

SENATE BILL NO. 451—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct an interim study concerning standards of care for specialized foster homes. (BDR S-1084)

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 welfare; directing the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct an interim study concerning standards of care for specialized foster homes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill directs the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile
2 Justice to conduct an interim study concerning standards of care for specialized
3 foster homes, which are family homes that provide full-time care for children who
4 require special care for physical, mental or emotional issues.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare
2 and Juvenile Justice created by NRS 218E.705 shall conduct an
3 interim study concerning standards of care for specialized foster
4 homes, as defined in NRS 424.018.
5 2. The Committee shall appoint a subcommittee for the study,
6 consisting of:
7 (a) Two members, who must be Legislators, appointed by the
8 Chair of the Committee;



(b) The Director of the Clark County Department of Family Services or his or her designee;

(c) The Director of the Washoe County Department of Social Services or his or her designee;

(d) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(e) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(f) Two members who are representatives of providers of specialized foster care, one of whom must be from northern Nevada and one of whom must be from southern Nevada, appointed by Nevada Youth Care Providers; and

(g) The following members appointed by the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services:

(1) One member who is a representative of a juvenile justice agency in Clark County;

(2) One member who is a representative of a juvenile justice agency in Washoe County;

(3) One member who is a representative of a juvenile justice agency in a county other than Clark County or Washoe County;

(4) One member who is an employee of the Division of Child and Family Services and is a representative of the juvenile justice services program area of the Division; and

(5) One member who is an employee of the Division of Child and Family Services and is a representative of the children's mental health program area of the Division.

3. The members of the subcommittee appointed pursuant to subsection 2 shall, at the first regular meeting of the subcommittee, elect a chair of the subcommittee from among the members.

4. The study must include, without limitation:

(a) An analysis of available information, studies and reports concerning standards of care for specialized foster homes; and

(b) Recommendations concerning appropriate standards of care for specialized foster homes in this State.

5. The subcommittee shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Committee on or before June 1, 2014.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

