

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 202—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

MARCH 4, 2013

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to juveniles charged as adults for committing certain crimes. (BDR 5-64)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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.

AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; revising the list of offenses that are excluded from the original jurisdiction of the juvenile court; authorizing a child who is certified for adult criminal proceedings to petition the court for placement in a state juvenile detention facility during the pendency of the proceeding; requiring the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to appoint a task force to study certain issues relating to juveniles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that the juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction over a
2 child who is alleged to have committed an act designated as a criminal offense
3 unless: (1) the criminal offense is excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile
4 court; or (2) the child is alleged to have committed an offense for which the
5 juvenile court may certify the child for criminal proceedings as an adult and the
6 juvenile court certifies the child for criminal proceedings as an adult upon a motion
7 by the district attorney and after a full investigation. (NRS 62B.330, 62B.390)

8 Under existing law, the offenses excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile
9 court include, without limitation, murder and attempted murder. (NRS 62B.330)
10 **Section 1** of this bill provides that murder and attempted murder are excluded from
11 the jurisdiction of the juvenile court only if the offense was committed by a child
12 who was 12 years of age or older when he or she committed the offense.

13 Under existing law, during the pendency of the proceeding, a child who is
14 charged with a crime which is excluded from the original jurisdiction of the



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15 juvenile court may petition the juvenile court for temporary placement in a facility
16 for the detention of children. (NRS 62C.030) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a
17 child who is certified for criminal proceedings as an adult to petition the juvenile
18 court for temporary placement in a facility for the detention of children during the
19 pendency of the proceeding.

20 **Section 10** of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and
21 Juvenile Justice to create a task force to study certain issues relating to juvenile
22 justice.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 62B.330 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 62B.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in this title, the
4 juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child living
5 or found within the county who is alleged or adjudicated to have
6 committed a delinquent act.

7 2. For the purposes of this section, a child commits a
8 delinquent act if the child:

- 9 (a) Violates a county or municipal ordinance;
- 10 (b) Violates any rule or regulation having the force of law; or
- 11 (c) Commits an act designated a criminal offense pursuant to the
12 laws of the State of Nevada.

13 3. For the purposes of this section, each of the following acts
14 shall be deemed not to be a delinquent act, and the juvenile court
15 does not have jurisdiction over a person who is charged with
16 committing such an act:

17 (a) Murder or attempted murder and any other related offense
18 arising out of the same facts as the murder or attempted murder,
19 regardless of the nature of the related offense **if the person was**
20 **12 years of age or older when the murder or attempted murder was**
21 **committed.**

22 (b) Sexual assault or attempted sexual assault involving the use
23 or threatened use of force or violence against the victim and any
24 other related offense arising out of the same facts as the sexual
25 assault or attempted sexual assault, regardless of the nature of the
26 related offense, if:

27 (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the sexual
28 assault or attempted sexual assault was committed; and

29 (2) Before the sexual assault or attempted sexual assault was
30 committed, the person previously had been adjudicated delinquent
31 for an act that would have been a felony if committed by an adult.

32 (c) An offense or attempted offense involving the use or
33 threatened use of a firearm and any other related offense arising out
34 of the same facts as the offense or attempted offense involving the



1 use or threatened use of a firearm, regardless of the nature of the
2 related offense, if:

3 (1) The person was 16 years of age or older when the offense
4 or attempted offense involving the use or threatened use of a firearm
5 was committed; and

6 (2) Before the offense or attempted offense involving the use
7 or threatened use of a firearm was committed, the person previously
8 had been adjudicated delinquent for an act that would have been a
9 felony if committed by an adult.

10 (d) A felony resulting in death or substantial bodily harm to the
11 victim and any other related offense arising out of the same facts as
12 the felony, regardless of the nature of the related offense, if:

13 (1) The felony was committed on the property of a public or
14 private school when pupils or employees of the school were present
15 or may have been present, at an activity sponsored by a public or
16 private school or on a school bus while the bus was engaged in its
17 official duties; and

18 (2) The person intended to create a great risk of death or
19 substantial bodily harm to more than one person by means of a
20 weapon, device or course of action that would normally be
21 hazardous to the lives of more than one person.

22 (e) A category A or B felony and any other related offense
23 arising out of the same facts as the category A or B felony,
24 regardless of the nature of the related offense, if the person was at
25 least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age when the offense
26 was committed, and:

27 (1) The person is not identified by law enforcement as
28 having committed the offense and charged before the person is at
29 least 20 years, 3 months of age, but less than 21 years of age; or

30 (2) The person is not identified by law enforcement as
31 having committed the offense until the person reaches 21 years of
32 age.

33 (f) Any other offense if, before the offense was committed, the
34 person previously had been convicted of a criminal offense.

