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DATE: May 13, 2003
TO: Chairperson Chris Guinchigliani, Assembly Elections,
Procedures and Ethics
FROM: Richard Siegel, Ph. D., President, ACLU of Nevada
RE: ACR 18 – Juvenile Justice Study

The ACLU of Nevada supports ACR 18 and the proposed study of juvenile justice in Nevada. We believe that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, based in Reno, can be of considerable value to the Legislature in the implementation of this study.

Our reasons for support include:

- The disturbing information on abuse of children in the Reno/Wittenberg and Elko facilities.
- Questions about the competency of children in adult courts raised by a recent McArthur Foundation study presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee by the ACLUN
- Our serious opposition to housing juveniles in adult jails and prisons.