SENATE BILL NO. 397–COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

MARCH 26, 2021

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain persons who remain in foster care beyond the age of 18 years. (BDR 38-502)

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

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to protection of children; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program to provide extended youth support services to certain persons between 18 and 21 years of age; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

12345678Existing law authorizes a child whom a court places with a person or entity other than a parent and who reaches 18 years of age to request the court to retain jurisdiction over the child until the child reaches the age of 21 years. If a court retains jurisdiction over a child in such circumstances, the child is required to enter into an agreement with the agency which provides child welfare services. Such an agreement is required to provide that the child is entitled to: (1) continue receiving services from the agency which provides child welfare services; and (2) receive monetary payments directly or to have such payments provided to another entity in 9 an amount not to exceed the rate of payment for foster care. (NRS 432B.594) 10 Existing law additionally requires the agency which provides child welfare services 11 to develop a written plan to assist the child in transitioning into independent living. 12 (NRS 432B.595) The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing 13 Adoptions Act of 2008 allows states to receive federal Title IV-E reimbursement 14 for costs associated with providing support services for persons to remain in foster 15 care up to age 21. (Pub. L. No. 110-351)





Sections 23, 27 and 30 of this bill revise terminology so that a person who is 16 17 between 18 and 21 years of age whose plan for permanent placement on his or her 18 18th birthday was a permanent living arrangement other than reunification with his 19 or her parents is referred to as a young adult rather than a child. Section 24 of this 20 bill provides that a young adult remains under the jurisdiction of the court until he 21 22 23 or she reaches 21 years of age, but has the same ability to make decisions as an adult who is not subject to the jurisdiction of the court. Section 25 of this bill requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and $\overline{24}$ Human Services to establish the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program $\bar{2}5$ to provide extended youth support services to young adults who would have been 26 eligible previously to receive services upon electing to remain under the jurisdiction 27 of the court. Section 25 also provides for reporting and the adoption of regulations $\overline{28}$ relating to such a program. Section 22 of this bill defines the term "Program" to 29 refer to the Program, and section 28 of this bill provides that a person or 30 governmental organization that provides services to a participant in the Program is 31 not the custodian of that participant.

32 Existing law requires a court to refer a child who is 17 years of age and in the 33 custody of an agency which provides welfare services to an attorney upon 34 determining that the child is not likely to be returned to the custody of his or her 35 parent before reaching the age of 18 years. (NRS 432B.592) Section 31 of this bill 36 requires such an attorney to counsel the child concerning the legal consequences of 37 remaining under the jurisdiction of the court, as required by section 24. Section 31 38 also requires the attorney to counsel the child concerning the legal consequences of 39 participating in the Program and assist the child in deciding whether to participate. 40 Section 32 of this bill requires the agency which provides child welfare services to 41 provide information concerning the Program to such a child and determine whether 42 the child intends to request to participate in the Program at least 120 days before the 43 child reaches 18 years of age. Section 32 authorizes a young adult to decide to 44 participate in the Program any time before his or her 21st birthday, notwithstanding 45 any previous decision not to participate or to terminate participation.

46 Section 33 of this bill requires a participant in the Program to: (1) enter into a 47 written agreement with the agency which provides child welfare services; and (2) 48 be employed or enrolled in certain educational programs or programs to promote 49 employment, if he or she is capable of doing so. Section 34 of this bill requires the 50 agency which provides child welfare services to develop a written extended youth 51 support services plan to assist a participant in the Program in transitioning to self-52 53 sufficiency, and section 33 requires the participant to make a good faith effort to achieve the goals set forth in the plan. Section 26 of this bill requires a court that 54 has jurisdiction over a participant to hold an annual hearing to: (1) review the plan 55 developed for the participant; and (2) determine whether the agency which provides 56 child welfare services has made reasonable efforts to assist the participant in 57 meeting the goals prescribed by the plan. Section 33 also sets forth the conditions 58 under which participation in the Program may be terminated. Section 33 59 additionally provides that a participant in the Program is entitled to continue to: (1) 60 receive services from the agency which provides child welfare services; and (2) 61 receive monetary payments from that agency or have those payments provided to 62 another entity. Section 33 provides that those monetary payments must be in an 63 amount that is sufficient to assist the young adult to achieve self-sufficiency but 64 does not exceed the rate of payment for foster care. Section 33 authorizes an 65 agency which provides child welfare services or the attorney assigned to the case to 66 request a hearing before the court to address any issue with a participant. Section 67 **34** prescribes certain additional duties of an agency which provides child welfare 68 services with respect to a participant in the Program. Sections 1-19 of this bill make 69 various changes so that the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes relating to a 70 child who is in foster care are consistent and apply to a person who remains in





71 foster care while participating in the Program in the same manner as a child in 72 foster care who is less than 18 years of age.

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

Section 1. Chapter 424 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 1 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 "Child" means a person who is less than 18 years of age or who participates in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 4 5 **Program established pursuant to section 25 of this act.**

Sec. 2. NRS 424.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 424.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise 8 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 424.011 to 424.018, 9 inclusive, and section 1 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 10 them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 424.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.013 "Family foster home" means a family home in which 12 one to six children who are under 18 years of age or who remain 13 14 under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594 and] who are not related within the first degree of consanguinity or 15 affinity to the person or persons maintaining the home are received, 16 cared for and maintained, for compensation or otherwise, including 17 the provision of free care. The term includes a family home in which 18 such a child is received, cared for and maintained pending 19 completion of proceedings for the adoption of the child by the 20 21 person or persons maintaining the home. 22

Sec. 4. NRS 424.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.015 "Group foster home" means a foster home which 23 24 provides full-time care and services for 7 to 15 children who are:

1. [Under 18 years of age or who remain under the jurisdiction 25 26 of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594;

27 -2.] Not related within the first degree of consanguinity or 28 affinity to any natural person maintaining or operating the home; 29 and

[3.] 2. 30 Received, cared for and maintained for compensation or 31 otherwise, including the provision of free care.

