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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 111—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON  
CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE)

PREFILED JANUARY 30, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct a study concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State. (BDR S-451)

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

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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 children; requiring the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct a study concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile  
2 Justice to evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare services and juvenile  
3 justice in this State. (NRS 218E.715) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Committee  
4 to conduct a study concerning issues regarding the funding of the child welfare  
5 system in this State. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Committee to employ a  
6 qualified independent consultant to aid the Committee in the commission of the  
7 study. **Section 3** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$250,000 for the purpose of  
8 conducting the study. **Section 5** of this bill requires the Committee to submit a  
9 report with the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the  
10 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and  
2 Juvenile Justice shall conduct a study during the 2019-2020 interim  
3 concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State. The  
4 study must include, without limitation:

5       1. An analysis of the current block grant model of funding of  
6 agencies which provide child welfare services, including a  
7 determination of whether such block grant funding is appropriate  
8 and sufficient to meet the needs of agencies which provide child  
9 welfare services and what other funding models, if any, would be  
10 more appropriate funding mechanisms;

11       2. An analysis of potential sources of funding to support  
12 agencies which provide child welfare services in this State;

13       3. An analysis of sources of funding, including, without  
14 limitation, federal, state, local and private programs, that support the  
15 welfare of children in this State, including, without limitation,  
16 funding for medical care, mental health and substance abuse  
17 treatment, education, juvenile justice and child care; and

18       4. A cost-benefit analysis of replacing the Unified Nevada  
19 Information Technology for Youth case management system with a  
20 new juvenile justice and child welfare case management system.

21       **Sec. 2.** The Committee shall employ, within the limits of  
22 legislative appropriation, a qualified independent consultant to aid  
23 the Committee in the commission of the study.

24       **Sec. 3.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General  
25 Fund to the Legislative Fund created by NRS 218A.150 the sum of  
26 \$250,000 for the purpose of conducting a study of the funding of the  
27 child welfare system of this State as provided in sections 1 and 2 of  
28 this act.

29       **Sec. 4.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
30 section 3 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after  
31 June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or  
32 any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or  
33 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the  
34 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose  
35 after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money  
36 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
37 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
38 Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

39       **Sec. 5.** In addition to any report required pursuant to  
40 NRS 218E.720, the Committee shall submit to the Legislative  
41 Commission a report of the results of the study and any



1 recommendations for legislation before the commencement of the  
2 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

3 **Sec. 6.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
4 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
5 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

6 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

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