

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 449—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE)

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct a study relating to juvenile detention in this State. (BDR S-450)

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 child welfare; directing the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct an interim study concerning juvenile detention in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile
2 Justice and directs the Committee to evaluate and review various issues relating to
3 child welfare and juvenile justice in this State. (NRS 218E.700-218E.720) This bill
4 requires the Committee to conduct a study during the 2019-2020 interim
5 concerning juvenile detention in this State. The study must include: (1)
6 consideration of the implementation of a regional approach to housing juvenile
7 offenders in this State; (2) a review of the adequacy of the current capacity of
8 institutions and facilities in this State to house juvenile offenders; (3) a review of
9 the current level of family and community engagement afforded to juveniles in the
10 juvenile justice system and opportunities for an increase in such family and
11 community engagement; and (4) an analysis of current programming relating to the
12 education, health and wellness of juvenile offenders in this State.



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 shall conduct a study during the 2019-2020
3 interim concerning juvenile detention in this State. The study must
4 include, without limitation:

5 (a) Consideration of the implementation of a regional approach
6 to the housing of juvenile offenders in this State, through which the
7 Nevada Department of Corrections retains jurisdiction over juvenile
8 offenders who are housed locally in other local or state institutions
9 or facilities;

10 (b) A review of the adequacy of the current capacity of
11 institutions and facilities in this State to house juvenile offenders;

12 (c) A review of the current level of family and community
13 engagement afforded to juveniles in the juvenile justice system and
14 the feasibility of programs to increase the level of family and
15 community engagement received by juveniles in the juvenile justice
16 system; and

17 (d) An analysis of the current offerings of educational, health
18 and wellness programming for juvenile offenders in institutions and
19 facilities in this State.

20 2. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile
21 Justice shall include its findings and any recommendations for
22 legislation relating to the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1
23 in its report submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
24 Bureau pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 218E.720.

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

