

Assembly Bill No. 230—Assemblymen C.H. Miller, Torres, Nguyen, Flores, Considine; Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Cohen, Duran, González, Hansen, Hardy, Kasama, Krasner, Martinez, Marzola, Monroe-Moreno, O’Neill, Orentlicher, Summers-Armstrong, Thomas, Watts, Wheeler and Yeager

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AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; eliminating the exclusion of certain offenses from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; revising provisions relating to the certification of a child for criminal proceedings as an adult; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides that the juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction over a child who is alleged to have committed an act designated as a delinquent act, unless the child is alleged to have committed an offense for which the juvenile court may certify the child for criminal proceedings as an adult and the juvenile court certifies the child for criminal proceedings as an adult upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation. (NRS 62B.330, 62B.390) Certain offenses with age-related conditions are not considered delinquent acts and are therefore excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court such as: (1) murder and attempted murder; (2) sexual assault and attempted sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim; (3) an offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm; (4) certain felonies resulting in death or substantial bodily harm on the property of a school, at an activity sponsored by a school or on a school bus; (5) other category A and B felonies; and (6) any other offense if, before the offense was committed, the person previously had been convicted of a criminal offense. (NRS 62B.330) **Section 2** of this bill eliminates the exclusions of: (1) sexual assault and attempted sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence; and (2) an offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, thereby retaining such offenses under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

Under existing law, the juvenile court is required to certify a child for criminal proceedings as an adult upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation if the child: (1) is charged with a sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim or an offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm; and (2) was 16 years of age or older at the time the child allegedly committed the offense. (NRS 62B.390) **Section 4** of this bill eliminates the mandatory certification of a child as an adult for these offenses and provides instead for the discretionary certification of a child for criminal proceedings as an adult for all offenses over which the juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction.



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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. NRS 62B.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62B.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child living or found within the county who is alleged or adjudicated to have committed a delinquent act.

2. For the purposes of this section, a child commits a delinquent act if the child:

(a) Violates a county or municipal ordinance other than those specified in paragraph (f) or (g) of subsection 1 of NRS 62B.320 or an offense related to tobacco;

(b) Violates any rule or regulation having the force of law; or

(c) Commits an act designated a criminal offense pursuant to the laws of the State of Nevada.

3. For the purposes of this section, each of the following acts shall be deemed not to be a delinquent act, and the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a person who is charged with committing such an act:

(a) Murder or attempted murder and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the murder or attempted murder, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if the person was 16 years of age or older when the murder or attempted murder was committed.

(b) ~~Sexual assault or attempted sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:~~

~~— (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was committed; and~~

~~— (2) Before the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.~~

~~— (c) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:~~



~~— (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed; and~~

~~— (2) Before the offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm was committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.~~

~~— (d)]~~ A felony resulting in death or substantial bodily harm to the victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the felony, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:

(1) The felony was committed on the property of a public or private school when pupils or employees of the school were present or may have been present, at an activity sponsored by a public or private school or on a school bus while the bus was engaged in its official duties; and

(2) The person intended to create a great risk of death or substantial bodily harm to more than one person by means of a weapon, device or course of action that would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person.

~~[(e)]~~ (c) A category A or B felony and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the category A or B felony, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if the person was at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age when the offense was committed, and:

(1) The person is not identified by law enforcement as having committed the offense and charged before the person is at least 20 years, 3 months of age, but less than 21 years of age; or

(2) The person is not identified by law enforcement as having committed the offense until the person reaches 21 years of age.

~~[(f)]~~ (d) Any other offense if, before the offense was committed, the person previously had been convicted of a criminal offense.

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. NRS 62B.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62B.390 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 2 and]~~ NRS 62B.400, upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation, the juvenile court may certify a child for proper criminal proceedings as an adult to any court that would have jurisdiction to try the offense if committed by an adult, if the child:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), is charged with an offense that would have been a felony if committed by an adult and was 14 years of age or older at the time the child allegedly committed the offense; or



(b) Is charged with murder or attempted murder and was 13 years of age or older when the murder or attempted murder was committed.

~~2. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, upon a motion by the district attorney and after a full investigation, the juvenile court shall certify a child for proper criminal proceedings as an adult to any court that would have jurisdiction to try the offense if committed by an adult, if the child:~~

~~—(a) Is charged with:~~

~~—(1) A sexual assault involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim; or~~

~~—(2) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm; and~~

~~—(b) Was 16 years of age or older at the time the child allegedly committed the offense.~~

~~—3. The juvenile court shall not certify a child for criminal proceedings as an adult pursuant to subsection 2 if the juvenile court specifically finds by clear and convincing evidence that:~~

~~—(a) The child is developmentally or mentally incompetent to understand the situation and the proceedings of the court or to aid the child's attorney in those proceedings; or~~

~~—(b) The child has a substance use disorder or emotional or behavioral problems and the substance use disorder or emotional or behavioral problems may be appropriately treated through the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.~~

~~—4.] If a child is certified for criminal proceedings as an adult pursuant to subsection 1, [or 2,] the juvenile court shall also certify the child for criminal proceedings as an adult for any other related offense arising out of the same facts as the offense for which the child was certified, regardless of the nature of the related offense.~~

~~[5.] 3. If a child has been certified for criminal proceedings as an adult pursuant to subsection 1 [or 2] and the child's case has been transferred out of the juvenile court:~~

~~(a) The court to which the case has been transferred has original jurisdiction over the child;~~

~~(b) The child may petition for transfer of the case back to the juvenile court only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances; and~~

~~(c) If the child's case is transferred back to the juvenile court, the juvenile court shall determine whether the exceptional circumstances warrant accepting jurisdiction.~~

Secs. 5-7 and 7.5. (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 8. The amendatory provisions of this act apply to an offense committed on or after October 1, 2021.

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