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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.705*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2016  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Legislative Building, Room 2134  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

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**Note:** Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

I. Opening Remarks  
Senator Scott T. Hammond, Chair

II. Public Comment  
(Because of time considerations, speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted in person or by e-mail, facsimile, or mail before, during, or after the meeting.)

*For Possible Action*

III. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on June 24, 2016, in Carson City, Nevada

*For Possible Action*

IV. Presentation on Legislative Recommendations of the Nevada Supreme Court's Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform  
The Honorable James W. Hardesty, Associate Justice, Nevada Supreme Court  
The Honorable Nancy M. Saitta, Associate Justice (Ret.), Nevada Supreme Court

*For Possible Action*

V. Presentation Concerning the Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth (UNITY) Child Welfare Information System  
Reesha Powell, Deputy Administrator of Child Welfare, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Jason Benshoof, Information Technology Manager, DCFS, DHHS

*For Possible Action*

VI. Presentation on the Work of Casey Family Programs in Nevada and Nationally  
Steve Christian, Child Welfare Policy Advisor, Casey Family Programs  
Wanda Pena, Senior Director, Casey Family Programs

*For Possible Action*

VII. Work Session—Discussion and Possible Action Relating to:  
A. Proposal by the Honorable Egan Walker, District Judge, Second Judicial District Court, Department 2, Family Division, Washoe County  
1. Establishment of Paternity

B. Proposals by the Nevada Supreme Court's Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform

1. Funding of Community-Based/Front-End Programming for Youth
2. Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and Notification
3. Revision of Certain Penalties
4. Information Sharing

C. Proposals Made During This Meeting, Not Previously Discussed

The "Work Session Document" is attached below and contains proposed recommendations. The document is also available on the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice [webpage](#). A hard copy may be obtained by contacting Patrick Guinan, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, at (775) 684-6825.

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IX. Adjournment

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# **Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice**

*(Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.705)*

## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**



**August 22, 2016**

Prepared by the Research Division  
Legislative Counsel Bureau



## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE  
(NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 218E.705)**

**August 22, 2016**

The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the staff of the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 218D.160, the Committee is limited to ten legislative measures and must submit its bill draft requests (BDRs) for drafting by September 1, 2016, unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submission of a request after that date.

This document contains a summary of proposed BDRs and other actions that have been presented during public hearings, through communication with individual Committee members, or through correspondence or communications submitted to the Committee. It is designed to assist the Committee members in making decisions during the work session. The Committee may accept, reject, modify, or take no action on any of the proposals. Actions available to the Committee members include: (1) drafting legislation to amend NRS or to add transitory sections that do not amend the statutes; (2) drafting resolutions; (3) including statements in the Committee’s final report; and (4) sending letters of recommendation or support.

Committee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau staff may, at the direction of the chair, coordinate with interested parties to obtain additional information for drafting purposes or for inclusion in the final report. The recommendations may have been modified by being combined with similar proposals or by the addition of necessary legal or fiscal information. It should also be noted that some of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact.

Additional recommendations may be considered based on discussions held and presentations made at the August 22, 2016, hearing. Approved recommendations for legislation resulting from these deliberations will be prepared as BDRs and submitted for introduction as a bill to the 2017 Legislature.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **A. PROPOSAL MADE BY THE HONORABLE EGAN WALKER, DISTRICT JUDGE, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, DEPARTMENT 2, FAMILY DIVISION, WASHOE COUNTY**

1. Create a statutory basis in Chapter 432B (“Protection of Children From Abuse and Neglect”) of NRS to establish paternity in dependency cases.

### **B. PROPOSALS MADE BY THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA’S COMMISSION ON STATEWIDE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**

1. Express via letter the Committee’s support for funding of community-based and/or front-end programming for youth.
2. Amend several chapters of NRS in relation to juvenile sex offender registration and notification requirements.
3. Amend Chapter 201 (“Crimes Against Public Decency and Good Morals”) of NRS to remove unintended increased penalties for certain persons under 18 years of age.
4. Amend Chapter 62H (“Records Related to Children”) of NRS to revise language concerning information sharing among certain agencies involved in juvenile justice regarding youth who are subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

### **C. PROPOSALS MADE DURING THE AUGUST 22, 2016, MEETING, NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED**