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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 132—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN,  
YOUTH AND FAMILIES (NRS 218.53723))

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides that proceedings concerning abuse or neglect of children are presumptively open to public. (BDR 38-689)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to the protection of children; providing that proceedings concerning the abuse or neglect of children are presumptively open to the public; 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 432B.430 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3     432B.430 *1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 432B.457*  
4 *and subsection 3, any proceeding held pursuant to NRS 432B.410*  
5 *to 432B.590, inclusive, must be open to the general public unless*  
6 *the judge or master, upon his own motion or upon the motion of*  
7 *another person, determines that all or part of the proceeding must*  
8 *be closed to the general public because such closure is in the best*  
9 *interests of the child who is the subject of the proceeding. In*  
10 *determining whether closing all or part of the proceeding is in the*  
11 *best interests of the child who is the subject of the proceeding, the*  
12 *judge or master must consider and give due weight to the desires*  
13 *of that child.*



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1       2. *If the judge or master determines pursuant to subsection 1*  
2 *that all or part of a proceeding must be closed to the general*  
3 *public:*

4       (a) *The judge or master must make specific findings of fact to*  
5 *support such a determination; and*

6       (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 432B.457, *the general*  
7 *public must be excluded and* only those persons having a direct  
8 interest in the case, as ~~ordered~~ *determined* by the judge or master,  
9 may be admitted to ~~any~~ *the* proceeding .

10       3. *In conducting a proceeding* held pursuant to NRS 432B.410  
11 to 432B.590, inclusive ~~H~~ , *a judge or master shall keep*  
12 *information confidential to the extent necessary to obtain federal*  
13 *funds in the maximum amount available to this state.*

