

SENATE BILL NO. 88—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child. (BDR 38-337)

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

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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 Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child; expanding access to the information contained in the Central Registry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes a Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of
2 Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child and limits access to the
3 information contained in the Central Registry. (NRS 432.100) This bill authorizes
4 access to the information in the Central Registry for employees of the Division of
5 Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services
6 who are obtaining information in accordance with NRS 432A.170. In addition, this
7 bill authorizes the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services of
8 the Department to grant access to the Central Registry to employees or contractors
9 of any other state or local government agency responsible for the welfare of
10 children who demonstrate a bona fide need to access the registry.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 432.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 432.100 1. There is hereby established a Statewide Central
3 Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or
4 Neglect of a Child. This Central Registry must be maintained by the
5 Division.

6 2. The Central Registry must contain:

7 (a) The information in any substantiated report of child abuse or
8 neglect made pursuant to NRS 432B.220;

9 (b) Statistical information on the protective services provided in
10 this State; and

11 (c) Any other information which the Division determines to be
12 in furtherance of NRS 432.0999 to 432.130, inclusive, and
13 432B.010 to 432B.400, inclusive.

14 3. The Division may release information contained in the
15 Central Registry to an employer:

16 (a) If the person who is the subject of a background
17 investigation by the employer provides written authorization for the
18 release of the information; and

19 (b) Either:

20 (1) The employer is required by law to conduct the
21 background investigation of the person for employment purposes; or

22 (2) The person who is the subject of the background
23 investigation could, in the course of his or her employment, have
24 regular and substantial contact with children or regular and
25 substantial contact with elderly persons who require assistance or
26 care from other persons,

27 ↪ but only to the extent necessary to inform the employer whether
28 the person who is the subject of the background investigation has
29 been found to have abused or neglected a child.

30 4. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by specific
31 statute, information in the Central Registry may be accessed only by
32 ~~and~~ :

33 (a) *An employee of the Division ~~and by an~~ ;*

34 (b) *An agency which provides child welfare services ~~H~~ ;*

35 (c) *An employee of the Division of Public and Behavioral*
36 *Health of the Department who is obtaining information in*
37 *accordance with NRS 432A.170; and*

38 (d) *With the approval of the Administrator, an employee or*
39 *contractor of any other state or local governmental agency*
40 *responsible for the welfare of children who requests access to the*
41 *information and who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the*
42 *Administrator a bona fide need to access the information. Any*



1 *approval or denial of a request submitted in accordance with this*
2 *paragraph is at the sole discretion of the Administrator.*

3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