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Sec. 5. NRS 424.0153 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 "Independent living foster home" means a foster 424.0153 34 home which provides assistance with the transition to independent 35 living for children who have entered into an agreement to transition 36 to independent living and for children who:

37 1. Are at least 16 years of age; [but less than 18 years of age or who remain under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 38 432B.594;] 39





1 2. Are not related within the first degree of consanguinity or 2 affinity to any natural person maintaining or operating the home; 3 and

4 Are received, cared for and maintained for compensation or 3. 5 otherwise, including the provision of free care.

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Sec. 6. NRS 424.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 424.018 "Specialized foster home" means a foster home which 8 provides full-time care and services for one to six children who:

9 Require special care for physical, mental or emotional 1. 10 issues;

2. [Are under 18 years of age or who remain under the 11 jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594: 12

13 -3.] Are not related within the first degree of consanguinity or 14 affinity to any natural person maintaining or operating the home; 15 and

16 [4.] **3.** Are received. cared for and maintained for 17 compensation or otherwise, including the provision of free care. 18

NRS 424.031 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 7.

19 424.031 1. The licensing authority or a person or entity 20 designated by the licensing authority shall obtain from appropriate 21 law enforcement agencies information on the background and 22 personal history of each applicant for a license to conduct a foster 23 home, person who is licensed to conduct a foster home, employee of 24 that applicant or licensee, and resident of a foster home who is 18 25 years of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** 26 jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 27 Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS] 28 432B.594, section 25 of this act, to determine whether the person 29 investigated has been arrested for, has charges pending for or has 30 been convicted of:

31 (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;

32 (b) Any other felony involving the use or threatened use of force 33 or violence against the victim or the use of a firearm or other deadly 34 weapon;

35 (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or 36 mayhem:

37 (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, 38 indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime or a felony 39 relating to prostitution;

40 (e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;

(f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the 41 42 possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any 43 dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of 44 45 older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a





violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, 1 2 inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same 3 or similar conduct:

(h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, 4 5 robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property 6 within the immediately preceding 7 years;

7 (i) Any offense relating to pornography involving minors, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 8 200.700 to 200.760, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that 9 prohibits the same or similar conduct; 10

(j) Prostitution, solicitation, lewdness or indecent exposure, or 11 12 other sexually related crime that is punishable as anv a 13 misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

14 (k) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a 15 felony;

16 (1) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a 17 misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

(m) A criminal offense under the laws governing Medicaid or 18 19 Medicare, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

20 (n) Any offense involving the sale, furnishing, purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor 21 22 including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 23 202.015 to 202.067, inclusive, or driving a vehicle under the 24 influence of alcohol or a controlled substance in violation of chapter 25 484C of NRS or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the 26 same or similar conduct, within the immediately preceding 7 years; 27 or

28 (o) An attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses 29 listed in this subsection within the immediately preceding 7 years.

30 A licensing authority or a person or entity designated by the 31 licensing authority may conduct an investigation of the background 32 and personal history of a person who is 18 years of age or older who 33 routinely supervises a child in a foster home in the same manner as 34 described in subsection 1.

35 3. The licensing authority or its approved designee may charge 36 each person investigated pursuant to this section for the reasonable 37 cost of that investigation.

38 4. Unless a preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation 39 Interstate Identification Index name-based check of the records of 40 criminal history has been conducted pursuant to NRS 424.039, a 41 person who is required to submit to an investigation pursuant to 42 subsection 1 shall not have contact with a child in a foster home 43 without supervision before the investigation of the background and 44 personal history of the person has been conducted. 45

5. The licensing authority or its designee:





1 (a) Shall conduct an investigation of each licensee, employee 2 and resident pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after 3 the initial investigation; and

4 (b) May conduct an investigation of any person who is 18 years 5 of age or older who routinely supervises a child in a foster home at 6 such times as it deems appropriate.

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Sec. 8. NRS 424.033 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 424.033 1. Each applicant for a license to conduct a foster 9 home, person who is licensed to conduct a foster home, employee of that applicant or licensee, resident of a foster home who is 18 years 10 of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** 11 12 jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 13 Support Services Program established pursuant to **NRS** 14 432B.594, section 25 of this act, or a person who is 18 years of age 15 or older who routinely supervises a child in a foster home for whom 16 an investigation is conducted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 17 424.031, must submit to the licensing authority or its approved 18 designee:

(a) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission
authorizing the licensing authority or its approved designee to
forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada
Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau
of Investigation for its report to enable the licensing authority or its
approved designee to conduct an investigation pursuant to NRS
424.031; and

(b) Written permission to conduct a child abuse and neglectscreening.

28 2. For each person who submits the documentation required 29 pursuant to subsection 1, the licensing authority or its approved 30 designee shall conduct a child abuse and neglect screening of the 31 person in every state in which the person has resided during the 32 immediately preceding 5 years.

33 3. The licensing authority or its approved designee may 34 exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of 35 Investigation any information respecting the fingerprints submitted.

The Division shall assist the licensing authority of another 36 4. 37 state that is conducting a child abuse and neglect screening of a 38 person who has resided in this State by providing information which is necessary to conduct the screening if the person who is the subject 39 40 of the screening has signed a written permission authorizing the licensing authority to conduct a child abuse and neglect screening. 41 42 The Division may charge a fee for providing such information in an 43 amount which does not exceed the actual cost to the Division to 44 provide the information.





