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AN ACT relating to protection of children; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study during the 2021-2022 legislative interim concerning investments in juvenile justice prevention activities in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study during the 2021-2022 legislative interim concerning investments in juvenile justice prevention activities in this State, which are activities or programs to reduce the number of children committed to state facilities. This bill requires the Division to submit a report of the study to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice on or before August 1, 2022.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 1.5. 1. During the 2021-2022 legislative interim, the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study concerning investments in juvenile justice prevention activities in this State. In conducting the study, the Division shall consult with the chief probation officers in the counties, regional facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of children and any other person or entity that the Division determines to have special knowledge or interest in juvenile justice prevention activities.

2. The study must include:

(a) A review of current investments in juvenile justice prevention activities within this State;

(b) A survey of best practices and funding mechanisms for juvenile justice prevention activities in other jurisdictions; and

(c) Recommendations for improving investments in juvenile justice prevention activities in this State.

3. On or before August 1, 2022, the Division shall submit a report of the study to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Commission established by NRS 62B.600 and the Director of the Legislative



Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice created by NRS 218E.705.

4. As used in this section:

(a) “Juvenile justice prevention activity” means an activity or program that is designed to reduce problematic behavior or conditions in order to decrease the number of children committed to a state facility for the detention of children.

(b) “Regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 62A.280.

(c) “State facility for the detention of children” has the meaning ascribed to in NRS 62A.330.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

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

