

EDUCATION, HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE  
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FEBRUARY 14, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. in room 323 on Monday, February 14, 1977, with Senator Jack Schofield in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Jack Schofield  
Vice-Chairman Joe Neal  
Senator William Raggio  
Senator Richard Blakemore  
Senator Wilbur Faiss  
Senator William H. Hernstadt

GUESTS: William J. LaBadie, Division of Welfare  
George E. Miller, Administrator, Division of Welfare  
Gloria Handley, Family & Child Service, Welfare  
Earl M. Yamashita, Welfare State Plan Coordinator  
Orville Wahrenbrock, Dept. of Human Resources

Mr. Orville Wahrenbrock of the Department of Human Resources distributed an organizational chart of the Department of Human Resources and explained it to the Committee. Chairman Schofield thanked Mr. Wahrenbrock for his efficiency and also recommended to the Committee members that they bring their budget books to the meeting for even further reference.

A.B. 86 (Exhibit "A")

Mr. William LaBadie and Ms. Gloria Handley of the Division of Welfare testified in behalf of this bill as a division recommendation. Mr. LaBadie stated that under Title 4-B of the Social Security Act, the Division is required to have a Child Welfare Committee, which was in existence for some time. However, the Child Care Services Division was started two years ago, and rather than duplicate efforts and spend travel and per-diem money for both, they disbanded the Committee and went in with the Child Care Services Division.

Senator Hernstadt said that the Nala Day Care Center in Las Vegas was closed. The Senator said that this Center was funded by the City of Las Vegas, and part Federal funding, and he understood they did apply for a State grant and he wondered what had been the outcome of the application. Mr. LaBadie said that the Division had received their application in November, the money had already been allocated (Title XX) for this year. Mr. LaBadie said that he also recalled that the Center did not have the required matching funds anyway.

Senator Neal asked if A.B. 86 would affect the service given by the Child Care Services Division? Mr. LaBadie said no.

Senator Faiss: Motion to Do Pass  
Senator Hernstadt: 2nd the Motion.

The Motion Passed.

A.B. 87

Mr. George Miller, Administrator of the Division of Welfare, testified that this bill was drafted to clean-up the language in the Statutes so that NRS 432A.140 would be consistent with the Title IX wording in NRS 428.330. Mr. Miller added that this is a check and balance between the Welfare Board and the Administration.

Senator Neal stated that it appears from the wording that the Administration could initiate action and then seek approval of the Board at a later date. Senator Raggio commented that currently the Board initiates the action, and this bill will reverse this procedure.

Senator Raggio was concerned with Mr. Miller's referral to Title IX, and inquired if it is a Federal requirement to change the policy-making from the Board to the Administration.

Mr. Earl M. Yamashita interjected that this bill is trying to put into law what is already in practice by the Division.

Senators Neal and Raggio were concerned about this measure being approved by the Welfare Board. Mr. Yamashita said that he had discussed this with the Board's chairman, and there had been no disapproval. The Committee members felt it would be better to delay action on the bill until they could discuss it with the Board members themselves.

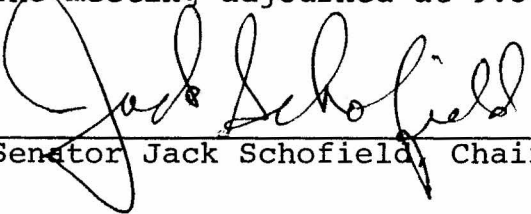
Senator Raggio asked Mr. Yamashita to give the names of the Welfare Board members and their areas of representation. Mr. Yamashita said: Mrs. Donna Andreas, blind services and child welfare; Mrs. Barbara H. Henry, child welfare and junior league; Mrs. Alice Smith, Foster-Grandparents program and social services; Mr. Joe Riordan, former County Commissioner from Elko; Dr. Colin S. Y. Soong, Carson City physician and Title IX expert; Mr. Leon D. Cowan, teacher at Stewart Indian School; and, Mrs. JoAnn Kelley, Junior League and child welfare. Chairman Schofield asked if the Committee could meet with the Welfare Board on February 15, 1977, at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Miller said this could be arranged.

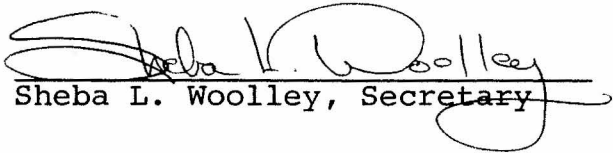
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Chairman Schofield discussed three BDR's with the Committee that could be introduced individually or as a Committee, the members decided to decline introduction as a Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

  
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Senator Jack Schofield, Chairman

  
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Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

A. B. 86

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 86—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

JANUARY 19, 1977

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Abolishes welfare division's advisory committee on day care for children and transfers function to policy board in child care services division. (BDR 38-155)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No. State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.

EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to child care services; abolishing the advisory committee on day care created within the welfare division of the department of human resources; transferring the committee's principal function to the child care policy board within the child care services division of the department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 432A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 432A.140 1. The *child care policy* board shall establish policy for
- 3 coordination among all interested public, private and commercial agen-
- 4 cies or entities to foster cooperation among such agencies or entities in
- 5 the interest of:
- 6 (a) Improving the quality of child care services offered by each of
- 7 the participating agencies and entities.
- 8 (b) Assuring continuity in the community child care program for each
- 9 family.
- 10 (c) Reaching the maximum number of families possible with top
- 11 priority given to low-income families within available resources.
- 12 (d) Increasing opportunities for developing staff competence and
- 13 career development within and between cooperating agencies and
- 14 entities.
- 15 (e) Developing the most efficient, effective and economical methods
- 16 for delivering services to children and families.
- 17 (f) Insuring an effective voice in policy and program direction for
- 18 parents of children receiving child care.
- 19 (g) Mobilizing the resources of the community in such a manner as
- 20 to assure maximum public, private and individual commitment to provide
- 21 expanded child care.