



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**
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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fourth and final meeting and work session of the Nevada Legislature's Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice was held on Friday, July 18, 2014, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/77th2013/committee/>. In addition, copies of the audio or video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblyman Jason M. Frierson, Chair
Senator Tick Segerblom, Vice Chair
Senator Scott T. Hammond
Senator Ruben J. Kihuen
Assemblyman John Hambrick
Assemblyman James Ohrenschall

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Guinan, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Bryan Fernley-Gonzalez, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Karly O'Krent, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Janet Coons, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

OPENING REMARKS

- Chair Frierson called the fourth and final meeting and work session of the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (Committee) to order. He welcomed Committee members, staff, and the public to the meeting. Chair Frierson explained that the Committee only has ten bill draft requests (BDRs) that it can present to the 2015 Legislature. He thanked staff members for their hard work during the interim.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Frierson called for public comment.
- The Honorable Dorothy Nash Holmes, Municipal Judge, Department 3, Washoe County, introduced Stacie Mathewson, Founder, The Stacie Mathewson Foundation. She identified Ms. Mathewson as the motivation behind the proposed language changes regarding “best interest of the child” and her inquiry into the substance abuse and/or addiction of prospective parents or those parents seeking changes in custody. Referring to the “Work Session Document” ([Exhibit B](#)), Judge Holmes pointed out that she did not see any reference to language changes in Chapter 432B of NRS, “Protection of Children from Abuse and Neglect,” which she presented at the Committee’s June 20, 2014, meeting. She inquired as to whether the Committee was going to address her concerns.
- Chair Frierson stated that he would discuss her concerns during the work session.
- Melinda Munson, licensed foster parent, member of the Clark County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, and member of the National Foster Parent Association, testified on behalf of Clark County foster parents. She shared that ten states have legislated a “Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights,” and she provided samples from Kansas and Georgia. (Please see [Exhibit C](#) and [Exhibit C-1](#).) Encouraging the Committee to support a “Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights,” Ms. Munson submitted a written proposal for Nevada. (Please see [Exhibit C-2](#).) With the enactment of a bill of rights, she expressed hope that more foster parents would renew their licenses and more foster parents could be recruited with the assurance that their rights are protected by law.
- Sheila Smith, foster parent from Clark County, testified that her 7-month-old foster daughter passed away 17 days after admission to the hospital. She explained that the doctor ordered a test requiring sedation; therefore, the hospital staff and Ms. Smith repeatedly contacted the Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS) for medical consent. She shared her frustrations with the day-to-day practices of the DFS, which she opined resulted in the death of her foster daughter. Ms. Smith requested that the Committee evaluate the medical practices of the DFS, which she suggested do not align with its procedures.

- Chair Frierson commented that the Committee could better help care for and protect the children of Nevada through discussions that include all stakeholders involved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20, 2014, IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR KIHUEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE JUNE 20, 2014, MEETING HELD IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

WORK SESSION—DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

- Chair Frierson explained that rehearings are not held during the work session. He noted there are more recommendations than the ten BDRs allowed the Committee ([Exhibit B](#)).

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSALS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE'S TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE) TO STUDY JUVENILE JUSTICE ISSUES (Assembly Bill 202 [Chapter 483, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*])

- Patrick Guinan, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), explained that A.B. 202 directed the Task Force to review a specific set of issues during the 2013-2014 Interim. He deferred to Assemblyman Ohrenschall, Chair of the Task Force, for further comments and discussion.
- Assemblyman Ohrenschall explained that the Task Force did not make any proposals regarding issues where there was not a consensus. He said the issue of housing juvenile offenders who are certified or direct filed at juvenile facilities rather than adult facilities was of great concern to the Task Force. Assemblyman Ohrenschall added that James G. (Greg) Cox, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC), shared possible plans for a sight and sound separated facility at the Red Rock Academy (Red Rock). Other than one dissenting vote, he said the remaining votes of the members were unanimous, and he requested that the Committee consider the Task Force’s proposals. Assemblyman Ohrenschall pointed out that some of the recommendations would be letters to the Supreme Court of Nevada’s Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform (Commission) encouraging further study of various issues.

1. **Amend NRS** to provide that if a juvenile is direct filed to district court on one charge but is then acquitted of that charge and convicted of a lesser included charge, the district court will have discretion to send the case to juvenile court. *(from Task Force discussion)*

- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 1.

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK MOVED TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM AND
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Draft a letter** to members of the Commission urging its support for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DOC and the various juvenile offender facilities in Nevada, which would provide for the transfer of youthful offenders from DOC facilities to juvenile facilities.

- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 2.

- Vice Chair Segerblom strongly encouraged the removal of juvenile offenders from DOC facilities.

