
SENATE BILL NO. 357—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY (BY REQUEST)

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

MARCH 25, 2021

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Corrections to track and report expenses that are directly related to housing youthful offenders. (BDR 16-499)

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 Department of Corrections; requiring the Department to track and report expenses that are directly related to housing youthful offenders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to: (1) establish, with the approval of the Board of State Prison Commissioners, a system of initial classification and evaluation for offenders who are sentenced to imprisonment in the state prison; (2) assign every person who is sentenced to imprisonment in the state prison to an appropriate institution or facility of the Department, based on an evaluation of the offender's records, particular needs and requirements for custody; and (3) administer a risk and needs assessment to each offender for the purpose of guiding institutional programming and placement. (NRS 209.341) This bill requires the Director to: (1) establish a system to track expenses that are directly related to housing youthful offenders in the institutions and facilities of the Department; and (2) submit an annual report regarding such expenses to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice.



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

Section 1. Chapter 209 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Director shall establish a system to track expenses that are directly related to housing youthful offenders in the institutions and facilities of the Department. The system must track all expenses that are directly related to housing youthful offenders, including, without limitation, expenses for:

- (a) Education;*
- (b) Communication and interaction with family members and other persons;*
- (c) Health care;*
- (d) Mental health;*
- (e) Recreational programming; and*
- (f) Any other cost that the Director determines to be directly related to housing youthful offenders.*

2. On or before July 30 of each year, the Director shall prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice a report regarding the expenses that were tracked by the system established pursuant to subsection 1 during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

3. As used in this section, "youthful offender" means an offender who is less than 18 years of age.

Sec. 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

