

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 472—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Establishes policies for reducing recidivism rates and improving other outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system. (BDR 5-918)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 8, 12)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; creating the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission; prescribing the powers and duties of the Commission; imposing requirements related to juvenile justice on the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services and local departments of juvenile services; providing for the establishment of an evidence-based program resource center; requiring the juvenile court to make certain findings before committing a child to the custody of a state facility for the detention of children or a public or private institution or agency in another state; requiring departments of juvenile services to conduct a risk assessment and a mental health screening before the disposition of a case involving a child who is adjudicated delinquent; requiring the Division to consider the results of such an assessment and screening in making decisions concerning the placement of a child; revising provisions relating to mental health screenings of children referred to the system of juvenile justice; revising provisions concerning the release of certain information relating to a child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; requiring the Youth Parole Bureau to adopt policies and procedures relating to responses to a child's violation of his or her terms and conditions of parole; requiring the juvenile court to consider the adherence of the Youth Parole Bureau to such policies and procedures in determining whether to suspend, modify or revoke a child's parole; revising provisions relating to revocation of a child's parole; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law provides generally for a system of juvenile justice in this State.  
2 (Title 5 of NRS) Federal law requires a state seeking grant money for the  
3 administration of a system of juvenile justice to have a state advisory group that  
4 oversees such a system. (42 U.S.C. § 5633(a)(3)) **Section 4** of this bill creates the  
5 Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission and designates the Commission as the state  
6 advisory group for the purposes of federal law. **Section 5** of this bill requires the  
7 Commission to: (1) establish a uniform procedure for the Division of Child and  
8 Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Youth  
9 Parole Bureau and each department of juvenile services in this State to follow when  
10 developing performance measures related to the juvenile justice system; (2)  
11 establish standard procedures for measuring outcomes for children subject to the  
12 jurisdiction of the juvenile court; (3) select a validated risk assessment tool to assist  
13 the juvenile court, the Division and each department of juvenile services in  
14 determining the appropriate actions to take for children subject to the jurisdiction of  
15 the juvenile court and a validated mental health screening tool to determine the  
16 appropriate actions to take for children in need of supervision; and (4) contract with  
17 a qualified vendor or provider to provide technical assistance and training to  
18 employees of the juvenile justice system on the implementation and operation of  
19 such tools.

20 **Section 6** of this bill requires the Commission to develop a 5-year strategic plan  
21 that establishes policies and procedures for the Division and each department of  
22 juvenile services relating to the use of evidence-based practices when providing  
23 services to children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. **Section 7** of this  
24 bill requires the members of the Commission to conduct annual quality assurance  
25 reviews of each state facility for the detention of children and each regional facility  
26 for the treatment and rehabilitation of children, which **section 13.2** of this bill  
27 defines as a regional facility which: (1) provides court-ordered treatment and  
28 rehabilitation for children; and (2) is administered by or for the benefit of more than  
29 one governmental entity. **Section 7** requires such a quality assurance review to  
30 include a review of the facility's: (1) service delivery; (2) case management  
31 procedures; (3) policies on supervision and behavior management; and (4)  
32 procedures relating to the release of children from the facility. **Section 7** also  
33 requires a facility to: (1) develop a facility improvement plan, in coordination with  
34 the Division or a local department of juvenile services, if such a plan is required to  
35 address any issues raised in the review; and (2) submit such a plan to the  
36 Commission. **Section 7** further requires the Commission to compile all such facility  
37 improvement plans and submit the plans to the Governor and the Director of the  
38 Legislative Counsel Bureau with its annual review.

39 **Section 8** of this bill requires the Division and each department of juvenile  
40 services to, on or before July 1, 2018, implement the validated risk assessment tool  
41 and the validated mental health screening tool selected by the Commission for  
42 evaluation of children subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. **Section 8**  
43 also establishes the cost allocation for the expenses of implementing such tools,  
44 such that the responsibility for those expenses will shift from the State to each  
45 department of juvenile services over the next 2 fiscal years. **Section 9** of this bill  
46 requires the Division and each department of juvenile services that receives money  
47 from the state, other than any money received from the State Plan for Medicaid, to  
48 use such money to develop, promote and coordinate evidence-based programs and  
49 services. **Section 9** also requires any contract between the Division or a department  
50 of juvenile services and a treatment provider for the provision of juvenile services  
51 to require the treatment provider to comply with the evidence-based standards  
52 developed by the Commission.

53 **Section 10** of this bill requires the Division to issue a request for proposals to  
54 establish an evidence-based program resource center. **Section 10** requires the



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55 resource center to: (1) provide technical assistance to the Division, each department  
56 of juvenile services and treatment providers to support the implementation and  
57 operation of evidence-based programs and practices as set forth in the  
58 Commission's 5-year strategic plan; (2) provide various types of training to persons  
59 employed in the juvenile justice system; (3) act as a resource clearinghouse on  
60 evidence-based programs and practices; and (4) facilitate collaboration among state  
61 and local agencies and treatment providers who serve the juvenile justice system.  
62 **Section 12** of this bill requires the Division and each department of juvenile  
63 services to develop and implement a family engagement plan to increase the  
64 participation of the family of a child who is subject to the jurisdiction of the  
65 juvenile court in the rehabilitation of the child.

66 Existing law establishes provisions governing the disposition by a juvenile  
67 court of cases of children subject to the court's jurisdiction. (Chapter 62E of NRS)  
68 **Section 15** of this bill requires the department of juvenile services, before the  
69 disposition of a child's case, to conduct a risk assessment and a mental health  
70 screening on the child using the validated tools selected by the Commission and, in  
71 certain circumstances, a full mental health assessment, and to prepare a report  
72 based on the results of the risk assessment, mental health screening and any full  
73 mental health assessment as to the most appropriate disposition of the case. **Section**  
74 **16** of this bill requires a department of juvenile services to develop an  
75 individualized case plan for each child placed under the supervision of the juvenile  
76 court, placed under the informal supervision of a probation officer or committed to  
77 a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children. **Section 16** sets  
78 forth the information required to be included in each case plan. **Section 17** of this  
79 bill requires the Division to: (1) consider the results of a validated risk assessment,  
80 a validated mental health screening and any full mental health assessment to make  
81 decisions concerning the placement of a child; and (2) develop a case plan for each  
82 child committed to the Division for placement in a state facility for the detention of  
83 children. **Section 14.5** of this bill requires the juvenile court to make certain  
84 findings before committing a child to the custody of a state facility for the detention  
85 of children, and **section 18** of this bill requires the juvenile court to make certain  
86 findings before committing a child to a public or private institution or agency in  
87 another state. **Sections 20 and 21** of this bill revise the process for how mental  
88 health screenings of children who are adjudicated delinquent and committed to a  
89 state facility for the detention of children or a regional facility for the treatment and  
90 rehabilitation of children are to be conducted.

91 Existing law requires the Division to: (1) establish a standardized system for  
92 the reporting, collection, analysis, maintenance and retrieval of information  
93 concerning juvenile justice in this State; and (2) adopt regulations that require  
94 juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments and the staff of the youth  
95 correctional services to submit certain information to the Division. (NRS 62H.200)  
96 **Section 25** of this bill revises the types of juvenile justice information required to  
97 be submitted to the Division. **Section 22** of this bill requires the Division to analyze  
98 such information and submit a report to the Governor and to the Legislature relating  
99 to the trends that exist in the juvenile justice system and the effectiveness of the  
100 system's programs and services. **Section 33** of this bill repeals a similar provision  
101 that requires each local juvenile probation department to analyze such information  
102 and submit a report to the Division.

103 **Section 24** of this bill authorizes the Division to withhold money from a  
104 juvenile court that does not comply with the regulations adopted by the Division  
105 relating to the submittal of certain juvenile justice information.

106 Existing law authorizes a director of juvenile services and the Youth Parole  
107 Bureau to release certain information concerning a child who is within the purview  
108 of the juvenile court to certain other persons involved in the juvenile justice system.  
109 (NRS 62H.025) **Section 23** of this bill revises the list of persons to whom a director



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110 of juvenile services and the Youth Parole Bureau may release information to  
111 include: (1) the Chief Parole and Probation Officer; (2) the Director of the  
112 Department of Corrections; (3) a law enforcement agency; (4) the director of a  
113 regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children; or (5) the director  
114 of an agency which provides mental health services.