5. When a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is received by the Central Repository, it shall immediately forward a copy of the report to the licensing authority or its approved designee.

5 6. Upon receiving a report pursuant to this section, the 6 licensing authority or its approved designee shall determine whether 7 the person has been convicted of a crime listed in NRS 424.031.

8 The licensing authority shall immediately inform the 7. 9 applicant for a license to conduct a foster home or the person who is licensed to conduct a foster home whether an employee or resident 10 of the foster home, or any other person who is 18 years of age or 11 12 older who routinely supervises a child in the foster home for whom 13 an investigation was conducted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 14 424.031, has been convicted of a crime listed in NRS 424.031. The 15 information provided to the applicant for a license to conduct a 16 foster home or the person who is licensed to conduct a foster home 17 must not include specific information relating to any such 18 conviction, including, without limitation, the specific crime for 19 which the person was convicted.

20 8. The licensing authority may deny an application for a license to operate a foster home or may suspend or revoke such a 21 22 license if the licensing authority determines that the applicant or 23 licensee has been convicted of a crime listed in NRS 424.031 or has 24 failed to terminate an employee, remove a resident of the foster 25 home who is 18 years of age or older or prevent a person for whom 26 an investigation was conducted pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 27 424.031 from being present in the foster home, if such a person has 28 been convicted of any crime listed in NRS 424.031.

Sec. 9. NRS 424.039 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 424.039 1. A licensing authority or its approved designee 31 may, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 28 C.F.R. §§ 32 901 et seq., conduct a preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation 33 Interstate Identification Index name-based check of the records of 34 criminal history of a resident who is 18 years of age or older of a 35 foster home in which the licensing authority wishes to place a child 36 in an emergency situation, other than a **[resident who remains under**] 37 the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 38 Support Services Program established pursuant to **NRS** 39 432B.594, section 25 of this act, to determine whether the person 40 investigated has been arrested for or convicted of any crime.

2. Upon request of a licensing authority that wishes to place a
child in a foster home in an emergency situation, or upon request of
the approved designee of the licensing authority, a resident who is
18 years of age or older of the foster home in which the licensing
authority wishes to place the child, other than a [resident who



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remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the 1 Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established 2 3 pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, must submit to 4 the licensing authority or its approved designee a complete set of 5 fingerprints and written permission authorizing the licensing 6 authority or its approved designee to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for 7 8 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report. The licensing authority or its approved designee shall forward the 9 fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of 10 Criminal History within the time set forth in federal law or 11 12 regulation.

13 3. If a resident who is 18 years of age or older of a foster home in which a licensing authority places a child in an emergency 14 situation, other than a **[resident who remains under the jurisdiction** 15 16 of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 17 18 25 of this act, refuses to provide a complete set of fingerprints to the 19 licensing authority or its approved designee upon request pursuant to subsection 2, the licensing authority must immediately remove 20 21 the child from the foster home. 22

Sec. 10. NRS 424.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 424.220 1. A foster care agency which places children in an 24 independent living foster home shall develop and implement written 25 policies and procedures relating to children placed in independent 26 living foster homes which must include, without limitation:

27 (a) A process for ensuring that a potential location for an 28 independent living arrangement meets any standards required by the 29 licensing authority and is evaluated on a regular basis to ensure that 30 it continues to meet such standards;

31 (b) A procedure for approving a location for an independent 32 living arrangement;

33 (c) Criteria and procedures for intake and admission into the 34 independent living foster home and discharge from the independent 35 living foster home, including, without limitation, procedures to 36 ensure that the child will be discharged into the care of his or her legal guardian if he or she is less than 18 years of age at the time of 37 38 his or her discharge;

39 (d) The conditions under which a child may be discharged from 40 the independent living foster home, including, without limitation, 41 criteria and procedures for implementing an emergency discharge of 42 the child:

43 (e) Criteria and procedures for terminating the approval of a 44 location for an independent living arrangement;





(f) A detailed plan for determining and maintaining the 1 2 supervision and visitation of each child after he or she has been 3 placed in a location for an independent living arrangement; and

4 (g) The types of services that the provider of foster care will 5 obtain or provide to meet the needs of the child during the 6 placement.

A foster care agency which places children in an 7 2. 8 independent living foster home shall coordinate with the provider of 9 foster care to:

(a) Ensure that each child is enrolled in academic, vocational 10 education or career and technical education services appropriate to 11 12 meet the needs of the child:

13 (b) Monitor the educational progress of each child as often as 14 necessary;

15 (c) Assist each child in obtaining routine and emergency 16 medical care and dental care;

17 (d) Evaluate the needs of each child for financial assistance 18 upon intake and monthly thereafter or more often if necessary;

19 (e) Provide the resources to meet the basic needs of each child, including, without limitation, clothing, food and shelter; 20

21 (f) Provide assistance to each child in locating, securing and 22 maintaining employment;

(g) Provide training in life skills to meet the needs of each child;

24 (h) Support each [child who remains under the jurisdiction of a 25 **court**] participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 26 **Program established** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594;] section 25 of 27 this act: and

28 (i) Obtain and provide a system for responding to a crisis that is 29 accessible to the child 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including 30 holidays, and provide training to each child on how to access and 31 use the system.

32 A foster care agency which places children in 3. an 33 independent living foster home shall provide an orientation and training to each child admitted to its program for independent living. 34 35

Sec. 11. NRS 432.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 432.010 As used in this chapter, except as otherwise defined by 37 specific statute or unless the context otherwise requires:

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1. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Division.

"Agency which provides child welfare services" has the 39 2. 40 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.030.

