

*Nevada State Juvenile Justice Commission
Policy/Legislation Committee Report*

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The policy and legislative committee has been monitoring the following commissions and committees on a monthly basis.

1. The Supreme Court Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform
2. The Standardized Juvenile Justice Data Collection Sub Committee
3. The School Attendance and Disturbance Sub Committee
4. The Facilities Planning Sub-Committee
5. The Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration
6. The Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators
7. Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice

1. **Supreme Court Commission of Juvenile Justice Reform:** This Commission continues to monitor the major reforms of the Nevada Juvenile Justice System specifically the recommendations to reform funding for deep end commitments and increased funding for front end juvenile justice programs in the independent jurisdictions. Attached are the recommendations from the Supreme Court Commission in addition to a snap shot of youth in state commitment on 8-4-14. (Attachment A)

2. **School Attendance and Disturbance Sub Committee:** Mission is to study and make recommendations to amend statutes to facilitate a better balance between attendance patterns and school disturbances issues within the state of Nevada. The sub-committee will clearly identify responsibilities, best practices and current school models for dealing with these issues on a state and national level. Discussion regarding Clark County Pilot Programs, and direction of this subcommittee.

Recent activity is the review of:

Bill Draft Recommendations:

34-189 **NRS 392.910** Senator Hammond Revise provisions relating to school discipline. (Attachment B)

BDR not yet determined: The superintendent of school of a school district may, for good cause shown in a particular case in that school district, allow a modification to the suspension or expulsion requirement of this subsection if such modification is set forth in writing.

Using the results driven restorative justice model in the school arena has produced positive outcomes for school administrators and resource officers. Keeping at risk kids in mainstream school is one of the primary protective factors against further truancy, delinquent behaviors, and other risk behaviors. The restorative justice model builds a support system with the student rather than a punitive approach to resolving school based problems.

- 3. Advisory Commission to study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration:** The committee established in 2007 to monitor Nevada compliance with the Adam Walsh Act AB 579. Current Compliance with the ACT, Discussion Regarding Sex Offender Procedures after AB 579. Juvenile Probation Jurisdiction's responsibility to compliance. Impediments to compliance. Modifications to AB 579 impacting the juvenile requirements. Current activity in the commission to recommend legislation that keeps juveniles off the public web site. In testimony before Mr. Keith Munro presented a comprehensive overview of the work of the Attorney Generals Advisory Committee to Study Laws Concerning Sex Offender Registration.

BDR 14-435 Attorney General : Revises provisions governing regulation of juveniles adjudicated delinquent for sex offences. Judicial discretion in particular cases, key element of change in the language.

Smart Office Decision regarding Juvenile Registration Provisions (Attachment C)

- 4. Regional Facilities Planning Sub Committee**
In the September 25, 2014 meeting of this sub-committee a report of the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting at NYTC Elko was submitted. Key recommendations were made to sustain NYTC Elko as the Northern Region commitment facility. See attached reports. (Attachment D)
- 5. Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators:** The juvenile services chiefs and directors continue to meet and review the above fore mentioned committees and commissions making recommendations and supporting statewide juvenile justice reform. Current position of NAJJA.
- 6. Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice:** This is a legislative interim committee 2013-14 waiting to be commissioned to review child welfare and juvenile justice policy, and statute
- 7. Bill Drafts Impacting Juvenile Justice**

(attachment E)

The state of Nevada is in the middle of strategic juvenile justice reforms. Evident through the whole process is that all parties have been at the table. There have been significant efforts to bring all disciplines into the conversations in order to get it right. The discussion has been vigorous and strategic. We have kept the clients and their families in the middle of the discussion. This will continue as we accomplish the recommendations and guidelines agreed upon by this state partnership. We need to continue to breakdown apprehension and speculation and replace it with data and mutual discussion to further change for the better.

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