

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
Other _____

Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 443

Revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature. (BDR 17-1045)

Sponsored By: Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections
Date Heard: April 22, 2021
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

Assembly Bill 443 repeals several statutory committees on which legislators serve throughout the biennium and establishes Joint Interim Standing Committees that parallel certain standing committees established by the Legislature during its regular sessions. The powers and duties of certain repealed statutory committees are reassigned to corresponding joint committees. The membership of other statutory committees is altered to reference legislators who are members of joint committees of jurisdiction. Each joint committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. To the extent practicable, at least five of the members appointed to a joint committee must have served on the corresponding standing committee during the preceding regular session of the Legislature, and the joint committee will consist of not more than five members of the same political party. It also provides for meetings of the committees, and it authorizes committees to review matters within the jurisdiction of their corresponding standing committees and to conduct studies directed by the Legislature and the Legislative Commission. The joint committees are required to report on their activities, findings, and any recommended legislation to each session of the Legislature.

Amendments:

Assemblyman Steve Yeager proposed the following amendments (see additional detail concerning intent on the following page):

1. Require that the Standing Interim Committee on Judiciary also consider juvenile justice issues, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee. An additional five bill draft requests will be allocated and earmarked specifically for juvenile justice issues; and
2. Require that the Standing Interim Committee on Health and Human Services also consider child welfare issues, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee. An additional five bill draft requests will be allocated and earmarked specifically for child welfare issues.

In discussions with **Chair Miller**, the following amendment is proposed in coordination with a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 176:

3. Amend the bill to authorize the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to consider issues relating to governmental purchasing, including, without limitation, consideration of those recommendations for legislation included in a report prepared by the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing created by *Nevada Revised Statutes* 332.215. Further, include a provision to require the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing to prepare and transmit a biennial report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. Such a report must include, without limitation, recommendations for legislation relating to governmental purchasing.

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Conceptual Amendment for Assembly Bill 443

1. Require that the Standing Interim Committee on Judiciary also consider juvenile justice issues, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee. An additional 5 bill draft requests will be allocated and earmarked specifically for juvenile justice issues.
2. Require that the Standing Interim Committee on Health & Human Services also consider child welfare issues, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee. An additional 5 bill draft requests will be allocated and earmarked specifically for child welfare issues.

The intent of the amendment is to ensure that juvenile justice and child welfare issues don't get lost in the interim reorganization. Even with these 10 additional BDRs, it is anticipated that reorganizing the interim process in the way envisioned by Assembly Bill 443 will result in the availability of 20-35 fewer BDRs in the interim.