"Child" means a person who is less than 18 years of age or 41 3.

who [remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participates in the 42

Extended Young Adult Support Services Program pursuant to 43

44 [NRS 432B.594.] section 25 of this act.





"Special services" means medical, hospital, psychiatric, 9 8. surgical or dental services, or any combination thereof. 10 11 Sec. 12. NRS 432.0395 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12 432.0395 1. Before an agency which provides child welfare 13 services requests and examines a copy of any credit report pursuant 14 to subsection 2, the agency which provides child welfare services 15 shall, to the greatest extent practicable: 16 (a) Inform the child of the requirement to request and examine a 17 copy of any credit report that may exist for the child; 18 (b) Explain to the child the process for resolving any inaccuracy 19 discovered on any such credit report; and 20 (c) Explain to the child the possible consequences of an 21 inaccuracy on a credit report of the child. 22 An agency which provides child welfare services shall 2. request and examine a copy of any credit report that may exist for 23 24 each child who remains in the custody of the agency which provides 25 child welfare services for 60 or more consecutive days: 26 (a) When the child reaches the age of 14 years, and then at least 27 once annually thereafter as required pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 28 675(5)(I); or29 (b) If the child has reached the age of 14 years before the child 30 is placed in the custody of the agency which provides child welfare services, within 90 days after the placement of the child in the 31 32 custody of the agency which provides child welfare services, and 33 then at least once annually thereafter as required pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 675(5)(I). 34 35 3. An agency which provides child welfare services shall 36 determine from the examination of a credit report pursuant to this 37 section whether the credit report contains inaccurate information 38 and whether the credit report indicates that identity theft or any 39 other crime has been committed against the child. 40 4. If the agency which provides child welfare services 41 determines that an inaccuracy exists in the credit report of a child, 42 the agency which provides child welfare services must: 43 (a) Report any information which may indicate identity theft or 44 other crime to the Attorney General; B 3 9 7

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"Director" means the Director of the Department.

board, shelter, clothing, transportation and other necessary or

incidental expenses, or any of them, or monetary payments therefor.

"Department" means the Department of Health and Human

"Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services

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1 (b) Make a diligent effort to resolve the inaccuracy as soon as 2 practicable: and

3 (c) If an inaccuracy remains unresolved after the child has left 4 the custody of the agency which provides child welfare services, 5 notify the child or, if the child has not attained the age of majority, 6 the person responsible for the child's welfare:

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(1) That an inaccuracy exists in the credit report of the child;

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(2) Of the manner in which to correct the inaccuracy; and

9 (3) Of any services that may be available in the community to provide assistance in correcting the inaccuracy. 10

An agency which provides child welfare services may, upon 11 5. 12 consent of a child who [remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participates in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 13 **Program** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, 14 15 continue to request and examine a credit report of the child and 16 provide assistance to the child if an inaccuracy is discovered.

17 The Attorney General may investigate each potential 6. 18 instance of identity theft or crime reported pursuant to subsection 4 19 and prosecute in accordance with law each person responsible for 20 any identity theft identified in the investigation.

21 Sec. 13. NRS 432A.0245 is hereby amended to read as 22 follows

23 432A.0245 1. "Child care institution" means a facility which 24 provides care and shelter during the day and night and provides 25 developmental guidance to 16 or more children who do not 26 routinely return to the homes of their parents or guardians. Such an 27 institution may also provide, without limitation:

28 (a) Education to the children according to a curriculum approved 29 by the Department of Education;

30 (b) Services to children who have been diagnosed as severely 31 emotionally disturbed as defined in NRS 433B.045, including, 32 without limitation, services relating to mental health and education; 33 or

(c) Emergency shelter to children who have been placed in 34 35 protective custody pursuant to chapter 432B of NRS.

As used in this section, "child" includes a person who is less 36 2. than 18 years of age or who [remains under the jurisdiction of a 37 38 **court**] participates in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 39 **Program established** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594.] section 25 of 40 this act.

41 Sec. 14. NRS 432A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 432A.160 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 43 Division may issue a provisional license, effective for a period not 44 exceeding 1 year, to a child care facility which:





1 (a) Is in operation at the time of adoption of standards and other 2 regulations pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, if the Division 3 determines that the facility requires a reasonable time under the 4 particular circumstances, not to exceed 1 year from the date of the 5 adoption, within which to comply with the standards and other 6 regulations;

7 (b) Has failed to comply with the standards and other 8 regulations, if the Division determines that the facility is in the 9 process of making the necessary changes or has agreed to effect the 10 changes within a reasonable time; or

11 (c) Is in the process of applying for a license, if the Division 12 determines that the facility requires a reasonable time within which 13 to comply with the standards and other regulations.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not require the issuance of a license or prevent the Division from refusing to renew or from revoking or suspending any license in any instance where the Division considers that action necessary for the health and safety of the occupants of any facility or the clients of any outdoor youth program.

20 A provisional license must not be issued pursuant to this 3. 21 section unless the Division has completed an investigation into the 22 qualifications and background of the applicant and the employees of 23 the applicant pursuant to NRS 432A.170 to ensure that the applicant 24 and each employee of the applicant, or every resident of the child 25 care facility who is 18 years of age or older, other than a **[resident**] 26 who remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the 27 Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established 28 pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, or participant in 29 any outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older, has not 30 been convicted of a crime listed in subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170 and has not had a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect 31 32 made against him or her.

Sec. 15. NRS 432A.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 432A.170 1. The Division may, upon receipt of an
 application for a license to operate a child care facility, conduct an
 investigation into the:

(a) Buildings or premises of the facility and, if the application is
 for an outdoor youth program, the area of operation of the program;

39 (b) Qualifications and background of the applicant or the 40 employees of the applicant;

(c) Method of operation for the facility; and

42 (d) Policies and purposes of the applicant.