115 Existing law provides for the suspension, modification or revocation of the  
116 parole of a child. (NRS 63.770) **Section 26** of this bill requires the Youth Parole  
117 Bureau to establish policies and procedures to be used when determining the most  
118 appropriate and least restrictive response to a violation of a child of the terms and  
119 conditions of his or her parole. **Section 26** requires, among other things, the Youth  
120 Parole Bureau to create a sliding scale of offenses based on the severity of the  
121 violation. **Section 28** of this bill requires the juvenile court to consider the policies  
122 and procedures adopted by the Youth Parole Bureau pursuant to **section 26** and  
123 consider the adherence of the Youth Parole Bureau to such policies and procedures  
124 when determining whether to suspend, modify or revoke the parole of a child.  
125 **Section 29** of this bill prohibits the Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau from  
126 recommending to the juvenile court that a child's parole be revoked unless: (1) the  
127 child poses a risk to public safety; or (2) the other responses set forth in the policies  
128 and procedures adopted by the Youth Parole Bureau pursuant to **section 26** would  
129 not be appropriate for the child.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 62A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Commission” means the Juvenile Justice Oversight*  
5 *Commission established by section 4 of this act.*

6 **Sec. 3.** *“Department of juvenile services” means the entity*  
7 *designated pursuant to chapter 62G of NRS to administer the*  
8 *provision of services relating to the delinquency of children.*

9 **Sec. 4.** 1. *The Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission is*  
10 *hereby established. The Commission is hereby designated as the*  
11 *state advisory group on juvenile justice required to be established*  
12 *pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 5633(a)(3).*

13 2. *The Commission consists of the Governor or his or her*  
14 *designee and 25 members appointed by the Governor. The*  
15 *Governor shall appoint to the Commission:*

16 (a) *Two members who are members of the Senate, one of*  
17 *whom must be from the majority political party and one of whom*  
18 *must be from the minority political party.*

19 (b) *Two members who are members of the Assembly, one of*  
20 *whom must be from the majority political party and one of whom*  
21 *must be from the minority political party.*

22 (c) *Two members who are judges of a juvenile court.*

23 (d) *The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family*  
24 *Services or his or her designee.*



1 (e) *The Deputy Administrator of Juvenile Services of the*  
2 *Division of Child and Family Services or his or her designee.*

3 (f) *Three members who are directors of juvenile services, one*  
4 *each of whom must represent a county whose population:*

5 (1) *Is less than 100,000.*

6 (2) *Is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.*

7 (3) *Is 700,000 or more.*

8 (g) *Two members who are district attorneys.*

9 (h) *Two members who are public defenders.*

10 (i) *One member who is a representative of a law enforcement*  
11 *agency.*

12 (j) *Two members who are representatives of a nonprofit*  
13 *organization which provides programs to prevent juvenile*  
14 *delinquency.*

15 (k) *One member who is a volunteer who works with children*  
16 *who have been adjudicated delinquent.*

17 (l) *Six members who are under the age of 24 years at the time*  
18 *of appointment.*

19 3. *At least three of the persons appointed to the Commission*  
20 *pursuant to subsection 2 must be persons who are currently or*  
21 *were formerly subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.*

22 4. *Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members*  
23 *may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same*  
24 *manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in*  
25 *the membership of the Commission must be filled in the same*  
26 *manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after*  
27 *the vacancy occurs. Nine of the initial members of the*  
28 *Commission who are appointed pursuant to subsection 2 must be*  
29 *appointed to an initial term of 1 year. Each member of the*  
30 *Commission continues in office until his or her successor is*  
31 *appointed.*

32 5. *The members of the Commission serve without*  
33 *compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance*  
34 *and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*  
35 *generally.*

36 6. *A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a*  
37 *quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a*  
38 *quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action*  
39 *taken by the Commission.*

40 7. *A member of the Commission who is an officer or*  
41 *employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must*  
42 *be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular*  
43 *compensation to prepare for and attend meetings of the*  
44 *Commission and perform any work necessary to carry out the*  
45 *duties of the Commission in the most timely manner practicable. A*



1 *state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require*  
2 *an officer or employee who is a member of the Commission to:*

3 *(a) Make up the time he or she is absent from work to carry*  
4 *out his or her duties as a member of the Commission; or*

5 *(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.*

6 *8. At the first meeting of the Commission and annually*  
7 *thereafter:*

8 *(a) The Governor shall appoint a Chair of the Commission;*

9 *(b) The Commission shall elect a Secretary from among its*  
10 *members; and*

11 *(c) The Commission shall adopt rules for its own management*  
12 *and government.*

13 *9. The Commission shall:*

14 *(a) Hold its first meeting within 60 days after all the initial*  
15 *appointments to the Commission are made pursuant to subsection*  
16 *2; and*

17 *(b) Meet at least once every 4 months and may meet at such*  
18 *further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.*

19 *Sec. 5. In addition to the duties set forth in sections 6 and 7*  
20 *of this act, the Commission shall:*

21 *1. On or before July 1, 2018, establish a uniform procedure*  
22 *for the Division of Child and Family Services, the Youth Parole*  
23 *Bureau and each department of juvenile services to use for*  
24 *developing performance measures to determine the effectiveness*  
25 *of the juvenile justice system, including, without limitation,*  
26 *performance measures for juvenile court referrals and*  
27 *dispositions, supervision of a child subject to the jurisdiction of the*  
28 *juvenile court, services provided by agencies which provide*  
29 *juvenile justice services and rates of recidivism.*

30 *2. On or before July 1, 2018, establish standard procedures*  
31 *for measuring outcomes for a child subject to the jurisdiction of*  
32 *the juvenile court, including, without limitation, standard*  
33 *procedures for measuring and reporting rates of recidivism in*  
34 *accordance with NRS 62H.200, and define any necessary terms.*

35 *3. On or before January 1, 2018, select:*

36 *(a) A validated risk assessment tool that uses a currently*  
37 *accepted standard of assessment to assist the juvenile court, the*  
38 *Division of Child and Family Services and departments of juvenile*  
39 *services in determining the appropriate actions to take for each*  
40 *child subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; and*

41 *(b) A validated mental health screening tool that uses a*  
42 *currently accepted standard of assessment to determine the*  
43 *appropriate actions to take for each child in need of supervision*  
44 *pursuant to this title.*



1       4. *Contract with a qualified vendor or provider of technical*  
2 *assistance to assist the Division of Child and Family Services and*  
3 *each department of juvenile services with the implementation of*  
4 *the validated risk assessment tool. Such assistance must include,*  
5 *without limitation, employee training, policy development and the*  
6 *establishment of quality assurance protocols.*

7       **Sec. 6. 1.** *The Commission shall develop a 5-year strategic*  
8 *plan that establishes policies and procedures for the Division of*  
9 *Child and Family Services and each department of juvenile*  
10 *services relating to the use of evidence-based practices in*  
11 *providing services to children subject to the jurisdiction of the*  
12 *juvenile court. The plan must include, without limitation:*

13       (a) *Uniform standards that an evidence-based practice or*  
14 *program must follow, including, without limitation, model*  
15 *programs, staffing requirements and quality assurance protocols;*

16       (b) *Strategies, including, without limitation, measurable goals,*  
17 *timelines and responsible parties, to enhance the capacity of the*  
18 *Division of Child and Family Services and each department of*  
19 *juvenile services to:*

20       (1) *Comply with the evidence-based standards developed by*  
21 *the Commission; and*

22       (2) *Partner with treatment providers that offer evidence-*  
23 *based programs for the treatment of children subject to the*  
24 *jurisdiction of the juvenile court;*

25       (c) *A requirement for the collection and reporting of data to*  
26 *the Commission by each department of juvenile services relating*  
27 *to the programs offered and services rendered by each*  
28 *department; and*

29       (d) *Protocols for improvement and corrective action for:*

30       (1) *A department of juvenile services that does not comply*  
31 *with the reporting requirements established pursuant to paragraph*  
32 *(c); and*

33       (2) *A treatment provider that does not comply with the*  
34 *evidence-based standards established by the Commission.*

35       2. *The Division of Child and Family Services shall adopt*  
36 *regulations to implement the provisions of the strategic plan*  
37 *developed pursuant to subsection 1.*

38       3. *On or before July 1, 2018, and every 5 years thereafter, the*  
39 *Commission shall submit the strategic plan developed pursuant to*  
40 *subsection 1 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*  
41 *transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.*

42       **Sec. 7. 1.** *The members of the Commission shall conduct*  
43 *an annual quality assurance review of each state facility for the*  
44 *detention of children and regional facility for the treatment and*  
45 *rehabilitation of children. Each review must use a validated*



