

SENATE BILL NO. 398—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

MARCH 26, 2021

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice. (BDR S-507)

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 juvenile justice; requiring the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission to submit a report containing certain information to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission and requires the Commission to perform certain functions relating to the juvenile justice system, including, among other requirements, the development of a 5-year strategic plan to establish policies and procedures for the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the use of evidence-based practices in providing services to children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. (NRS 62B.600-62B.620) Existing law also creates the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice and directs the Committee to evaluate and review certain issues relating to child welfare and juvenile justice in this State. Existing law further authorizes the Committee to recommend legislation concerning child welfare and juvenile justice to the Legislature. (NRS 218E.700-218E.720) This bill requires the Commission to, on or before August 1, 2022, submit to the Committee a report which contains: (1) an update on the progress of the Division in achieving the measures set forth in the current 5-year strategic plan; and (2) any recommendations for legislation relating to improvements to the next 5-year strategic plan, disparities in the juvenile justice system related to race or ethnicity and compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. (34 U.S.C. §§ 11101 et seq.)



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

Section 1. 1. In addition to any report required pursuant to NRS 62B.615, the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission shall, on or before August 1, 2022, submit to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice a report which must contain, without limitation:

(a) An update on the progress of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services in achieving the measures set forth in the current 5-year strategic plan; and

(b) Any recommendations for legislation relating to:

(1) Improvements to the next 5-year strategic plan based on the experiences and results of the current 5-year strategic plan;

(2) Disparities in the juvenile justice system related to race or ethnicity; and

(3) Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, 34 U.S.C. §§ 11101 et seq.

2. As used in this section, "5-year strategic plan" means the plan developed by the Commission pursuant to NRS 62B.615.

Sec. 2. 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. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