2. Subject to the provisions of subsection 7, the Division shall
 secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on
 the background and personal history of every applicant, licensee,



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operator of a small child care establishment, employee of an 1 applicant, licensee or small child care establishment, resident of a 2 3 child care facility or small child care establishment who is 18 years of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** 4 5 jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS] 6 7 432B.594, section 25 of this act, or participant in an outdoor youth 8 program who is 18 years of age or older, to determine whether the 9 person has been convicted of:

10 (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;

11 (b) Any other felony involving the use of a firearm or other 12 deadly weapon;

13 (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or 14 mayhem:

15 (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, 16 indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;

17 (e) Any crime against a child, including, without limitation, abuse, neglect or endangerment of a child, contributory delinquency 18 19 or pornography involving a minor;

20 (f) Arson;

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(g) Assault;

22 (h) Battery, including, without limitation, battery which 23 constitutes domestic violence: 24

(i) Kidnapping;

25 (j) Any offense relating to the possession or use of any 26 controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 27 454 of NRS within the immediately preceding 5 years;

28 (k) Any offense relating to the distribution or manufacture of 29 any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in 30 chapter 454 of NRS, including, without limitation, possession of a 31 controlled substance for the purpose of sale;

32 (1) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of 33 older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a 34 violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same 35 36 or similar conduct:

37 (m) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, 38 robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years; 39

40 (n) A crime that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to 41 NRS 33.018;

42 (o) A violation of NRS 484C.430; or

43 (p) A violation of NRS 484C.110 or 484C.120 within the 44 immediately preceding 5 years.





Subject to the provisions of subsection 7, the Division shall 1 3. 2 request information concerning every applicant, licensee, operator 3 of a small child care establishment, employee of an applicant, 4 licensee or small child care establishment, resident of a child care 5 facility or small child care establishment who is 18 years of age or older, other than a [resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a 6 **court**] participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 7 8 **Program established** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of 9 *this act*, or participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 years 10 of age or older, from:

(a) The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal
History for its report concerning a conviction in this State of any of
the crimes set forth in subsection 2 and for submission to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report pursuant to NRS
432A.175; and

16 (b) The Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of 17 Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established 18 pursuant to NRS 432.100 to determine whether there has been a 19 substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against any of 20 them.

4. The Division may charge each person investigated pursuantto this section for the reasonable cost of that investigation.

5. The information required to be obtained pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 must be requested concerning an:

25 (a) Employee of an applicant, licensee or small child care 26 establishment, resident of a child care facility or small child care 27 establishment who is 18 years of age or older, other than a Fresident 28 who remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the 29 Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, or participant in 30 31 an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older for an 32 initial background check not later than 3 days after the employee is 33 hired, the residency begins or the participant begins participating in 34 the program and before the employee, resident or participant has 35 direct contact with any child at the child care facility, and then at 36 least once every 5 years thereafter.

(b) Applicant at the time that an application is submitted for
licensure, and then at least once every 5 years after the license is
issued.

40 (c) Operator of a small child care establishment before the 41 operator begins operating the establishment, and then at least once 42 every 5 years after the establishment begins operating.

6. A person who is required to submit to an investigation
required pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child
in a child care facility without supervision before the investigation





1 of the background and personal history of the person has been 2 conducted.

7. The provisions of subsections 2, 3 and 5 apply to a small child care establishment and an operator of a small child care establishment if the operator of such an establishment has applied or registered with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department pursuant to NRS 432A.1756.

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Sec. 16. NRS 432A.175 is hereby amended to read as follows: 432A.175 1. Subject to the provisions of subsection 2:

(a) Every applicant for a license to operate a child care facility, 10 licensee, operator of a small child care establishment, employee of 11 12 an applicant, licensee or small child care establishment, resident of a 13 child care facility or small child care establishment who is 18 years 14 of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** 15 jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 16 Support Services Program established pursuant to **NRS** 17 432B.594, section 25 of this act, or participant in an outdoor youth 18 program who is 18 years of age or older, shall submit to the 19 Division, or to the person or agency designated by the Division, to 20 enable the Division to conduct an investigation pursuant to NRS 21 432A.170. a:

(1) Complete set of fingerprints and a written authorization
for the Division or its designee to forward the fingerprints to the
Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for its
report and for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
its report;

27 (2) Written statement detailing any prior criminal 28 convictions; and

(3) Written authorization for the Division to obtain any
information that may be available from the Statewide Central
Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or
Neglect of a Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100.

33 (b) If an employee of an applicant for a license to operate a child 34 care facility, licensee or small child care establishment, a resident of 35 a child care facility or small child care establishment who is 18 36 years of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** 37 jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 38 *Support Services Program established* pursuant to INRS 432B.594, section 25 of this act, or participant in an outdoor youth 39 40 program who is 18 years of age or older, has been convicted of any crime listed in subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170 or has had a 41 42 substantiated report of child abuse or neglect filed against him or 43 her, the Division shall immediately notify the applicant, licensee or 44 small child care establishment who shall then comply with the provisions of NRS 432A.1755. 45





1 (c) An applicant for a license to operate a child care facility, 2 licensee or operator of a small child care establishment shall notify the Division as soon as practicable but not later than 24 hours after 3 4 hiring an employee, beginning the residency of a resident who is 18 5 years of age or older, other than a **resident who remains under the** jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 6 Support Services Program established pursuant to **INRS** 7 8 432B.594, section 25 of this act, or beginning the participation of a 9 participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older. 10

(d) An employee of an applicant for a license to operate a child
care facility, licensee or operator of a small child care establishment
shall notify the applicant, licensee or operator not later than 24
hours after:

15 (1) Being charged with or convicted of a crime listed in 16 subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170;

17 (2) Receiving notice that he or she is the subject of an 18 investigation for child abuse or neglect; or

19 (3) Receiving notice that a report of abuse or neglect has 20 been substantiated against him or her.