1 *service assessment tool, selected by the Commission, which*  
2 *includes, without limitation:*

3 (a) *An analysis of the facility's service delivery;*

4 (b) *A review of the facility's case management procedures;*

5 (c) *A review of the facility's policies on supervision and*  
6 *behavior management of children placed in the facility; and*

7 (d) *An analysis of the facility's procedures relating to the*  
8 *release of children from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.*

9 2. *Before conducting a review pursuant to subsection 1, a*  
10 *member of the Commission must receive training on the use of the*  
11 *validated service assessment tool selected by the Commission*  
12 *pursuant to subsection 1.*

13 3. *The members of the Commission who conduct a review*  
14 *pursuant to subsection 1 shall share the results of the review and*  
15 *recommendations for improvement with the facility and the*  
16 *Division of Child and Family Services or a local department of*  
17 *juvenile services.*

18 4. *A facility shall develop a facility improvement plan, in*  
19 *coordination with the Division of Child and Family Services or a*  
20 *local department of juvenile services, if such a plan is required to*  
21 *address any issues raised in the review. Not more than 60 days*  
22 *after receiving the results of the review and recommendations for*  
23 *improvement pursuant to subsection 3, the facility shall submit the*  
24 *facility improvement plan to the Commission. The Commission*  
25 *shall compile all such facility improvement plans and submit the*  
26 *plans to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative*  
27 *Counsel Bureau with its annual review.*

28 **Sec. 8. 1.** *On or before July 1, 2018, the Division of Child*  
29 *and Family Services and each department of juvenile services*  
30 *shall:*

31 (a) *Implement the validated risk assessment tool and the*  
32 *validated mental health screening tool selected by the Commission*  
33 *pursuant to subsection 3 of section 5 of this act; and*

34 (b) *Comply with the policies and quality assurance protocols*  
35 *set forth by the qualified vendor or other provider selected to*  
36 *provide technical assistance for the validated risk assessment tool*  
37 *pursuant to subsection 4 of section 5 of this act.*

38 2. *The costs of implementing and operating the validated risk*  
39 *assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool*  
40 *pursuant to subsection 1 must be allocated in the following*  
41 *manner:*

42 (a) *In Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Division of Child and*  
43 *Family Services pays 100 percent of the costs incurred by each*  
44 *department of juvenile services associated with the validated risk*  
45 *assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool.*





1 (b) *In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Division of Child and*  
2 *Family Services pays 50 percent of the costs incurred by each*  
3 *department of juvenile services associated with the validated risk*  
4 *assessment tool and the validated mental health screening tool.*

5 (c) *In Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and in every subsequent fiscal*  
6 *year, each department of juvenile services is responsible for 100*  
7 *percent of the costs that the department incurs associated with the*  
8 *validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health*  
9 *screening tool.*

10 **Sec. 9.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and*  
11 *subject to the provisions of subsection 4, the Division of Child and*  
12 *Family Services and each department of juvenile services that*  
13 *receives money from the State, except money received from the*  
14 *State Plan for Medicaid as a benefit for a child subject to the*  
15 *jurisdiction of a juvenile court, must use such money to develop,*  
16 *promote and coordinate evidence-based programs and practices.*

17 2. *A department of juvenile services in a county whose*  
18 *population is less than 100,000 must be evaluated for compliance*  
19 *with the requirement set forth in subsection 1 based on the*  
20 *amount of money received from the State, other limitations on*  
21 *resources and the availability of treatment providers in the county.*

22 3. *A contract or provider agreement between the Division of*  
23 *Child and Family Services or a department of juvenile services*  
24 *and a treatment provider for the provision of any juvenile services*  
25 *that uses money from the State must require the treatment*  
26 *provider to comply with the evidence-based standards developed by*  
27 *the Commission pursuant to section 6 of this act.*

28 4. *The Division of Child and Family Services and each*  
29 *department of juvenile services shall use the following percentages*  
30 *of money received from the State as described in subsection 1 to*  
31 *develop, promote and coordinate evidence-based programs and*  
32 *practices:*

33 (a) *In Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 25 percent.*

34 (b) *In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, 50 percent.*

35 (c) *In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, 75 percent.*

36 (d) *In Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and each subsequent fiscal year,*  
37 *100 percent.*

38 **Sec. 10.** 1. *On or before September 1, 2017, the Division of*  
39 *Child and Family Services shall issue a request for proposals to*  
40 *establish an evidence-based program resource center.*

41 2. *The evidence-based program resource center shall:*

42 (a) *Provide technical assistance to the Division of Child and*  
43 *Family Services, each department of juvenile services and*  
44 *treatment providers to support the implementation and operation*  
45 *of evidence-based programs and practices as set forth in the*



1 *strategic plan developed by the Commission pursuant to section 6*  
2 *of this act;*

3 *(b) Provide on a statewide basis to persons employed in the*  
4 *juvenile justice system training relating to:*

5 *(1) The use of evidence-based programs and practices; and*

6 *(2) The analysis of quality assurance protocols to ensure*  
7 *such programs meet the evidence-based standards developed by*  
8 *the Commission pursuant to section 6 of this act;*

9 *(c) Act as a clearinghouse for information and statewide*  
10 *resources on evidence-based programs and practices for children*  
11 *subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;*

12 *(d) Facilitate collaboration among state and local agencies*  
13 *and treatment providers to increase access to such providers; and*

14 *(e) Provide support for the assessment of the implementation*  
15 *of evidence-based standards by such state and local agencies.*

16 **Sec. 11.** *On or before July 1, 2019, and on or before July 1*  
17 *of every year thereafter, the Division of Child and Family Services*  
18 *shall submit to the Governor, to the Commission and to the*  
19 *Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to*  
20 *the next regular session of the Legislature, a report detailing the*  
21 *Division's compliance with the evidence-based standards*  
22 *developed by the Commission pursuant to section 6 of this act and*  
23 *an analysis of the data collected based on the performance*  
24 *measures adopted by the Division pursuant to NRS 62H.200.*

25 **Sec. 12.** *The Division of Child and Family Services and each*  
26 *department of juvenile services shall develop and implement a*  
27 *family engagement plan to enhance family engagement in the*  
28 *juvenile justice system. The plan must include strategies for:*

29 *1. Increasing the family's contact with a child subject to the*  
30 *jurisdiction of the juvenile court;*

31 *2. Engaging family members in the case plan of a child and*  
32 *in planning meetings for the release of the child from the*  
33 *jurisdiction of the juvenile court;*

34 *3. Involving family members in the child's treatment; and*

35 *4. Soliciting the feedback of family members relating to*  
36 *improvements to the services rendered to children subject to the*  
37 *jurisdiction of the juvenile court.*

38 **Sec. 13.** *NRS 62A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

39 *62A.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise*  
40 *requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 62A.020 to 62A.350,*  
41 *inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of this act have the meanings*  
42 *ascribed to them in those sections.*



1     **Sec. 13.2.** NRS 62A.280 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     62A.280 1. “Regional facility for the ~~detention~~ *treatment*  
4 *and rehabilitation* of children” means a regional facility ~~for the~~  
5 ~~detention or commitment of~~ *which provides court-ordered*  
6 *treatment and rehabilitation for* children *and* which is administered  
7 by or for the benefit of more than one governmental entity.

8     2. The term includes, but is not limited to:

9     (a) The ~~institution~~ *facility* in Clark County known as Spring  
10 Mountain Youth Camp;

11     (b) The ~~institution~~ *facility* in Douglas County known as China  
12 Spring Youth Camp; and

13     (c) The ~~institution~~ *facility* in Lyon County known as Western  
14 Nevada Regional Youth Facility.

15     3. The term does not include:

16     (a) Any local facility for the detention of children; or

17     (b) The Nevada Youth Training Center, the Caliente Youth  
18 Center or any state facility for the detention of children.

19     **Sec. 13.3.** NRS 62B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20     62B.130 1. If a child is detained other than pursuant to a  
21 court order in a local ~~or regional~~ facility for the detention of  
22 children, the county that has detained the child is entitled to  
23 reimbursement from the parent or guardian of the child for all  
24 money expended by the county for the support of the child during  
25 the period of the child’s detention.

26     2. If the parent or guardian of the child fails or refuses to  
27 reimburse the county, the board of county commissioners may  
28 recover from the parent or guardian, by appropriate legal action, all  
29 money due plus interest thereon at the rate of 7 percent per annum.

