

Assembly

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, CRADDOCK, HICKEY, MCNEEL, FRY

MEMBERS ABSENT: GETTO, WITTENBERG

GUESTS: Earl Yamashita, Welfare Division
 W. J. LaBodie " " "
 Gloria Handley " "
 J. E. Faehling " "
 Dave Tomlinson " "
 O. A. Wahranbrock " "
 Lee Adler, Press

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and stated that Assembly Bills 180 through 184 were under consideration.

Mr. Tomlinson, Welfare Department, appeared as a witness and explained that AB 180 contained two basic changes in the definition of a dependent child: (1) a child up to the age of 21 is still eligible for assistance under the program and (2) clarifying the circumstances under which a child in foster care qualifies as a dependent child. They are requesting these changes in order to have the language of the State law conform to that of the Federal law.

Mr. Tomlinson was questioned regarding the omission of the phrase "obtaining a passing grade in his studies". He explained that different schools have different rules on "passing grades" and the child is presumed to have passing grades as long as they allow him to remain in the school.

Mr. Hickey questioned raising the maximum age to 21, and asked for a legal opinion on the issue if the State of Nevada had an age limit of under 18 even though the Federal Government had the limit of under 21. The Welfare Division indicated they would seek such legal opinion.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that the aid provided does not cover any of the costs of college and only covers personal needs and shelter costs. This amounts to approximately \$35 per month. There are only five individuals in the entire State who now qualify for this aid, and there will probably never be over a dozen.

There were no further questions on AB 180, and the Committee proceeded to a discussion of AB 181.

Mr. LaBodie of the Welfare Division appeared as a witness and explained that the purpose of the bill was to bring the law into conformity with Federal regulations by including old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to permanently

and totally disabled under the jurisdiction of the advisory committee to the Welfare Division. The present advisory committee would assume the responsibility and no new committee would be formed for this function.

The Committee proceeded to AB 182, a bill to increase the salary of State Welfare board members from \$10 per day to \$50 per day. Mr. LaBodie stated this was the only Board he knew of that received only \$10 per day. The Board did not request the increase, and the Welfare Department is requesting it because they feel the Board members are entitled to more. There are no welfare recipients on the Board. The Board is appointed by the Governor. The Welfare Department feels that the sum of \$50 per day is reasonable and in line with what other boards are paid.

The discussion proceeded to AB 183.

Mrs. Gloria Handley, Chief of Childrens' Services for the Welfare Department, explained the bill was introduced to require licensing of foster homes that care for children placed in such home by their parents or legal guardians, and where the total cost of care is provided by parents or guardian. At the present time there is no control on such foster homes and they feel there should be some kind of check to inspect such homes to ascertain if there is proper care for the children.

Messrs. Fry and Craddock raised the question of children placed in a friend or relatives home by their parents for an indefinite period of time, and felt that such a law would require the friend or relative to obtain a license. Mrs. Handley said the intent of the bill was only to inspect those foster homes that ran a care center for profit or for questionable motivation, and they did not expect to get involved in personal situations. Mr. Fry suggested that such wording should be included, and they should check with District Attorney or other legal source to clarify the bill.

It was agreed that the bill will be resubmitted after further study.

The next consideration of the Committee was AB 184.

Mrs. Handley stated that the present law requires the initial report of child abuse to be submitted to a law enforcement agency. They are requesting that such initial report may be made either to law enforcement agencies or to the local office of the Welfare Division. They feel that many people are not reporting cases of child abuse since they do not want to get involved with law enforcement agencies and may be afraid to "go to the cops".

Mr. Fry asked if this would not require additional training of welfare personnel since they would not have the legal authority to advise people of their rights. Mr. LaBodie stated that very rarely did they investigate a case without taking a law enforcement office along, and this bill was merely to give people a choice of where they might report a violation.

All witnesses were excused, and the Committee proceeded to vote on the bills considered as follows:

- AB 180: "Do Pass" motion made by Mr. Hickey.
Yes votes: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey, McNeel
Abstain: Fry
Motion passed.
- AB 181: Mr. McNeel moved "Do Pass", Mr. Hickey seconded.
Yes votes: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey, Fry & McNeel
Motion passed.
- AB 182: Moved by Mr. Craddock "Do Pass". Seconded by Mr. McNeel.
Motion by Mr. Fry to amend to refer to Ways and Means Committee after vote.
Yes votes: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey, Fry and McNeel.
Motion amended and passed.
- AB 184: Mr. Fry made motion "Do Pass". Seconded by Mr. Hickey.
Yes votes: Bennett, Craddock, Hickey, Fry & McNeel.
Motion passed.

Legislative action forms attached hereto.

Chairman Bennett adjourned meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

57TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE Feb. 5, 1973

SUBJECT AB 184

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Fry Seconded by Hickey

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
VOTE:						
Bennett, M.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Craddock, R.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hickey, T.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittenberg, A.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fry, L.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Getto, V.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
McNeel, R.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

TALLY:

Original Motion: Passed X Defeated Withdrawn

Amended & Passed Amended & Defeated

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SUBJECT AB 182

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Craddock Seconded by McNeel

AMENDMENT: Refer to Ways & Means Committee after vote

Moved By Fray Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
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SUBJECT AB 180

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Hickey Seconded by

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
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BILL DRAFTING AND AMENDMENT REQUEST

[Please use separate sheet for each request]

To the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Health and Welfare Committee

From Robert E. Robinson

Date 2/5/73

Please prepare a bill/amendment as follows:

On page 3 of A.B. 116, in line 23, substitute a "," for the character

"," and insert the following:

except nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize
professional nurses to perform those specific functions and
duties specifically delegated by law to those persons licensed
as dentists under NRS 631.090, as optometrists under NRS 636.025,
or as podiatrists under NRS 635.010.

I HEREBY CONSENT TO RELEASE
OF THIS INFORMATION TO ANY
LEGISLATOR BY THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNSEL.

REQUESTER