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 AS STATED. THE MOTION
WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK AND
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Draft a letter** to the members of the Commission urging it to review the following items and make recommendations to the Legislature based on its findings:

- a. Consider requesting legislation mandating the transfer of youthful offenders under the age of 18 to juvenile facilities;
- b. Conduct fact-finding visits to co-located facilities, MOU-based facilities, and facilities under statutory juvenile series management in other states;
- c. Conduct further study prior to moving forward with a Capital Improvement Program for the building of a co-located facility in Nevada;
- d. Consider requesting legislation to amend subsection 4 of NRS 62C.030 to make housing a juvenile in a juvenile detention facility the 'default' regardless of the charge and require the State to petition the court to transfer the juvenile to an adult facility pending the upcoming court process if the State so chooses *(from Chairman Ohrenschall)*; and

e. Support the conduct of a “trial period,” housing youths from the Nevada Youth Training Center at the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center.

- Chair Frierson asked for discussion on Recommendation No. 3.
- VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN.
- Assemblyman Hambrick expressed concern about housing deep-end prisoners, such as those involved with sex offenses, with other juveniles.
- Having toured Red Rock, Senator Hammond expressed concern about establishing appropriate separation at the facility so that youthful offenders are not comingling with those who committed grievous crimes.
- Assemblyman Ohrenschall stated that Director Cox’s testimony regarding Red Rock addressed a sight and sound separated facility co-located at the campus.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

THE PREVIOUS MOTION BY VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM AND SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSALS MADE BY THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA’S COMMISSION ON STATEWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

4. **Draft** a new juvenile competency statute as a new chapter of NRS under Title 5, “Juvenile Justice.” The juvenile competency draft statute outlines the process of determining competency in juvenile proceedings, including the appointment of experts, competency evaluations, hearings on competency, and findings and orders of the court.
- Chair Frierson informed the Committee that 18 states have juvenile competency statutes.
 - Having served on the Commission’s subcommittee, Assemblyman Ohrenschall urged the Committee to support the recommendation.
 - The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Amend** subsections 1 and 3 of NRS 392.466 to allow the superintendent of schools the discretion to modify the expulsion requirement for:

- a. Battery;
- b. Sale or distribution of a controlled substance; and
- c. Status as a habitual disciplinary problem.

Current statute allows the superintendent of schools the discretion to modify the expulsion requirement if any pupil is found in possession of a firearm or a dangerous weapon while on public school property. Current statute reads, “The superintendent of schools of a school district may, for good cause shown in a particular case in that school district, allow a modification to the expulsion requirement of this subsection if such modification is set forth in writing.”

- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 5.
- Vice Chair Segerblom stated his support for this recommendation because research has shown that discipline is related to race and ethnic background, which he opined can harm people for the rest of their lives.
- Assemblyman Ohrenschall echoed Vice Chair Segerblom’s comments. He stated that he has seen youths expelled for long periods from their regular schools and sent to behavioral schools, which lack the activities, clubs, and sports of regular schools.
- Senator Hammond announced he has already submitted a similar BDR. He shared a situation involving a student who brought a paint gun to school, but discretion and a review of the facts prevented the student from being expelled for a situation that was not harmful.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION NO. 5 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY SENATOR HAMMOND AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Amend** NRS 392.910 by removing language from subsection 1, which makes the use of vile or indecent language within the school a misdemeanor. The amendment would also insert references to the definitions for “assault,” “maliciously,” and “school employee.”

- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 6.
- Assemblyman Ohrenschall urged the Committee’s support for this recommendation. Even though he does not advocate using strong language on campus, he recognizes that many youths use strong language today, which he opined does not justify being placed in the juvenile system.

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSALS MADE BY THE HONORABLE DOROTHY NASH HOLMES, MUNICIPAL JUDGE, DEPARTMENT 3, WASHOE COUNTY

7. **Amend** subsection 4(f) of NRS 125.480 regarding the mental health of parents in determining the “best interests of the child” such that the subsection would include the following italicized language: *“The mental and physical health of the parents, including the abuse of alcohol, prescription medications and other legal or illegal substances. The court may require independent corroboration of an allegation that a parent is habitually or continually using controlled substances or illegal drugs.”*
- Chair Frierson shared the courts in Clark County already use this practice and therefore questioned the need for the amendment. He acknowledged some courts might be hesitant if statute does not expressly authorize the practice.
 - Brigid Duffy, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division, Office of the Clark County District Attorney, identified NRS 125.480 as a custody statute. She explained that under the abuse and neglect statutes, specifically the termination of parental rights, the Clark County courts may consider a parent to be unfit as a result of excessive use of legal or illegal drugs or alcohol.

Vice Chair Segerblom and Ms. Duffy discussed whether there is a standard policy regarding parents who use medical marijuana. Ms. Duffy stated she is not aware of a specific policy in statute that addresses medical marijuana, but added that parents have used it as a defense in abuse and neglect courts.