30     **Sec. 13.4.** NRS 62B.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31     62B.140 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
32 if a child is committed to the custody of a regional facility for the  
33 ~~detention~~ *treatment and rehabilitation* of children, the juvenile  
34 court may order the county where the child has a legal residence to  
35 pay the expenses incurred for the support of the child in an amount  
36 equal to any money paid for that purpose by the Division of Child  
37 and Family Services. Such an order may not be entered if the county  
38 maintains the facility to which the child is committed.

39     2. The juvenile court may order the parent or guardian of the  
40 child to reimburse the county, in whole or in part, for any money  
41 expended by the county for the support of the child.

42     3. This section does not prohibit the juvenile court from  
43 providing for the support of the child in any other manner  
44 authorized by law.



1       **Sec. 13.5.** NRS 62B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       62B.150 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6,  
3 each county shall pay an assessment for the operation of each  
4 regional facility for the ~~detention~~ *treatment and rehabilitation* of  
5 children that is partially supported by the State of Nevada and is  
6 operated by a county whose population is less than 700,000.

7       2. The assessment owed by each county equals the total  
8 amount budgeted by the Legislature for the operation of the regional  
9 facility, minus any money appropriated by the Legislature for the  
10 support of the regional facility, divided by the total number of pupils  
11 in this State in the preceding school year, excluding pupils in  
12 counties whose population is 700,000 or more, and multiplied by the  
13 number of pupils in the assessed county. The Administrator of the  
14 Division of Child and Family Services shall calculate the assessment  
15 owed by each county in June of each year for the ensuing fiscal  
16 year.

17       3. Each county must pay the assessed amount to the Division  
18 of Child and Family Services in quarterly installments that are due  
19 the first day of the first month of each calendar quarter.

20       4. The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family  
21 Services shall deposit the money received pursuant to subsection 3  
22 in a separate account in the State General Fund. The money in the  
23 account may be withdrawn only by the Administrator for the  
24 operation of regional facilities for the ~~detention~~ *treatment and*  
25 *rehabilitation* of children.

26       5. Revenue raised by a county to pay the assessment required  
27 pursuant to subsection 1 is not subject to the limitations on revenue  
28 imposed pursuant to chapter 354 of NRS and must not be included  
29 in the calculation of those limitations.

30       6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a county  
31 whose population is 700,000 or more.

32       7. As used in this section, “regional facility for the ~~detention~~  
33 *treatment and rehabilitation* of children” or “regional facility” does  
34 not include the ~~institution~~ *facility* in Lyon County known as  
35 Western Nevada Regional Youth Center.

36       **Sec. 13.6.** NRS 62B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37       62B.160 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5,  
38 each county shall pay an assessment for the operation of a regional  
39 facility for the ~~detention~~ *treatment and rehabilitation* of children  
40 that serves the county if the regional facility:

41       (a) Is operated by a county whose population is less than  
42 700,000 or an administrative entity established pursuant to NRS  
43 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, by counties whose populations are  
44 less than 700,000 each;



1 (b) Is established by two or more counties pursuant to an  
2 interlocal agreement or by one county if the regional facility is  
3 operated pursuant to an interlocal agreement to benefit other  
4 counties; and

5 (c) Is not partially supported by the State of Nevada and does  
6 not receive money from the State of Nevada other than any fees paid  
7 to the regional facility for a child referred to the regional facility by  
8 the State of Nevada.

9 2. The administrator of a regional facility for the ~~detention~~  
10 *treatment and rehabilitation* of children shall calculate the  
11 assessment owed by each county pursuant to subsection 1 on or  
12 before March 1 of each year for the ensuing fiscal year. The  
13 assessment owed by each county equals:

14 (a) For the first 2 years of operation of the regional facility, the  
15 total amount budgeted for the operation of the regional facility by  
16 the governing body of the county or other entity responsible for the  
17 operation of the regional facility, minus any money received from  
18 the State of Nevada to pay for fees for a child referred to the  
19 regional facility by the State of Nevada, divided by the total number  
20 of pupils in the preceding school year in all counties served by the  
21 regional facility and multiplied by the number of pupils in the  
22 preceding school year in the assessed county.

23 (b) For each year subsequent to the second year of operation of  
24 the regional facility, unless the counties served by the regional  
25 facility enter into an interlocal agreement to the contrary, the total  
26 of:

27 (1) The total amount budgeted for the operation of the  
28 regional facility by the governing body of the county or other entity  
29 responsible for the operation of the regional facility, minus any  
30 money received from the State of Nevada to pay for fees for a child  
31 referred to the regional facility by the State of Nevada, divided by  
32 the total number of pupils in the preceding school year in all  
33 counties served by the regional facility, multiplied by the number of  
34 pupils in the preceding school year in the assessed county and  
35 multiplied by one-fourth; and

36 (2) The total amount budgeted for the operation of the  
37 regional facility by the governing body of the county or other entity  
38 responsible for the operation of the regional facility, minus any  
39 money received from the State of Nevada to pay for fees for a child  
40 referred to the regional facility by the State of Nevada, divided by  
41 the total number of pupils who were served by the regional facility  
42 in the preceding school year from all counties served by the regional  
43 facility, multiplied by the number of pupils who were served by the  
44 regional facility in the preceding school year from the assessed  
45 county and multiplied by three-fourths.



1 3. Each county shall pay the assessment required pursuant to  
2 subsection 1 to the treasurer of the county if the regional facility is  
3 operated by a county or to the administrative entity responsible for  
4 the operation of the regional facility in quarterly installments that  
5 are due on the first day of the first month of each calendar quarter.  
6 The money must be accounted for separately and may only be  
7 withdrawn by the administrator of the regional facility.

8 4. The board of county commissioners of each county may pay  
9 the assessment from revenue raised by a tax levied pursuant to NRS  
10 354.59818, any other available money, or a combination thereof.

11 5. The provisions of this section do not apply to a county  
12 whose population is 700,000 or more.

13 6. As used in this section, “regional facility for the ~~detention~~  
14 *treatment and rehabilitation* of children” or “regional facility” does  
15 not include the ~~institution~~ *facility* in Douglas County known as  
16 China Spring Youth Camp.

17 **Sec. 13.7.** NRS 62B.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 62B.215 1. A child who is detained in a local ~~for regional~~  
19 facility for the detention of children *or committed to a regional*  
20 *facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children* may be  
21 subjected to corrective room restriction only if all other less-  
22 restrictive options have been exhausted and only for the purpose of:

23 (a) Modifying the negative behavior of the child;

24 (b) Holding the child accountable for a violation of a rule of the  
25 facility; or

26 (c) Ensuring the safety of the child, staff or others or ensuring  
27 the security of the facility.

28 2. Any action that results in corrective room restriction for  
29 more than 2 hours must be documented in writing and approved by  
30 a supervisor.

31 3. A local ~~for regional~~ facility for the detention of children *or*  
32 *regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children*  
33 shall conduct a safety and well-being check on a child subjected to  
34 corrective room restriction at least once every 10 minutes while the  
35 child is subjected to corrective room restriction.

36 4. A child may be subjected to corrective room restriction only  
37 for the minimum time required to address the negative behavior,  
38 rule violation or threat to the safety of the child, staff or others or to  
39 the security of the facility, and the child must be returned to the  
40 general population of the facility as soon as reasonably possible.

41 5. A child who is subjected to corrective room restriction for  
42 more than 24 hours must be provided:

43 (a) Not less than 1 hour of out-of-room, large muscle exercise  
44 each day, including, without limitation, access to outdoor recreation  
45 if weather permits;



1 (b) Access to the same meals and medical and mental health  
2 treatment, the same access to contact with parents or legal  
3 guardians, and the same access to legal assistance and educational  
4 services as is provided to children in the general population of the  
5 facility; and

6 (c) A review of the corrective room restriction status at least  
7 once every 24 hours. If, upon review, the corrective room restriction  
8 is continued, the continuation must be documented in writing,  
9 including, without limitation, an explanation as to why no other  
10 less-restrictive option is available.

11 6. A local ~~for regional~~ facility for the detention of children *or*  
12 *regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children*  
13 shall not subject a child to corrective room restriction for more than  
14 72 consecutive hours.

15 7. ~~Each~~ local ~~for regional~~ facility for the detention of  
16 children *and regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation*  
17 *of children* shall report monthly to the Juvenile Justice Programs  
18 Office of the Division of Child and Family Services the number of  
19 children who were subjected to corrective room restriction during  
20 that month and the length of time that each child was in corrective  
21 room restriction. Any incident that resulted in the use of corrective  
22 room restriction for 72 consecutive hours must be addressed in the  
23 monthly report, and the report must include the reason or reasons  
24 any attempt to return the child to the general population of the  
25 facility was unsuccessful.

