

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.

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*
5 *to a child, the court may order reasonable fees of counsel and*



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- 1 *experts and other costs of the proceeding to be paid in proportions*
- 2 *and at times determined by the court.*

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