

Senate Bill No. 88—Committee on
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child; expanding access to the information contained in the Central Registry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child and limits access to the information contained in the Central Registry. (NRS 432.100) This bill authorizes access to the information in the Central Registry for employees of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services who are obtaining information in accordance with NRS 432A.170. In addition, this bill authorizes the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department to grant access to the Central Registry to employees or contractors of any other state or local government agency responsible for the welfare of children who demonstrate a bona fide need to access the registry.

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.** NRS 432.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 432.100 1. There is hereby established a Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child. This Central Registry must be maintained by the Division.
2. The Central Registry must contain:
- (a) The information in any substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made pursuant to NRS 432B.220;
 - (b) Statistical information on the protective services provided in this State; and
 - (c) Any other information which the Division determines to be in furtherance of NRS 432.0999 to 432.130, inclusive, and 432B.010 to 432B.400, inclusive.
3. The Division may release information contained in the Central Registry to an employer:
- (a) If the person who is the subject of a background investigation by the employer provides written authorization for the release of the information; and
 - (b) Either:



(1) The employer is required by law to conduct the background investigation of the person for employment purposes; or

(2) The person who is the subject of the background investigation could, in the course of his or her employment, have regular and substantial contact with children or regular and substantial contact with elderly persons who require assistance or care from other persons,

↳ but only to the extent necessary to inform the employer whether the person who is the subject of the background investigation has been found to have abused or neglected a child.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this section or by specific statute, information in the Central Registry may be accessed only by ~~an~~ :

(a) *An employee of the Division ~~and by an~~ ;*

(b) *An agency which provides child welfare services ~~+~~ ;*

(c) *An employee of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department who is obtaining information in accordance with NRS 432A.170; and*

(d) *With the approval of the Administrator, an employee or contractor of any other state or local governmental agency responsible for the welfare of children who requests access to the information and who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrator a bona fide need to access the information. Any approval or denial of a request submitted in accordance with this paragraph is at the sole discretion of the Administrator.*

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