26 8. As used in this section, "corrective room restriction" means  
27 the confinement of a child to his or her room as a disciplinary or  
28 protective action and includes, without limitation:

- 29 (a) Administrative seclusion;
- 30 (b) Behavioral room confinement;
- 31 (c) Corrective room rest; and
- 32 (d) Room confinement.

33 **Sec. 13.8.** NRS 62C.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 62C.035 1. Each child who is taken into custody by a peace  
35 officer or probation officer and detained in a local facility for the  
36 detention of children ~~for a regional facility for the detention of~~  
37 ~~children~~ while awaiting a detention hearing pursuant to NRS  
38 62C.040 or 62C.050 must be screened to determine whether the  
39 child is in need of mental health services or is an abuser of alcohol  
40 or drugs.

41 2. The facility in which the child is detained shall cause the  
42 screening required pursuant to subsection 1 to be conducted as soon  
43 as practicable after the child has been detained in the facility.

44 3. The method for conducting the screening required pursuant  
45 to subsection 1 must satisfy the requirements of NRS 62E.516.





1       **Sec. 14.** Chapter 62E of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 14.5 to 17, inclusive, of  
3 this act.

4       **Sec. 14.5.** *Before the juvenile court commits a delinquent*  
5 *child to the custody of a state facility for the detention of children,*  
6 *the court must find that:*

7       1. *Appropriate alternatives that could satisfactorily meet the*  
8 *needs of the child do not exist in the community or were previously*  
9 *used to attempt to meet such needs and proved unsuccessful; and*

10       2. *The child poses a public safety risk based on the child's*  
11 *risk of reoffending, as determined by a risk assessment conducted*  
12 *pursuant to section 15 of this act, any history of delinquency and*  
13 *the seriousness of the offense committed by the child.*

14       **Sec. 15.** 1. *Beginning on the date selected by the*  
15 *Commission for implementation of the requirement for use of the*  
16 *validated risk assessment tool and the validated mental health*  
17 *screening tool selected pursuant to section 5 of this act, before the*  
18 *disposition of a case involving a child who is adjudicated*  
19 *delinquent, the department of juvenile services shall conduct a*  
20 *validated risk assessment and validated mental health screening*  
21 *on the child, using the tools selected by the Commission. If the*  
22 *mental health screening indicates that the child is in need of a full*  
23 *mental health assessment, the department of juvenile services*  
24 *shall, to the extent money is available, provide for a full mental*  
25 *health assessment of the child.*

26       2. *The department of juvenile services shall prepare a report*  
27 *on the results of the risk assessment, mental health screening and,*  
28 *if applicable, the full mental health assessment conducted*  
29 *pursuant to subsection 1. The report must be included in the*  
30 *child's file and provided to all parties to the case. The report must*  
31 *identify the child's risk to reoffend and provide a recommendation*  
32 *for the type of supervision and services that the child needs.*

33       3. *The juvenile court shall use the report created pursuant to*  
34 *subsection 2 to assist the juvenile court in determining the*  
35 *disposition of the child's case.*

36       **Sec. 16.** 1. *The department of juvenile services shall*  
37 *develop a written individualized case plan for each child placed*  
38 *under the supervision of the juvenile court pursuant to a*  
39 *supervision and consent decree, placed under the informal*  
40 *supervision of a probation officer pursuant to NRS 62C.200 or*  
41 *committed to a regional facility for the treatment and*  
42 *rehabilitation of children. In developing such a case plan, the*  
43 *department of juvenile services must use, without limitation:*

44       (a) *The results of the risk assessment and mental health*  
45 *screening conducted pursuant to section 15 of this act;*



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- 1       (b) *The trauma, if any, experienced by the child;*  
2       (c) *The education level of the child;*  
3       (d) *The seriousness of the offense committed by the child; and*  
4       (e) *Any relevant information provided by the family of the*  
5 *child.*
- 6       2. *A case plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must:*
- 7       (a) *Address the risks the child presents and the service needs*  
8 *of the child based on the results of the risk assessment and mental*  
9 *health screening conducted pursuant to section 15 of this act;*  
10       (b) *Specify the level of supervision and intensity of services*  
11 *that the child needs;*  
12       (c) *Provide referrals to treatment providers that may address*  
13 *the child's risks and needs;*  
14       (d) *Be developed in consultation with the child's family or*  
15 *guardian, as appropriate;*  
16       (e) *Specify the responsibilities of each person or agency*  
17 *involved with the child; and*  
18       (f) *Provide for the full reentry of the child into the community.*
- 19       3. *In addition to the requirements of subsection 2, if a child is*  
20 *committed to a regional facility for the treatment and*  
21 *rehabilitation of children, the child's case plan must:*
- 22       (a) *Identify the projected length of stay and release criteria*  
23 *based on a risk assessment conducted pursuant to section 15 of*  
24 *this act, the seriousness of the offense committed by the child and*  
25 *treatment progress;*  
26       (b) *Include a comprehensive plan for complete reentry of the*  
27 *child into the community; and*  
28       (c) *Be reviewed at least once every 3 months by the department*  
29 *of juvenile services.*
- 30       4. *A reentry plan developed pursuant to subsection 3 must*  
31 *include, without limitation:*
- 32       (a) *A detailed description of the education, counseling and*  
33 *treatment provided to the child;*  
34       (b) *A proposed plan for the continued education, counseling*  
35 *and treatment of the child upon his or her release;*  
36       (c) *A proposed plan for the provision of any supervision or*  
37 *services necessary for the transition of the child; and*  
38       (d) *A proposed plan for any engagement of the child's family*  
39 *or guardian.*
- 40       5. *The department of juvenile services must update a child's*  
41 *case plan at least once every 6 months, or when significant*  
42 *changes in the child's treatment occur, by conducting another risk*  
43 *assessment and mental health screening using the tools selected by*  
44 *the Commission pursuant to section 5 of this act.*



1       6. *A reentry planning meeting must be held at least 30 days*  
2 *before a child's scheduled release from a regional facility for the*  
3 *treatment and rehabilitation of children. As appropriate, based on*  
4 *the child's case plan, the meeting should be attended by:*

- 5       (a) *The child;*
- 6       (b) *A family member or the guardian of the child;*
- 7       (c) *The child's probation officer;*
- 8       (d) *Members of the staff of the regional facility for the*  
9 *treatment and rehabilitation of children; and*
- 10      (e) *Any treatment providers of the child.*

11      **Sec. 17. 1.** *The Division of Child and Family Services shall*  
12 *consider, without limitation, the results of a validated risk*  
13 *assessment, a validated mental health screening and, if applicable,*  
14 *a full mental health assessment conducted pursuant to section 15*  
15 *of this act to make decisions concerning the placement of the*  
16 *child. The Division may consider the results of a risk and needs*  
17 *assessment of the child that was conducted by a local department*  
18 *of juvenile services if the assessment was conducted within the*  
19 *immediately preceding 6 months and no significant changes have*  
20 *occurred relating to the child's case.*

21      2. *The Division of Child and Family Services shall develop a*  
22 *length of stay matrix and establish release criteria for a state*  
23 *facility for the detention of children that are based on a child's*  
24 *risk of reoffending, as determined by the risk assessment for the*  
25 *child, the seriousness of the act for which the child was*  
26 *adjudicated delinquent and the child's progress in meeting*  
27 *treatment goals. In making release and discharge decisions, the*  
28 *Division shall use the matrix and release criteria developed*  
29 *pursuant to this subsection.*

30      3. *The Division of Child and Family Services shall develop a*  
31 *written individualized case plan for each child committed to the*  
32 *custody of the Division pursuant to NRS 62E.520. In developing*  
33 *such a case plan, the Division must use, without limitation:*

- 34      (a) *The results of the risk assessment, mental health screening*  
35 *and any full mental health assessment conducted pursuant to*  
36 *section 15 of this act;*
- 37      (b) *The trauma, if any, experienced by the child;*
- 38      (c) *The education level of the child;*
- 39      (d) *The seriousness of the offense committed by the child;*
- 40      (e) *The child's progress in meeting treatment goals; and*
- 41      (f) *Any relevant information provided by the family of the*  
42 *child.*

43      4. *A case plan developed pursuant to subsection 3 must:*

- 44      (a) *Address the risks the child presents and the service needs*  
45 *of the child based on the results of the risk assessment, mental*



