

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 262—ASSEMBLYMEN COHEN, EISEN,
OHRENSCHALL, KIRKPATRICK; AIZLEY, ELLIOT
ANDERSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, FRIERSON, HEALEY,
SPIEGEL AND SWANK

MARCH 15, 2013

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing child custody and
visitation. (BDR 11-951)

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 child custody; authorizing a court to award
costs and the reasonable fees of attorneys and experts to a
party in certain actions concerning child custody or
visitation; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides that in an action to determine the parentage of a child, the
2 court may order that the reasonable fees of counsel, experts and the child's
3 guardian ad litem, and other costs of the action, be paid in such proportions as
4 determined by the court. (NRS 126.171, 126.231) Existing law further provides that
5 in an action for divorce, the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to either
6 party, if those fees are in issue under the pleadings. (NRS 125.150) This bill
7 provides that in an action to determine custody or visitation with respect to a child,
8 the court may order that the reasonable fees of counsel and experts, and other costs
9 of the action, be paid in proportions and at times determined by the court, if those
10 fees and costs are in issue under the pleadings.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 125C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 ***Except as otherwise provided in NRS 125C.180, in an action to***
4 ***determine legal custody, physical custody or visitation with respect***



- 1 *to a child, the court may order reasonable fees of counsel and*
- 2 *experts and other costs of the proceeding to be paid in proportions*
- 3 *and at times determined by the court, if those fees and costs are in*
- 4 *issue under the pleadings.*

