

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATOR CEGAVSKE

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the laws of this State governing the protection of children. (BDR R-364)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, Current national standards encourage the provision
2 of child and family services which focus on the preservation of the
3 family while ensuring the safe protection of children; and

4 WHEREAS, Current child welfare practices include the
5 implementation of a comprehensive and systematic method for
6 family-centered support and intervention by agencies which provide
7 child welfare services; and

8 WHEREAS, During the 2007-2008 interim, the Legislative
9 Commission created a Subcommittee to Study the Placement of
10 Children in Foster Care, which recommended a comprehensive
11 review of the laws set forth in chapter 432B of NRS governing the
12 protection of children in this State; and

13 WHEREAS, The laws governing the protection of children in this
14 State were largely enacted in the 1980s and have not been
15 systematically reviewed since being enacted; and

16 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature hereby recognizes the need
17 for a review of the system for the protection of children to ensure
18 that the system and relevant laws of this State are consistent with
19 current child welfare practices, allow for the implementation of
20 improvements to the system and standardize the criteria for the
21 placement of children into foster care; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
23 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is



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1 hereby directed to appoint a committee composed of three members
2 of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, one of whom
3 must be appointed as Chair of the committee, to conduct an interim
4 study of the system and laws governing the protection of children in
5 this State; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the committee should solicit the input and
7 recommendations of persons and entities concerned with the system
8 of child welfare, including, without limitation, children and families
9 who are provided services by child welfare agencies and any
10 agencies and organizations which provide child welfare and related
11 services in this State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the committee shall recommend such action as
13 may be necessary to provide:

14 1. Clear standards for the protection of children in this State,
15 including, without limitation, reviewing the definition of "abuse or
16 neglect of a child" to ensure it conforms with such standards; and

17 2. For the effective and efficient implementation of strategies
18 to preserve and build safe families; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
20 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
21 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to
22 the committee; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
24 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
25 legislation to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