21 (e) A resident of a child care facility or small child care 22 establishment who is 18 years of age or older, other than a Fresident 23 who remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the 24 Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established 25 pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, or participant in 26 an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older shall 27 notify the licensee of the child care facility, operator of the small 28 child care establishment or outdoor youth program, as applicable, 29 not later than 24 hours after:

30 (1) Being charged with or convicted of a crime listed in 31 paragraph (b);

32 (2) Receiving notice that he or she is the subject of an 33 investigation for child abuse or neglect; or

34 (3) Receiving notice that a report of abuse or neglect has35 been substantiated against him or her.

(f) An applicant for a license to operate a child care facility,
licensee or operator of a small child care establishment shall notify
the Division within 2 days after receiving notice that:

(1) The applicant, licensee or operator, an employee of the
applicant, licensee or small child care establishment, a resident of
the child care facility or small child care establishment who is 18
years of age or older, other than a [resident who remains under the
jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult
Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS
432B.594,] section 25 of this act, or participant in an outdoor youth





program who is 18 years of age or older, or a facility, establishment
 or program operated by the applicant, licensee or operator is the
 subject of a lawsuit or any disciplinary proceeding; or

4 (2) The applicant, licensee or operator or an employee, a 5 resident or a participant has been charged with a crime listed in 6 subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170 or is being investigated for child 7 abuse or neglect.

8 2. The provisions of this section apply to a small child care 9 establishment and an operator of a small child care establishment if 10 the operator of such an establishment has applied or registered with 11 the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department 12 pursuant to NRS 432A.1756.

13 3. The Division shall adopt regulations to establish civil 14 penalties to be imposed against any person, state or local 15 government unit or agency thereof that fails to comply with the 16 requirements of this section.

17 Sec. 17. NRS 432A.1755 is hereby amended to read as 18 follows:

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432A.1755 1. Subject to the provisions of subsection 2:

20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), upon 21 receiving information pursuant to NRS 432A.175 from the Central 22 Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History or the Statewide 23 Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the 24 Abuse or Neglect of a Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100 or 25 from an employee of an applicant for a license to operate a child 26 care facility, a licensee or a small child care establishment, a 27 resident of a child care facility or small child care establishment 28 who is 18 years of age or older, other than a **[resident who remains**] 29 under the jurisdiction of a court participant in the Extended Young 30 Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS] 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, or participant in an outdoor youth 31 32 program who is 18 years of age or older or from any other source 33 that such an employee, resident or participant has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170 or has had a 34 35 substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against him or 36 her, the applicant, licensee or operator of the small child care 37 establishment shall terminate the employment of the employee or 38 remove the resident from the facility or establishment or participant from the outdoor youth program after allowing the employee, 39 40 resident or participant time to correct the information as required 41 pursuant to paragraph (b).

42 (b) If an employee, resident or participant believes that the 43 information provided to the applicant, licensee or operator pursuant 44 to paragraph (a) is incorrect, the employee, resident or participant 45 must inform the applicant, licensee or operator immediately. The





applicant, licensee or operator shall give any such employee,
 resident or participant 30 days to correct the information.

3 (c) The Division may establish by regulation a process by which 4 it may review evidence upon request to determine whether an 5 employee of an applicant for a license to operate a child care 6 facility, a licensee or operator of a small child care establishment, a 7 resident of a child care facility who is 18 years of age or older, other 8 than a *resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court* 9 participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services **Program established** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594.] section 25 of 10 *this act*, or a participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 11 12 years of age or older has been convicted of a crime listed in 13 subsection 2 of NRS 432A.170 or has had a substantiated report of 14 child abuse or neglect made against him or her may remain 15 employed or continue to reside in the facility or establishment, as 16 applicable, despite the conviction. Any such review must be 17 conducted in a manner which does not discriminate against a person in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. 18

(d) If a process for review is established pursuant to paragraph
(c), an employee, resident or participant, as applicable, may request
such a review in the manner established by the Division. Any
determination made by the Division is final for purposes of judicial
review.

24 (e) During any period in which an employee, resident or 25 participant seeks to correct information pursuant to paragraph (b) or 26 requests a review of information pursuant to paragraph (d), it is 27 within the discretion of the applicant, licensee or operator whether 28 to allow the employee, resident or participant to continue to work 29 for or reside at the child care facility or small child care establishment or participate in the outdoor youth program, as 30 31 applicable, except that the employee, resident or participant shall not 32 have contact with a child without supervision during such a period.

2. The provisions of this section apply to a small child care establishment and an operator of a small child care establishment if the operator of such an establishment has applied or registered with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department pursuant to NRS 432A.1756.

38 3. The Division shall adopt regulations to establish civil 39 penalties to be imposed against any person, state or local 40 government unit or agency thereof that fails to comply with the 41 requirements of this section.

42 Sec. 18. NRS 432A.1785 is hereby amended to read as 43 follows:

44 432A.1785 1. Subject to the provisions of subsection 3, each 45 applicant for a license to operate a child care facility, licensee and





1 operator of a small child care establishment shall maintain records 2 of the information concerning employees of the child care facility or 3 small child care establishment and any residents of the child care 4 facility or small child care establishment who are 18 years of age or 5 older, other than *fresidents who remain under the jurisdiction of a* **court**] participants in the Extended Young Adult Support Services 6 **Program established** pursuant to [NRS 432B.594.] section 25 of 7 8 *this act*, or participants in any outdoor youth program who are 18 9 years of age or older that is collected pursuant to NRS 432A.170 and 432A.175, including, without limitation: 10

(a) A copy of the fingerprints that were submitted to the Central
 Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History;

13 (b) Proof that the applicant, licensee or operator submitted 14 fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of 15 Criminal History; and

16 (c) The written authorization to obtain information from the 17 Central Repository and the Statewide Central Registry for the 18 Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a 19 Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100.