1 *health screening and any full mental health assessment conducted*  
2 *pursuant to section 15 of this act;*

3 *(b) Specify the level of supervision and services that the child*  
4 *needs;*

5 *(c) Provide referrals to treatment providers that may address*  
6 *the child's risks and needs;*

7 *(d) Be developed in consultation with the child's family or*  
8 *guardian, as appropriate;*

9 *(e) Specify the responsibilities of each person or agency*  
10 *involved with the child; and*

11 *(f) Provide for the full reentry of the child into the community.*

12 *5. In addition to the requirements of subsection 4, if a child is*  
13 *committed to a state facility for the detention of children, the*  
14 *child's case plan must:*

15 *(a) Include a comprehensive plan for complete reentry of the*  
16 *child into the community; and*

17 *(b) Be reviewed at least once every 3 months by the Division of*  
18 *Child and Family Services.*

19 *6. A reentry plan developed pursuant to subsection 5 must*  
20 *include, without limitation:*

21 *(a) A detailed description of the education, counseling and*  
22 *treatment provided to the child;*

23 *(b) A proposed plan for the continued education, counseling*  
24 *and treatment of the child upon his or her release;*

25 *(c) A proposed plan for the provision of any supervision or*  
26 *services necessary for the transition of the child; and*

27 *(d) A proposed plan for any engagement of the child's family*  
28 *or guardian.*

29 *7. The Division of Child and Family Services must update a*  
30 *child's case plan at least once every 6 months, or when significant*  
31 *changes in the child's treatment occur, by conducting another risk*  
32 *assessment and mental health screening using the tools selected by*  
33 *the Commission pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

34 *8. A reentry planning meeting must be held at least 30 days*  
35 *before a child's scheduled release from a state facility for the*  
36 *detention of children. As appropriate, based on the child's case*  
37 *plan, the meeting should be attended by:*

38 *(a) The child;*

39 *(b) A family member or the guardian of the child;*

40 *(c) The child's youth parole counselor;*

41 *(d) The superintendent of the state facility for the detention of*  
42 *children; and*

43 *(e) Any treatment providers of the child.*



1       **Sec. 18.** NRS 62E.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       62E.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the  
3 juvenile court may:

4       (a) Place a child in the custody of a suitable person for  
5 supervision in the child's own home or in another home; ~~or~~

6       (b) Commit the child to the custody of a public or private  
7 institution or agency authorized to care for children ~~or~~; *or*

8       (c) *Commit the child to the custody of the Division of Child  
9 and Family Services pursuant to NRS 62E.520.*

10      2. If the juvenile court places the child under supervision in a  
11 home:

12      (a) The juvenile court may impose such conditions as the  
13 juvenile court deems proper; and

14      (b) The program of supervision in the home may include  
15 electronic surveillance of the child.

16      3. If the juvenile court commits the child to the custody of a  
17 public or private institution or agency ~~or~~ *other than the Division of  
18 Child and Family Services*, the juvenile court shall select one that is  
19 required to be licensed by:

20      (a) The Department of Health and Human Services to care for  
21 such children; or

22      (b) If the institution or agency is in another state, the analogous  
23 department of that state.

24      4. *Before committing a child to a public or private institution  
25 or agency in another state, the juvenile court must find that:*

26      (a) *No public or private institution or agency in this State met  
27 the needs of the child or that such an institution or agency had  
28 previously attempted to meet such needs and proved unsuccessful;  
29 and*

30      (b) *Reasonable efforts had been made to consult with public or  
31 private institutions and agencies in this State to place or commit  
32 the child in this State, and that those efforts had failed.*

33      **Sec. 19.** NRS 62E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34      62E.500 1. The provisions of NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730,  
35 inclusive ~~or~~, *and sections 14.5 to 17, inclusive, of this act:*

36      (a) Apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is  
37 adjudicated delinquent.

38      (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 62E.700 and 62E.705,  
39 do not apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is  
40 found to have committed a minor traffic offense.

41      2. If a child is adjudicated delinquent:

42      (a) The juvenile court may issue any orders or take any actions  
43 set forth in NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730, inclusive, *and sections 14.5 to  
44 17, inclusive, of this act* that the juvenile court deems proper for the  
45 disposition of the case; and



1 (b) If required by a specific statute, the juvenile court shall issue  
2 the appropriate orders or take the appropriate actions set forth in the  
3 statute.

4 **Sec. 20.** NRS 62E.513 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 62E.513 1. Each child who is adjudicated delinquent and  
6 committed by the juvenile court to a regional facility for the  
7 ~~detention~~ *treatment and rehabilitation* of children or state facility  
8 for the detention of children or ordered by the juvenile court to be  
9 placed in a facility for the detention of children pursuant to NRS  
10 62E.710 must be screened to determine whether the child is in need  
11 of mental health services or is an abuser of alcohol or drugs ~~+~~ *once*  
12 *every 6 months or when significant changes to the child's case*  
13 *plan developed pursuant to section 16 or 17 of this act, as*  
14 *applicable, are made.*

15 2. The facility to which the child is committed or in which the  
16 child is placed shall cause the screening required pursuant to  
17 subsection 1 to be conducted as soon as practicable after the child  
18 has been committed to or placed in the facility.

19 3. The method for conducting the screening required pursuant  
20 to subsection 1 must satisfy the requirements of NRS 62E.516.

21 **Sec. 21.** NRS 62E.516 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 62E.516 1. Each local facility for the detention of children  
23 ~~and regional facility for the detention of children~~ shall conduct the  
24 screening required pursuant to NRS 62C.035 ~~and 62E.513~~ using a  
25 method that has been approved by the Division of Child and Family  
26 Services. The Division shall approve a method upon determining  
27 that the method is:

28 (a) Based on research; and

29 (b) Reliable and valid for identifying a child who is in need of  
30 mental health services or who is an abuser of alcohol or other drugs.

31 2. Each local facility for the detention of children ~~and regional~~  
32 ~~facility for the detention of children~~ shall submit its method for  
33 conducting the screening required pursuant to NRS 62C.035 ~~and~~  
34 ~~62E.513~~ to the Division of Child and Family Services for approval  
35 on or before July 1 of each fifth year after the date on which the  
36 method was initially approved by the Division. Before a local  
37 facility for the detention of children ~~for regional facility for the~~  
38 ~~detention of children~~ may begin using a new method for conducting  
39 the screening required pursuant to NRS 62C.035 , ~~and 62E.513,~~  
40 the facility must obtain approval of the method from the Division  
41 pursuant to subsection 1.

42 3. If the Division of Child and Family Services does not  
43 approve a method for conducting the screening required pursuant to  
44 NRS 62C.035 ~~and 62E.513~~ that is submitted by a local facility for  
45 the detention of children , ~~for a regional facility for the detention of~~



1 ~~children,~~ and the facility does not submit a new method for  
2 conducting the screening for approval within 90 days after the  
3 denial, the Division of Child and Family Services shall notify the  
4 appropriate board of county commissioners or other governing body  
5 which administers the facility and the chief judge of the appropriate  
6 judicial district that the facility has not received approval of its  
7 method for conducting the screening as required by this section.

8 4. Upon receiving the notice required by subsection 3, the  
9 appropriate board of county commissioners or governing body and  
10 the chief judge shall take appropriate action to ensure that the  
11 facility complies with the requirements of this section and NRS  
12 62C.035. ~~and 62E.513.~~

13 5. *Each regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation  
14 of children shall conduct the screening required pursuant to NRS  
15 62E.513 using the assessment tool that has been approved by the  
16 Commission pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

17 6. Each state facility for the detention of children shall use ~~a~~  
18 ~~method~~ *the assessment tool* for conducting the screening required  
19 pursuant to NRS 62E.513 ~~that satisfies~~ *selected by* the  
20 ~~requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b)~~ *Commission pursuant to*  
21 *section 5* of ~~subsection 1. The Division of Child and Family~~  
22 ~~Services shall review the method used by each state facility for the~~  
23 ~~detention of children at least once every 5 years to ensure the~~  
24 ~~method used by the facility continues to satisfy the requirements of~~  
25 ~~paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1.~~  
26 ~~—6.—~~ *this act.*

27 7. The Division of Child and Family Services shall adopt such  
28 regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
29 section and NRS 62C.035 and 62E.513, including, without  
30 limitation, regulations prescribing the requirements for:

31 (a) Transmitting information obtained from the screening  
32 conducted pursuant to NRS 62C.035 and 62E.513; and

33 (b) Protecting the confidentiality of information obtained from  
34 such screening.