35 **Sec. 2.** NRS 62C.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 62C.030 1. If a child is not alleged to be delinquent or in
37 need of supervision, the child must not, at any time, be confined or
38 detained in:

39 (a) A facility for the secure detention of children; or

40 (b) Any police station, lockup, jail, prison or other facility in
41 which adults are detained or confined.

42 2. If a child is alleged to be delinquent or in need of
43 supervision, the child must not, before disposition of the case, be
44 detained in a facility for the secure detention of children unless there
45 is probable cause to believe that:



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1 (a) If the child is not detained, the child is likely to commit an
2 offense dangerous to the child or to the community, or likely to
3 commit damage to property;

4 (b) The child will run away or be taken away so as to be
5 unavailable for proceedings of the juvenile court or to its officers;

6 (c) The child was taken into custody and brought before a
7 probation officer pursuant to a court order or warrant; or

8 (d) The child is a fugitive from another jurisdiction.

9 3. If a child is less than 18 years of age, the child must not, at
10 any time, be confined or detained in any police station, lockup, jail,
11 prison or other facility where the child has regular contact with any
12 adult who is confined or detained in the facility and who has been
13 convicted of a criminal offense or charged with a criminal offense,
14 unless:

15 (a) The child is alleged to be delinquent;

16 (b) An alternative facility is not available; and

17 (c) The child is separated by sight and sound from any adults
18 who are confined or detained in the facility.

19 4. During the pendency of a proceeding involving ~~††~~:

20 (a) A criminal offense excluded from the original jurisdiction of
21 the juvenile court pursuant to NRS 62B.330 ~~††~~; or

22 (b) *A child who is certified for criminal proceedings as an
23 adult pursuant to NRS 62B.390,*

24 ↪ a child may petition the juvenile court for temporary placement in
25 a facility for the detention of children.

26 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

27 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

28 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

29 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

30 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

31 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

33 **Sec. 10.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and
34 Juvenile Justice created by NRS 218E.705 shall create a task force
35 to study certain issues relating to juvenile justice in accordance with
36 the provisions of this section.

37 2. The Chair of the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare
38 and Juvenile Justice shall appoint to the task force the following
39 nine voting members:

40 (a) One member of the Senate or Assembly, who shall serve as
41 Chair of the task force.

42 (b) One member who is a district attorney.

43 (c) One member who is a public defender.

44 (d) One member from the Office of the Attorney General.



1 (e) One member from the Division of Child and Family Services
2 of the Department of Health and Human Services.

3 (f) One member who is a judge of the juvenile court.

4 (g) One member who is a mental health professional.

5 (h) One member who is a representative from an organization
6 that advocates on behalf of juveniles.

7 (i) The Director of the Department of Corrections.

8 3. The task force shall study the following issues and make its
9 findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation:

10 (a) The laws in this State and other states, including an
11 examination of best practices, pertaining to certification of juveniles
12 as adults and offenses excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile
13 court.

14 (b) The advantages and disadvantages of blended sentencing.

15 (c) The ability of adult correctional facilities and institutions to
16 provide appropriate housing and programming for youthful
17 offenders who are convicted of crimes as adults and incarcerated in
18 adult facilities and institutions.

19 (d) The ability of juvenile detention facilities to provide
20 appropriate housing and programming for youthful offenders who
21 are convicted of crimes as adults and detained in juvenile detention
22 facilities.

23 (e) The costs and benefits of housing juvenile offenders who are
24 convicted of crimes as adults in adult correctional facilities and
25 institutions and in juvenile detention facilities.

26 (f) Proposed legislation that is necessary to implement any
27 necessary or desirable changes in Nevada law relating to the issues
28 set forth in this subsection.

29 4. The members of the task force, other than the Chair of the
30 task force, serve without compensation, except that each such
31 member is entitled, while engaged in the business of the task force
32 and within the limits of available money, to the per diem allowance
33 and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees
34 generally.

35 5. Not later than 30 days after appointment, each member of
36 the task force, other than the Chair of the task force, shall nominate
37 one person to serve as his or her alternate member and submit the
38 name of the person nominated to the Chair of the task force for
39 appointment. An alternate member shall serve as a voting member
40 of the task force when the appointed member who nominated the
41 alternate member is disqualified or unable to serve.

42 6. The members of the task force shall hold not more than four
43 meetings at the call of the Chair of the task force.



- 1 7. To the extent that money is available, including, without
2 limitation, money from gifts, grants and donations, the Committee
3 may fund the costs of the task force.
4 8. The Committee shall submit a report of the findings of the
5 task force and its recommendations for legislation to the 78th
6 Session of the Nevada Legislature.
7 **Sec. 11.** 1. This section and section 10 of this act become
8 effective on July 1, 2013.
9 2. Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act become effective on
10 October 1, 2013.

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