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2. The records maintained pursuant to subsection 1 must be:

(a) Maintained for the period of the employee's employment
with or the resident's presence at the child care facility or small
child care establishment or the participant's presence in the outdoor
youth program; and

(b) Made available for inspection by the Division at any
reasonable time and copies thereof must be furnished to the Division
upon request.

3. The provisions of this section apply to a small child care
establishment and an operator of a small child care establishment if
the operator of such an establishment has registered with the
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department
pursuant to NRS 432A.1756.

Sec. 19. NRS 432A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432A.190 1. The Division may deny an application for a
license to operate a child care facility or may suspend or revoke
such a license upon any of the following grounds:

(a) Violation by the applicant or licensee or an employee of the
applicant or licensee of any of the provisions of this chapter or of
any other law of this State or of the standards and other regulations
adopted thereunder.

41 (b) Aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal 42 act.

43 (c) Conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare and
44 safety of the people of the State of Nevada in the maintenance and
45 operation of the child care facility for which a license is issued.





1 (d) Conduct or practice detrimental to the health or safety of the 2 occupants or employees of the child care facility, or the clients of 3 the outdoor youth program.

4 (e) Conviction of any crime listed in subsection 2 of NRS 5 432A.170 committed by the applicant or licensee or an employee of 6 the applicant or licensee, or by a resident of the child care facility or 7 participant in the outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or 8 older.

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(f) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 432A.178.

10 (g) Substantiation of a report of child abuse or neglect made 11 against the applicant or licensee.

12 (h) Conduct which is found to pose a threat to the health or 13 welfare of a child or which demonstrates that the applicant or 14 licensee is otherwise unfit to work with children.

15 (i) Violation by the applicant or licensee of the provisions of 16 NRS 432A.1755 by continuing to employ a person, allowing a 17 resident who is 18 years of age or older, other than fa resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the 18 19 Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, to continue to 20 21 reside in the child care facility or allowing a participant in an 22 outdoor youth program to continue to participate in the program if 23 the employee, or the resident or participant who is 18 years of age or 24 older, has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection 2 of NRS 25 432A.170 or has had a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect 26 made against him or her.

27 2. In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, the Division 28 may revoke a license to operate a child care facility if, with respect 29 to that facility, the licensee that operates the facility, or an agent or 30 employee of the licensee:

31 (a) Is convicted of violating any of the provisions of 32 NRS 202.470;

(b) Is ordered to but fails to abate a nuisance pursuant to NRS
244.360, 244.3603 or 268.4124; or

(c) Is ordered by the appropriate governmental agency to correct
a violation of a building, safety or health code or regulation but fails
to correct the violation.

38 3. The Division shall maintain a log of any complaints that it 39 receives relating to activities for which the Division may revoke the 40 license to operate a child care facility pursuant to subsection 2. The 41 Division shall provide to a child care facility:

42 (a) A summary of a complaint against the facility if the 43 investigation of the complaint by the Division either substantiates 44 the complaint or is inconclusive;





1 (b) A report of any investigation conducted with respect to the 2 complaint; and

3 (c) A report of any disciplinary action taken against the facility.

4 \rightarrow The facility shall make the information available to the public 5 pursuant to NRS 432A.178.

4. In addition to any other disciplinary action, the Division may
impose an administrative fine for a violation of any provision of this
chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto. The Division
shall afford to any person so fined an opportunity for a hearing. Any
money collected for the imposition of such a fine must be credited
to the State General Fund.

12 **Sec. 20.** Chapter 432B of NRS is hereby amended by adding 13 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of this 14 act.

15 Sec. 21. As used in NRS 432B.591 to 432B.595, inclusive, 16 and sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of this act, unless the context 17 otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 432B.591 18 and sections 22 and 23 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 19 them in those sections.

20 Sec. 22. "Program" means the Extended Young Adult 21 Support Services Program established pursuant to section 25 of 22 this act.

23 Sec. 23. "Young adult" means a person who is at least 18 24 years of age but less than 21 years of age and whose plan for 25 permanent placement adopted pursuant to NRS 432B.553 was, on 26 his or her 18th birthday, a permanent living arrangement other 27 than reunification with his or her parents.

28 Sec. 24. 1. A court shall retain jurisdiction over a young 29 adult until the young adult reaches 21 years of age.

30 2. While under the jurisdiction of the court, a young adult 31 has the same authority to make decisions as a person who is over 32 18 years of age and who is not subject to the jurisdiction of the 33 court.

Sec. 25. 1. The Division of Child and Family Services shall establish and administer the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program to provide extended support services to young adults pursuant to the provisions of NRS 432B.591 to 432B.595, inclusive, and sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of this act and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-351, 42 U.S.C. § 675.

41 2. On or before September 1 of each year, the Division of 42 Child and Family Services shall submit a report regarding the 43 Program, including, without limitation, the number of participants 44 and the costs for providing the extended support services, for 45 submittal to:





1 (a) The Interim Finance Committee if the report is received 2 during an odd-numbered year; or

3 (b) The next regular session of the Legislature if the report is 4 received during an even-numbered year.