35 **Sec. 21.5.** NRS 62E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 62E.520 1. The juvenile court may commit a delinquent child  
37 to the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services for  
38 ~~suitable~~ placement *in a correctional or institutional facility* if:

39 (a) The child is at least 8 years of age but less than 12 years of  
40 age, and the juvenile court finds that the child is in need of  
41 placement in a correctional or institutional facility; or

42 (b) The child is at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of  
43 age, and the juvenile court finds that the child:

44 (1) Is in need of placement in a correctional or institutional  
45 facility; ~~and~~ *or*



1 (2) Is in need of residential psychiatric services or other  
2 residential services for the mental health of the child.

3 2. Before the juvenile court commits a delinquent child to the  
4 custody of the Division of Child and Family Services, the juvenile  
5 court shall:

6 (a) Notify the Division at least 3 working days before the  
7 juvenile court holds a hearing to consider such a commitment; and

8 (b) At the request of the Division, provide the Division with not  
9 more than 10 working days within which to:

10 (1) Investigate the child and the circumstances of the child;  
11 and

12 (2) Recommend a suitable placement to the juvenile court.

13 **Sec. 22.** Chapter 62H of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
14 thereto a new section to read as follows:

15 *1. The Division of Child and Family Services shall annually*  
16 *analyze the information submitted to the Division pursuant to*  
17 *NRS 62H.210 to determine:*

18 *(a) Juvenile justice system trends, including, without*  
19 *limitation, referrals to the juvenile justice system, diversion and*  
20 *disposition of cases, levels of supervision provided to children,*  
21 *placement of children and programs and services offered to*  
22 *children;*

23 *(b) Whether children of racial or ethnic minorities or children*  
24 *from economically disadvantaged backgrounds are receiving*  
25 *disparate treatment in the juvenile justice system;*

26 *(c) The effectiveness of the different levels of supervision in*  
27 *the juvenile justice system;*

28 *(d) The effectiveness of services provided by the juvenile*  
29 *justice system, including, without limitation, the effectiveness of*  
30 *the evidence-based standards developed by the Commission*  
31 *pursuant to section 6 of this act; and*

32 *(e) The rates of recidivism for children either supervised by*  
33 *local juvenile probation departments or committed to the Division.*

34 *2. On or before January 31 of each year, the Division shall*  
35 *submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative*  
36 *Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report*  
37 *detailing the information compiled pursuant to subsection 1.*

38 **Sec. 23.** NRS 62H.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 62H.025 1. Juvenile justice information is confidential and  
40 may only be released in accordance with the provisions of this  
41 section or as expressly authorized by other federal or state law.

42 2. For the purpose of ensuring the safety, permanent  
43 placement, rehabilitation, educational success and well-being of a  
44 child or the safety of the public, a juvenile justice agency may  
45 release juvenile justice information to:





- 1 (a) A director of juvenile services or his or her designee;
- 2 (b) The Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau or his or her designee;
- 3 (c) *The Chief Parole and Probation Officer or his or her*
- 4 *designee;*
- 5 (d) *The Director of the Department of Corrections or his or*
- 6 *her designee;*
- 7 (e) A district attorney or his or her designee;
- 8 ~~(d)~~ (f) An attorney representing the child;
- 9 ~~(e)~~ (g) *The director, chief or sheriff of a state or local law*
- 10 *enforcement agency or his or her designee;*
- 11 (h) The director of a state *or local* agency which administers
- 12 juvenile justice or his or her designee;
- 13 ~~(f)~~ (i) A director of a state ~~or regional~~ or local facility for the
- 14 detention of children *or regional facility for the treatment and*
- 15 *rehabilitation of children* or his or her designee;
- 16 ~~(g)~~ (j) The director of an agency which provides child welfare
- 17 services or his or her designee;
- 18 ~~(h)~~ (k) *The director of an agency which provides mental*
- 19 *health services or his or her designee;*
- 20 (l) A guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate who
- 21 represents the child;
- 22 ~~(i)~~ (m) A parent or guardian of the child;
- 23 ~~(j)~~ (n) The child to whom the juvenile justice information
- 24 pertains if the child has reached the age of majority, or a person who
- 25 presents a release that is signed by the child who has reached the age
- 26 of majority and which specifies the juvenile justice information to
- 27 be released and the purpose for the release;
- 28 ~~(k)~~ (o) A school district, if the juvenile justice agency and the
- 29 school district have entered into a written agreement to share
- 30 juvenile justice information for a purpose consistent with the
- 31 purposes of this section;
- 32 ~~(l)~~ (p) A person or organization who has entered into a written
- 33 agreement with the juvenile justice agency to provide assessments
- 34 or juvenile justice services;
- 35 ~~(m)~~ (q) A person engaged in bona fide research that may be
- 36 used to improve juvenile justice services or secure additional
- 37 funding for juvenile justice services if the juvenile justice
- 38 information is provided in the aggregate and without any personal
- 39 identifying information; or
- 40 ~~(n)~~ (r) A person who is authorized by a court order to receive
- 41 the juvenile justice information, if the juvenile justice agency was
- 42 provided with notice and opportunity to be heard before the issuance
- 43 of the order.
- 44 3. A juvenile justice agency may deny a request for juvenile
- 45 justice information if:





1 (a) The request does not, in accordance with the purposes of this  
2 section, demonstrate good cause for the release of the information;  
3 or

4 (b) The release of the information would cause material harm to  
5 the child or would prejudice any court proceeding to which the child  
6 is subject.

7 ➤ A denial pursuant to this subsection must be made in writing to  
8 the person requesting the information not later than 5 business days  
9 after receipt of the request.

10 4. Any juvenile justice information provided pursuant to this  
11 section may not be used to deny a child access to any service for  
12 which the child would otherwise be eligible, including, without  
13 limitation:

- 14 (a) Educational services;
- 15 (b) Social services;
- 16 (c) Mental health services;
- 17 (d) Medical services; or
- 18 (e) Legal services.

19 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person  
20 who is provided with juvenile justice information pursuant to this  
21 section and who further disseminates the information or makes the  
22 information public is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. This subsection  
23 does not apply to:

- 24 (a) A district attorney who uses the information solely for the  
25 purpose of initiating legal proceedings; or
- 26 (b) A person or organization described in subsection 2 who  
27 provides a report concerning juvenile justice information to a court  
28 or other party pursuant to this title or chapter 432B of NRS.

29 6. As used in this section:

- 30 (a) "Juvenile justice agency" means the Youth Parole Bureau or  
31 a director of juvenile services.
- 32 (b) "Juvenile justice information" means any information which  
33 is directly related to a child in need of supervision, a delinquent  
34 child or any other child who is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction  
35 of the juvenile court.

36 **Sec. 24.** NRS 62H.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 62H.200 1. The Division of Child and Family Services shall:

- 38 (a) Establish a standardized system for the reporting, collection,  
39 analysis, maintenance and retrieval of information concerning  
40 juvenile justice in this State.
- 41 (b) Be responsible for the retrieval and analysis of the categories  
42 of information contained in the standardized system and the  
43 development of any reports from that information.
- 44 (c) Adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the  
45 provisions of this section, including requirements for the transmittal



1 of information to the standardized system from the juvenile courts,  
2 local juvenile probation departments and the staff of the youth  
3 correctional services, as directed by the Department of Health and  
4 Human Services.

