida, Committee Counsel
Betty Ihfe, Committee Secretary

CHAIR WASHINGTON:

We will now hear Senate Concurrent Resolution (S.C.R.) 18.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 18 (1st Reprint): Expresses support for vocational rehabilitation programs and services in this State. (BDR R-296)

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT
NO. 667 TO S.C.R. 18.

SENATOR WIENER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR NOLAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE
VOTE.)

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CHAIR WASHINGTON:
We will now hear Assembly Bill (A.B.) 247.

ASSEMBLY BILL 247 (1st Reprint): Makes various changes concerning billing
for, collecting and bringing actions and enforcing judgments for
delinquent payments for hospital care rendered at a hospital. (BDR 40-
819)

CHAIR WASHINGTON:
There is an amendment to A.B. 247, and you should have a mock-up for this bill
([Exhibit C](#)).

MARSHEILAH D. LYONS (Committee Policy Analyst):
The amendment amends the number of years for billing for a hospital and must
be commenced not later than four years after the date on which any payment
that is due for the services is not paid. It deletes section 8 entirely. Section 10
includes an additional section that deals with the Health Insurance Flexibility and
Accountability waiver and allows funding from one year to be used for claims
incurred before July 1, 2005.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BARBARA E. BUCKLEY (Assembly District No. 8):
The changes were negotiated between me and the hospital association. We
negotiated for the term of three years in the statute of limitations instead of
four years. In speaking with the Chair yesterday, he thought the Committee's
appetite was for four years.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO ADOPT PROPOSED
AMENDMENT 4116 TO A.B. 247.

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SENATOR WIENER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WASHINGTON:

We will now discuss amendment 3841 to A.B. 247 ([Exhibit D](#)).

SARA PARTIDA (Committee Counsel):

That language in green that states, "is legally responsible or ... ," was added due to concerns that possibly certain persons who would otherwise be legally responsible were somehow not already included in the definition of responsible parties.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY:

I do not have any concerns. You are not responsible unless you are legally responsible.

SENATOR WIENER MOVED TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3841 TO A.B. 247.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR WIENER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 247.

SENATOR HORSFORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR HECK:

I have concerns with section 5 where payment is going to be delayed because a person may be eligible for a program, and we are now setting up a two-tiered system of contract law for when people can pursue debt. We are always hearing about the escalating costs of health care, and one of the factors is the overregulation of health care in general. I will be a no vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR HECK VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR WASHINGTON:

We will now hear A.B. 147 which deals with child-welfare issues.

[ASSEMBLY BILL 147 \(1st Reprint\)](#): Makes various changes concerning the placement of a child into protective custody. (BDR 38-869)

Ms. LYONS:

Assembly Bill 147 relates to child welfare services. It prohibits a person who takes a child who is three years of age or younger into protective custody from placing that child in a child-care institution unless appropriate foster care is not available at the time of placement in the county in which the child resides, it is necessary to avoid separating sibling groups or the child requires medical services and the services cannot be provided at any other placement. This bill requires the court, along with the agency that provides child welfare services, to establish a plan to transfer to another placement a child who is three years of age or younger and who has been placed in a group shelter. Beginning January 1, 2009, the child-protective provisions of this bill apply to children six years of age or younger.

SENATOR WIENER MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 147.

SENATOR HORSFORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WASHINGTON:

We will now adjourn the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education
at 11:28 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Shauna Kirk,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chair

DATE: _____