- Chair Frierson asked The Honorable Dorothy Nash Holmes, previously identified, to explain why she is requesting the addition of “The court may require independent corroboration of an allegation that a parent is habitually or continually using controlled substances or illegal drugs” to NRS 125.480.
- Judge Holmes asserted that society is very different today from when the statute was first written. She shared examples of cases where parents abuse alcohol, illegal drugs, and legal prescription drugs. Judge Holmes explained that her recommendation directs judges to not only evaluate the mental and physical health of parents, but also how drug abuse and addiction affect their children. She stated she does not object to using the words “should” or “must” regarding the requirement of independent corroboration because the purpose of corroboration is to prevent accusations without proof.

- After listening to Judge Holmes' explanation, Chair Frierson summarized that if a concern about drug abuse exists, the court could require a drug test if it found the concern credible. He called for a motion to add the language proposed by Judge Holmes.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION NO. 7 AS STATED. THE MOTION
WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK AND
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PROPOSALS MADE BY LISA RUIZ-LEE, DIRECTOR, CLARK COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES**

8. **Amend** Chapter 432B of NRS and/or Chapter 127 of NRS, "Adoption of Children and Adults," in order to define the words "rehoming," "advertise," "adoption disruption," and "adoption dissolution," and address the delegation of parental responsibility through power of attorney or guardianship for the purposes of rehoming.
- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 8. He reminded the Committee that at least one other state has passed legislation regarding the "rehoming" of adopted children.
 - As the father of three adopted children, Senator Hammond confirmed his full support of Recommendation No. 8.
 - The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR HAMMOND MOVED TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL AND
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **Amend** Chapter 432B of NRS to adequately reflect a wide of range of "entities," beyond just a "person," that may be responsible for negligent treatment, maltreatment, abuse, or neglect of a child.
- Chair Frierson called for discussion on Recommendation No. 9. He explained an entity can be treated as an individual in other areas of the law, and this recommendation addresses any technical argument about who is responsible for the abuse of a child if a person or entity overlooked a pattern of behavior.
 - Judge Holmes asked the Committee whether it would be interested in including a statement that refers to "the best interest of the child" in Chapter 432B of NRS.

- Chair Frierson encouraged Judge Holmes to confer with Ms. Ruiz-Lee for any changes to the recommendation.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 9 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. **Amend** Chapter 424 of NRS, “Foster Homes for Children,” to provide statutory authority for background checks to be conducted on persons who are routinely found within in a foster home environment.

- Chair Frierson recalled that testimony during the hearing addressed the inability to conduct background checks on family members who do not live in a foster home but frequently visit in order to ensure the safety of those foster children in the home.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 10 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. **Draft** a statute similar to Chapter 432B of NRS to create a categorical grant to fund a program for youths who voluntarily remain under court jurisdiction until the age of 21. (If beyond the scope of this Committee, this recommendation may take the form of a letter of support for this concept addressed to the money committees.)
 12. **Draft** a statute similar to Chapter 432B of NRS to create a categorical grant to fund a higher level of care for the most challenging youths in both welfare and juvenile justice systems. (If beyond the scope of this Committee, this recommendation may take the form of a letter of support for this concept addressed to the money committees.)
- Since the Committee only has ten BDRs, Chair Frierson commented he might revisit some of the previous recommendations. He asked legal counsel whether the Committee could consider Recommendation Nos. 11 and 12 as one proposal.
 - Bryan Fernley-Gonzalez, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, stated that combining the recommendations would be permissible under the standard of the single subject rule.

Discussion followed regarding whether the recommendations are beyond the scope of the Committee. Mr. Fernley-Gonzalez verified the recommendations would fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee because they create policy rather than allocate money.

- Chair Frierson summarized the two parts of the recommendation: (1) draft a statute that creates a categorical grant to fund a program for youths who voluntarily remain under the court's jurisdiction until 21 years old, as determined by Assembly Bill 350 (Chapter 57, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*); and (2) draft a statute that creates a categorical grant to fund a higher level of care for the most challenging youths in both the welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- Because of the positive effects A.B. 350 has had on disadvantaged youths, Assemblyman Ohrenschall declared his support for any additional legislation that would provide further support for these youths.
- Chair Frierson called for a motion to combine Recommendation Nos. 11 and 12.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO APPROVE COMBINING RECOMMENDATION NOS. 11 AND 12 AS STATED INTO ONE BDR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Vice Chair Segerblom suggested if the Committee endorses more than ten recommendations, Chair Frierson could select his preferences for the Committee's allotted BDRs.
- Chair Frierson agreed that was an option. He reminded the Committee that Senator Hammond has already submitted a BDR similar to Recommendation No. 5. Chair Frierson asked Assemblyman Ohrenschall and Vice Chair Segerblom whether they would consider combining Recommendation Nos. 5 and 6.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO APPROVE COMBINING RECOMMENDATION NOS. 5 AND 6 AS STATED INTO ONE BDR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. **Amend** Chapter 432B of NRS to provide that the manner of serving a summons after a petition that a child is in need of protection has been filed with a court is the same as the manner of giving notice of an initial hearing after removal of the child from his or her home.
- Chair Frierson said Recommendation No. 13 reflects an effort to fix a technicality regarding notice requirements that was not clear in statute, which would provide permanency and stability for children and afford due process to parents.