5 *(d) Adopt such regulations as are necessary to implement the*  
6 *performance measures and evidence-based standards developed by*  
7 *the Commission pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act.*

8 2. Each juvenile court and local juvenile probation department  
9 and the staff of the youth correctional services, as directed by the  
10 Department of Health and Human Services, shall comply with the  
11 regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

12 *3. The Division of Child and Family Services may withhold*  
13 *state money from a juvenile court or department of juvenile*  
14 *services that does not comply with the regulations adopted*  
15 *pursuant to this section. Before any money is withheld, the*  
16 *Division shall:*

17 *(a) Notify the department of juvenile services of the specific*  
18 *provisions of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section with*  
19 *which the department is not in compliance;*

20 *(b) Require the department of juvenile services to submit a*  
21 *corrective action plan to the Division within 60 days after*  
22 *receiving such a notice of noncompliance; and*

23 *(c) If the department of juvenile services does not submit or*  
24 *adhere to a corrective action plan, notify the department that*  
25 *money will be withheld and specify the amount thereof.*

26 **Sec. 25.** NRS 62H.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 62H.210 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the  
28 standardized system established pursuant to NRS 62H.200 must  
29 collect, categorize and maintain the following information from the  
30 juvenile courts, local juvenile probation departments , *the staff of*  
31 *regional facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of children*  
32 and the staff of the youth correctional services, as directed by the  
33 Department of Health and Human Services, regarding each child  
34 referred to the system of juvenile justice in this State:

35 (a) ~~{A-unique-number}~~ *Any unique identifying information*  
36 *assigned to the child ; {for identification;}*

37 (b) Basic demographic information regarding the child,  
38 including, but not limited to:

39 (1) The age, sex and race or other ethnic background of the  
40 child;

41 (2) The composition of the household in which the child  
42 resides; and

43 (3) The economic *and educational* background of the child;



1 (c) The charges for which the child is referred ~~§~~, *including,*  
2 *without limitation, any charges of violations of probation or*  
3 *parole;*

4 (d) The dates of any detention of the child;

5 (e) The nature of the disposition of each referral of the child;

6 (f) The dates any petitions are filed regarding the child, and the  
7 charges set forth in those petitions; ~~and~~

8 (g) The disposition of any petitions filed regarding the child,  
9 including any applicable findings ~~§~~;

10 (h) *The assessed risks and needs of the child;*

11 (i) *The supervision of the child, including, without limitation,*  
12 *whether the child was placed in a residential facility; and*

13 (j) *Any programs and services provided to the child.*

14 2. In addition to the information required pursuant to  
15 subsection 1 and except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the  
16 Department of Health and Human Services shall require the staff of  
17 *regional facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of children*  
18 *and the staff of* the youth correctional services to collect and  
19 transmit the following information to the standardized system  
20 regarding each child committed to or otherwise placed in the  
21 custody of the Division of Child and Family Services:

22 (a) A record of each placement of the child, including, but not  
23 limited to, the *location and* period of each placement and the  
24 *programs and* services provided to the child during each placement;

25 (b) *Any disciplinary action taken against the child during the*  
26 *child's placement;*

27 (c) *Any education or vocational training provided to the child*  
28 *during the child's placement and the educational and employment*  
29 *status of the child after release of the child on parole;*

30 (d) The dates of each release of the child, including any release  
31 of the child on parole;

32 ~~§~~ (e) If the child is released on parole, the period of each  
33 release and the services provided to the child during each release;  
34 and

35 ~~§~~ (f) The nature of or reason for each discharge of the child  
36 from the custody of the *regional facility for the treatment and*  
37 *rehabilitation of children or the* Division of Child and Family  
38 Services.

39 3. The information maintained in the standardized system must  
40 not include the name or address of any person.

41 **Sec. 26.** Chapter 63 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
42 thereto a new section to read as follows:

43 *The Youth Parole Bureau shall establish policies and*  
44 *procedures to be used by parole officers and juvenile courts in*  
45 *determining the most appropriate response to a child's violation of*



1 *the terms and conditions of his or her parole. The policies and*  
2 *procedures must:*

3 *1. Establish a sliding scale based on the severity of the*  
4 *violation to determine the appropriate response to the child;*

5 *2. Require that a response to a child's violation of the terms*  
6 *and conditions of his or her parole timely take into consideration:*

7 *(a) The risk of the child to reoffend, as determined by the*  
8 *results of a risk and needs assessment;*

9 *(b) The previous history of violations of the child;*

10 *(c) The severity of the current violation of the child;*

11 *(d) The child's case plan; and*

12 *(e) The previous responses by the child to past violations; and*

13 *3. Include incentives that encourage compliance with the*  
14 *terms and conditions of a child's parole.*

15 **Sec. 27.** NRS 63.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 63.715 1. A county that receives approval to carry out the  
17 provisions of NRS 63.700 to 63.780, inclusive, *and section 26 of*  
18 *this act* and an exemption from the assessment imposed pursuant to  
19 NRS 62B.165 shall:

20 (a) Carry out the provisions of NRS 63.700 to 63.780, inclusive  
21 ~~†~~, *and section 26 of this act*; and

22 (b) Appoint a person to act in the place of the Chief of the Youth  
23 Parole Bureau in carrying out those provisions.

24 2. When a person is appointed by the county to act in the place  
25 of the Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau pursuant to subsection 1,  
26 the person so appointed shall be deemed to be the Chief of the  
27 Youth Parole Bureau for the purposes of NRS 63.700 to 63.780,  
28 inclusive ~~†~~, *and section 26 of this act.*

29 **Sec. 28.** NRS 63.770 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 63.770 1. A petition may be filed with the juvenile court to  
31 request that the parole of a child be suspended, modified or revoked.

32 2. Pending a hearing, the juvenile court may order that the  
33 child be held in the local ~~for regional†~~ facility for the detention of  
34 children ~~†~~ *or committed to the regional facility for the treatment*  
35 *and rehabilitation of children.*

36 3. If the child is held in a local ~~for regional†~~ facility for the  
37 detention of children *or committed to a regional facility for the*  
38 *treatment and rehabilitation of children* pending a hearing, the  
39 Youth Parole Bureau may pay all actual and reasonably necessary  
40 costs for the confinement of the child in the local ~~for regional†~~  
41 facility *or the commitment of the child to the regional facility* to  
42 the extent that money is available for that purpose.

43 4. If requested, the juvenile court shall allow the child  
44 reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.



1 5. The juvenile court shall render a decision within 10 days  
2 after the conclusion of the hearing.

3 *6. The juvenile court shall consider the policies and*  
4 *procedures adopted by the Youth Parole Bureau pursuant to*  
5 *section 26 of this act and, in determining whether to suspend,*  
6 *modify or revoke the parole of the child, consider the adherence of*  
7 *the Youth Parole Bureau to such policies and procedures.*

8 **Sec. 29.** NRS 63.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 63.780 *1. The Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau may*  
10 *recommend to the juvenile court that a child's parole be revoked*  
11 *and that the child be committed to a facility only if the Chief or his*  
12 *or her designee has determined that:*

13 *(a) The child poses a risk to public safety, and the policies and*  
14 *procedures adopted by the Youth Parole Bureau pursuant to*  
15 *section 26 of this act recommend such a revocation; or*

16 *(b) The other responses set forth in such policies and*  
17 *procedures would not be appropriate for the child.*

18 **2.** The Chief of the Youth Parole Bureau may *not* recommend  
19 to the juvenile court that a child's parole be revoked and that the  
20 child be committed to a facility ~~unless~~ *if* the superintendent of the  
21 facility determines that:

22 ~~1-1~~ *(a)* There is not adequate room or resources in the facility  
23 to provide the necessary care;

24 ~~1-2~~ *(b)* There is not adequate money available for the support of  
25 the facility; or

26 ~~1-3~~ *(c)* The child is not suitable for admission to the facility.

27 **Sec. 29.5.** NRS 354.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 354.557 "Regional facility" means a facility that is used by  
29 each county that levies a tax ad valorem for its operation pursuant to  
30 NRS 354.59818 and provides services related to public safety,  
31 health or criminal justice. The term includes a regional facility for  
32 the ~~detention~~ *treatment and rehabilitation* of children for which  
33 an assessment is paid pursuant to NRS 62B.160.

34 **Sec. 30.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
35 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
36 provisions of this act.

37 **Sec. 31.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
38 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
39 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

40 **Sec. 32.** The Governor shall appoint the members of the  
41 Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission on or before September 1,  
42 2017.

43 **Sec. 33.** NRS 62H.230 is hereby repealed.

44 **Sec. 34.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 32, inclusive, of  
45 this act become effective on July 1, 2017.



- 1      2. Section 33 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2018.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION**

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**62H.230 Probation departments to analyze information submitted to standardized system annually and compile reports concerning disparate treatment of children; Division of Child and Family Services to publish reports annually.**

1. On or before January 31 of each year, each local juvenile probation department shall:

(a) Analyze the information it submitted to the standardized system during the previous year pursuant to NRS 62H.210 to determine whether children of racial or ethnic minorities and children from economically disadvantaged homes are receiving disparate treatment in the system of juvenile justice in comparison to the general population;

(b) As necessary, develop appropriate recommendations to address any disparate treatment; and

(c) Prepare and submit to the Division of Child and Family Services a report which includes:

(1) The results of the analysis it conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) Any recommendations it developed pursuant to paragraph (b).

2. The Division of Child and Family Services shall annually:

(a) Compile the reports it receives pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b) Publish a document which includes a compilation of the reports.





