

Assembly Bill No. 111–Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

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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:

Existing law requires the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare services and juvenile justice in this State. (NRS 218E.715) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Committee to conduct a study concerning issues regarding the funding of the child welfare system in this State in order to identify opportunities to maximize federal funding for the child welfare system. **Section 2** of this bill requires the Committee to employ a qualified independent consultant to aid the Committee in the commission of the study. **Section 3** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$200,000 for the purpose of conducting the study. **Section 5** of this bill requires the Committee to submit a report with the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

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

Section 1. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice shall conduct a study during the 2019-2020 interim concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State in order to identify opportunities to maximize federal funding for the system. The study must include, without limitation:

1. An analysis of sources of federal funding that are currently utilized in this State to support agencies which provide child welfare services and other agencies which provide services related to children and families involved in the child welfare system, including, without limitation, funding for medical care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, education, juvenile justice and child care;

2. An analysis of potential sources of funding to support agencies which provide child welfare services in this State, including opportunities for waivers or innovative strategies utilized by other states to maximize federal resources; and

3. An analysis of other states and jurisdictions that maximize federal resources for child welfare and related services in order to



identify new strategies or opportunities for the funding of the child welfare system in this State.

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

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Legislative Fund created by NRS 218A.150 the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of conducting a study of the funding of the child welfare system of this State as provided in sections 1 and 2 of this act.

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

Sec. 5. In addition to any report required pursuant to NRS 218E.720, the Committee shall submit to the Legislative Commission a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation before the commencement of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

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

