

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 154—ASSEMBLYMEN EISEN, FRIERSON;
BENITEZ-THOMPSON, CARRILLO, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES
AND HEALEY

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS JONES AND HARDY

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning child death review
teams. (BDR 38-611)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 protection of children; consolidating the
administrative teams that review the report and
recommendations of a multidisciplinary team appointed to
review the death of a child and the Executive Committee
to Review the Death of Children; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the director or other authorized representative of an agency
2 which provides child welfare services and the Executive Committee to Review the
3 Death of Children are authorized to appoint a multidisciplinary team to review
4 certain records concerning the death of a child. (NRS 432B.403-432B.407,
5 432B.409) An administrative team consisting of administrators of agencies which
6 provide child welfare services, and agencies responsible for vital statistics, public
7 health, mental health and public safety is required to review the report and
8 recommendations of a multidisciplinary team. (NRS 432B.408) This bill
9 consolidates the administrative team into the Executive Committee and requires the
10 Executive Committee to review the report and recommendations of a
11 multidisciplinary team. This bill also provides that members of the Executive
12 Committee who are administrators of agencies which provide child welfare
13 services, and agencies responsible for vital statistics, public health, mental health
14 and public safety must serve as nonvoting members of the Executive Committee.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 432B.408 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432B.408 1. The report and recommendations of a multidisciplinary team to review the death of a child must be transmitted ~~{to an administrative team}~~ for review ~~{-}~~.

~~2. An administrative team must consist of administrators of agencies which provide child welfare services, and agencies responsible for vital statistics, public health, mental health and public safety.~~

~~3.}~~ *to the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children established pursuant to NRS 432B.409.*

2. The ~~{administrative team}~~ *Executive Committee* shall review the report and recommendations and respond in writing to the multidisciplinary team within 90 days after receiving the report.

Sec. 2. NRS 432B.409 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432B.409 1. The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services shall establish an Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children, consisting of ~~{representatives}~~ :

(a) *Representatives* from multidisciplinary teams formed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 432B.405 and NRS 432B.406, vital statistics, law enforcement, public health and the Office of the Attorney General.

(b) *Administrators of agencies which provide child welfare services, and agencies responsible for mental health and public safety, to the extent that such administrators are not already appointed pursuant to paragraph (a).*

2. *Members of the Executive Committee who are administrators of agencies which provide child welfare services and of agencies responsible for vital statistics, public health, mental health and public safety shall serve as nonvoting members.*

3. The Executive Committee shall:

(a) Adopt statewide protocols for the review of the death of a child;

(b) Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of NRS 432B.403 to 432B.4095, inclusive;

(c) Adopt bylaws to govern the management and operation of the Executive Committee;

(d) Appoint one or more multidisciplinary teams to review the death of a child from the names submitted to the Executive Committee pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 432B.405;



(e) Oversee training and development of multidisciplinary teams to review the death of children; ~~and~~

(f) Compile and distribute a statewide annual report, including statistics and recommendations for regulatory and policy changes ~~+~~

~~—3.1 ; and~~

(g) Carry out the duties specified in NRS 432B.408.

4. The Review of Death of Children Account is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Executive Committee may use money in the Account to carry out the provisions of NRS 432B.403 to 432B.4095, inclusive.

Sec. 3. NRS 432B.4095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432B.4095 1. Each member of a multidisciplinary team organized pursuant to NRS 432B.405, a multidisciplinary team organized pursuant to NRS 432B.4075 ~~+, an administrative team organized pursuant to NRS 432B.4081~~ or the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children established pursuant to NRS 432B.409 who discloses any confidential information concerning the death of a child is personally liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$500.

2. The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services:

(a) May bring an action to recover a civil penalty imposed pursuant to subsection 1 against a member of a multidisciplinary team organized pursuant to NRS 432B.4075 ~~+, an administrative team~~ or the Executive Committee; and

(b) Shall deposit any money received from the civil penalty with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

3. Each director or other authorized representative of an agency which provides child welfare services that organized a multidisciplinary team pursuant to NRS 432B.405:

(a) May bring an action to recover a civil penalty pursuant to subsection 1 against a member of the multidisciplinary team; and

(b) Shall deposit any money received from the civil penalty in the appropriate county treasury.

Sec. 4. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2013, the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services shall appoint to the Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children established pursuant to NRS 432B.409 the additional members of the Executive Committee required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 432B.409, as amended by section 2 of this act.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

