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AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; requiring the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice to identify and study certain issues relating to criminal procedure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice and directs the Commission, among other duties, to identify and study the elements of this State's system of criminal justice. (NRS 176.0123, 176.0125) This bill requires the Commission to include certain items relating to overcriminalization on an agenda for discussion.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~is 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. The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice created pursuant to NRS 176.0123 shall, at a meeting held by the Commission, include as an item on the agenda a discussion of the following issues relating to overcriminalization:

1. A review of all criminal sentences.
2. A review of all criminal offenses which may be duplicative or sanction the same or similar behavior.
3. An evaluation of the reclassification of certain misdemeanor offenses to determine whether jail time is necessary and whether such offenses may be more appropriately classified as civil violations.
4. An evaluation of certain felony offenses to determine whether misdemeanor punishment may be more appropriate given the disparate impacts a felony conviction may carry. The Commission shall consider the lasting harm caused by the unlawful act, the blameworthiness accompanying the offense and the impact on future public safety.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