- Assemblyman Ohrenschall suggested combining Recommendation Nos. 13 and 14.
- Chair Frierson said he was considering combining Recommendation Nos. 14 and 15.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 13 AS STATED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR KIHUEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. **Amend** NRS 432B.393 and NRS 128.105 to align burdens of proof regarding reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify a family and termination of parental rights.

15. **Clarify** that in Indian child welfare cases, the burden of proof is “beyond a reasonable doubt.”

- Chair Frierson said he would like to consider Recommendation Nos. 14 and 15 together because they both deal with the burden of proof.
- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

VICE CHAIR SEGERBLOM MOVED TO APPROVE COMBINING RECOMMENDATION NOS. 14 AND 15 AS STATED INTO ONE BDR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSALS MADE BY MARC A. LEVIN, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE JUSTICE, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION, AND POLICY DIRECTOR, RIGHT ON CRIME

16. Utilize valid risk and needs assessments throughout the entire juvenile justice system;
17. Ensure the right level of ongoing supervision;
18. Utilize strong performance measures to indicate the success of programs;
19. Limit incarceration to status offenders and find alternatives to detainment for runaways or minors possessing alcohol;
20. Incorporate police diversion with victim-offender mediation when possible; and
21. Investigate the tier-disciplinary model regarding school discipline and “zero-tolerance” policies.

- Chair Frierson said he found these recommendations to be valuable and worthy of consideration, but they were not specific enough to create BDRs. He called for further discussion by Committee members.
- Assemblyman Ohrenschall stated he was impressed by Mr. Levin's presentation, especially his reference to Texas not keeping a child in a juvenile detention facility before or after adjudication unless the delinquency charge constitutes a felony in the adult system. He pointed out that Recommendation No. 19 should read as "limit incarceration of status offenders" rather than "limit incarceration to status offenders."
- Chair Frierson said Mr. Levin's concepts are proposals the Committee has considered internally or will propose for consideration by the Commission.

PROPOSALS OFFERED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE COMMITTEE'S JUNE 20, 2014, MEETING BY DENISE TANATA ASHBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

22. Improve interviewing standards for child victims of sexual abuse.

- Chair Frierson said the proposal generally suggests the improvement of interviewing standards for children who are victims of sexual abuse. He called for comments on the proposal; however, no discussion took place.

PROPOSALS MADE DURING THIS MEETING, NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

- Recalling a discussion from a previous Committee meeting regarding the age at which children are determined delinquent or as children in need of supervision, Chair Frierson declared he would submit a personal BDR regarding this topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shauna Davis Ph.D., Policy Manager, Children's Advocacy Alliance, testified that she wrote her doctoral dissertation on police responses to sexual assault victims. She discovered that untrained professionals are conducting many of the interviews of sexual assault victims, which means some of the interviewers have no college degree or knowledge of the types of sex crimes committed. Dr. Davis explained that as a result, cases are not upheld in court because valid forensic interviews were not provided. She offered to provide the Committee with more information on this topic.
- Chair Frierson encouraged Dr. Davis to provide further information to the Committee.

- The following document was submitted for the record:
 1. A letter dated July 14, 2014, to the Committee from Vanessa Spinazola, Legislative and Advocacy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, regarding support for recommendations from the Committee's Task Force. (Please see [Exhibit D.](#))

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Coons
Senior Research Secretary

Patrick Guinan
Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Jason M. Frierson, Chair

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Patrick Guinan, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is the “Work Session Document,” dated July 18, 2014, submitted by Patrick Guinan, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB.

[Exhibit C](#) is a document regarding a “Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights” for Kansas, furnished by Melinda Munson, licensed foster parent, member of the Clark County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association (CCFAPA), and member of the National Foster Parent Association (NFPA).

[Exhibit C-1](#) is a document regarding a “Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights” for Georgia, furnished by Melinda Munson, licensed foster parent, member of the CCFAPA, and member of the NFPA.

[Exhibit C-2](#) is a copy of a proposed “Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights” for Nevada, submitted by Melinda Munson, licensed foster parent, member of the CCFAPA, and member of the NFPA.

[Exhibit D](#) is a letter dated July 14, 2014, to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice (Committee) from Vanessa Spinazola, Legislative and Advocacy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, regarding support for recommendations from the Committee’s Task Force to Study Juvenile Justice Issues.

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