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SB 293

Establishes a position within the Division of Child and Family Services to develop a plan to identify infrastructure to provide treatment, housing, and services to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) by October 1, 2020.

The bill outlines the parameters of that planning including a requirement to come to the 2021 session with a system to be evaluated and acted upon by the Legislature.

The bill establishes a July 1, 2022 deadline for removing the reliance on the juvenile justice system for these cases.

Specifically prohibits:

- The adjudication of a child as delinquent or in need of supervision for engaging in prostitution or for solicitation of prostitution.
- Placing a child in a local or state detention facility for certain minor offenses related to commercial sexual exploitation and requires Juvenile Court to make a report to child welfare.

Source: SB 293



Stakeholder's Agencies



Frank Cervantes, Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services (WCDJS)	Kristine Buist, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – VICE Unit
Elizabeth Florez, WCDJS	Cara Paoli, Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA)
Abigail Frierson, Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS)	Ryan Gustafson, WCHSA
Ann Polakowski, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) - Children's Mental Health	Nicole Yohay, Clark County Department Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS)
Bailey Bortolin, Legal Aid Center	Sara Stephan, Legal Aid Center
Toshia Shaw, The Embracing Project	Melissa Holland, Awaken
Suzanne Bierman, Department of Health Care Financing and Policy	Sharon Anderson, DCFS Juvenile Justice

Residential Group Agencies



Kerri Korin, Apple Grove Foster Care	Cheryl Cooley, Director, ARYS
Amanda Watson, ARYS	Bianca Patti, Bamboo Sunrise
Jennifer Erbes, CCDFS Resource Development	Susie Miller, DCFS Residential
Sarah Dearborn, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy	Edylynn Quijano, Eagle Quest
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Kathryn Wellington-Cavakis, DCFS - WIN	

Mental Health Group Agencies

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Dr. Shera Bradley, DPBH	Ann Polakowski, DCFS Children's Mental Health
Karissa Garr, FACT	Sara Stephan, Legal Aid Center
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Michelle Sandoval, Rural Mental Health	Heather Hughes, Washoe County
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Recommendations

- To create a safe and secured 24/7 CSEC Receiving Center with specially trained staff where CSEC can be referred by child welfare, law enforcement, and other agencies to be evaluated and referred to the appropriate long-term housing options and services.
- To create Specialized Foster Care Homes with with specialized CSEC training and programming for children with active 432B and 432C cases.
- To enhance other placement types to serve CSEC.





Recommendations

- A model that mirrors NRS 433A, emergency admissions and involuntary court admissions and that ensures appropriate assessments, including least restrictive alternative analysis conducted by licensed professionals.
- Admissions may be done by law enforcement or a child welfare agency.
- The CSEC Receiving Center must not be a juvenile detention facility or a mental health hospital. It shall resemble a residence as much as possible and have a mental health/services approach.



Recommendations

- Creating training standards for professional, direct service providers and for mental health professionals who serve or could encounter CSEC.
- Division of Child and Family Services Children's Mental Health Authority will review, approve, train, and certify agencies wanting to serve CSEC.
- The use of evidenced based treatment modalities for CSEC as well as supportive holistic and alternative healing treatments to enhance traditional cognitive therapy.



QUESTIONS

