

Assembly
HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 23, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, WITTENBERG, McNEEL, AND GETTO

MEMBERS ABSENT: FRY, HICKEY AND CRADDOCK

GUESTS: W. J. LaBodie, Welfare Dept.
 R. Holland " "
 G. Handley " "
 E. Backman, Self

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Chairman Bennett for the purpose of discussing AB 724.

Mr. LaBodie, State Welfare Department, stated they had requested this bill to insure they received notice and had a hearing prior to a court placing a child in their custody. The State Welfare Department is having a problem in this regard because Washoe County Health Department does not notify them when a child is to be placed in their custody and the first notice they have is a court order. They have no opportunity to study the child and its problems or to make arrangements for a home. They are just told, "here is the child - pay the bill", and they would like an opportunity to participate in planning for the child.

When a County turns a child over to the State the County pays one-third and the State two-thirds. If the County retains custody they must pay the whole bill, and the State should have an opportunity to participate in the decision of the court by attending a hearing.

Mr. Holland stated that under due process of law everyone is entitled to notice and a hearing, and certainly the State Welfare Department should be.

Mr. LaBodie, Mr. Holland and Mrs. Handley requested that the bill be amended as follows: On line 15 the italicized matter should be a separate paragraph numbered "2." Paragraph 2 should be renumbered 3, and paragraph 3 should be renumbered 4.

Committee action:

AB 724 - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion "Amend, and do pass as amended". Second by Mr. McNeel. Unanimously passed.

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Chairman Bennett asked the Committee's opinion of introducing as bills BDR 34-1632* and BDR 11-1370†. Mr. Getto moved they be introduced, and Mr. McNeel seconded. Unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

* A.B. 805

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Friday

Date March 23, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB 724

Requires notice and hearing where child
is placed in custody of welfare division.