5 3. The Division of Child and Family Services shall adopt 6 regulations governing the Program. Such regulations, must, 7 without limitation, ensure that the Program complies with the 8 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act 9 of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-351, 42 U.S.C. § 675.

10 Sec. 26. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 11 the court shall, within 12 months after the date on which a 12 participant entered into a written agreement pursuant to NRS 13 432B.594 and each year thereafter, hold a hearing to:

(a) Review the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595; and
(b) Determine whether the agency which provides child
welfare services has made reasonable efforts to assist the
participant in meeting the goals prescribed in the plan.

18 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, notice of 19 the hearing must be given by regular or certified mail. Notice may 20 be given to the participant or his or her attorney by electronic mail 21 if the participant or his or her attorney, as applicable, agrees to 22 receive notice in this manner.

23 3. Unless required by the court or panel, the young adult is 24 not required to be present at the hearing.

4. The court may enter an order directing the hearing required by this section be conducted by a panel of three or more persons appointed by mutual consent of the judge or judges of the court. The persons so appointed shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the court.

Sec. 27. NRS 432B.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 432B.040 "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years or,
 if in school, until graduation from high school. [The term does not
 include a child who remains under the jurisdiction of the court
 pursuant to NRS 432B.594.]

35 Sec. 28. NRS 432B.060 is hereby amended to read as follows: 36 432B.060 "Custodian" means a person or a governmental 37 organization, other than a parent or legal guardian, who has been 38 awarded legal custody of a child. The term does not include a person 39 or governmental organization who continues to provide services to a 40 **[child that remains under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS**] 432B.594.] participant in the Extended Young Adult Support 41 42 Services Program established pursuant to section 25 of this act. 43 **Sec. 29.** NRS 432B.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 432B.391 1. An agency which provides child welfare 45 services or its approved designee may, in accordance with the





procedures set forth in 28 C.F.R. §§ 901 et. seq., conduct a 1 2 preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation Interstate Identification 3 Index name-based check of the records of criminal history of a 4 resident who is 18 years of age or older of a home in which the agency which provides child welfare services wishes to place a child 5 6 in an emergency situation, other than a **[resident who remains under**] 7 the jurisdiction of a court] participant in the Extended Young Adult 8 Services Program established pursuant to **INRS** Support 9 432B.594, section 25 of this act, to determine whether the person investigated has been arrested for or convicted of any crime. 10

11 Upon request of an agency which provides child welfare 2. 12 services that wishes to place a child in a home in an emergency 13 situation, or upon request of the approved designee of the agency 14 which provides child welfare services, a resident who is 18 years of age or older of the home in which the agency which provides child 15 16 welfare services wishes to place the child, other than a **[resident who** 17 remains under the jurisdiction of a court participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established 18 19 pursuant to [NRS 432B.594,] section 25 of this act, must submit to 20 the agency which provides child welfare services or its approved 21 designee a complete set of fingerprints and written permission 22 authorizing the agency which provides child welfare services or its 23 approved designee to forward those fingerprints to the Central 24 Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission 25 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report. The agency 26 which provides child welfare services or its approved designee shall 27 forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada 28 Records of Criminal History within the time set forth in federal law 29 or regulation.

30 3. If a resident who is 18 years of age or older of a home in 31 which an agency which provides child welfare services places a 32 child in an emergency situation, other than a **Fresident who remains** 33 under the jurisdiction of a court participant in the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program established pursuant to INRS 34 35 432B.594, section 25 of this act, refuses to provide a complete set 36 of fingerprints to the agency which provides child welfare services 37 or its approved designee upon request pursuant to subsection 2, the 38 agency which provides child welfare services must immediately 39 remove the child from the home.

- 40 Sec. 30. NRS 432B.591 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 41 432B.591 [As used in NRS 432B.591 to 432B.595, inclusive, 42 "child"] "Child" means a person who is [:
- 43 <u>1. Under]</u> under the age of 18 years . [; and
- 45 -1. Onder the age of 18 years and who rep
- 44 <u>2. Over the age of 18 years and who remains under the</u> 45 jurisdiction of the court pursuant to NRS 432B.594.]





1 **Sec. 31.** NRS 432B.592 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 432B.592 1. A court shall refer a child who is in the custody 3 of an agency which provides child welfare services to an attorney in the county who provides legal services without a charge to abused 4 5 or neglected children if the court determines that the child: (a) Has reached the age of 17 years; and 6 7 (b) Is not likely to be returned to the custody of his or her parent 8 before reaching the age of 18 years. 9 2. The court shall request the attorney to whom such a child is 10 referred to **[counsel]**: (a) Counsel the child regarding the legal consequences of 11 12 [remaining]: 13 (1) **Remaining** under the jurisdiction of the court fafter 14 reaching 18 years of age] pursuant to section 24 of this act, regardless of whether the child elects to participate in the 15 16 **Program**; and 17 (2) *Participating in the Program*; and [assist] 18 (b) Assist the child in deciding whether to **[remain under the** 19 jurisdiction of the court.] participate in the Program. 20 **Sec. 32.** NRS 432B.593 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21 1. At least 120 days before the date on which a 432B.593 22 child who is in the custody of an agency which provides child 23 welfare services reaches the age of 18 years, the agency which 24 provides child welfare services shall meet with the child to 25 [determine]: 26 (a) Provide information to the child regarding the Program, without limitation, eligibility requirements for 27 including, 28 participation in the Program and extended young adult support 29 services available to participants in the Program; and 30 (b) **Determine** whether the child intends to request **[that the** court retain jurisdiction over the child pursuant to NRS 432B.594 31 32 after the child reaches the age of 18 years.] to participate in the 33 **Program**. 34 2. [If the child indicates during the meeting held pursuant to 35 subsection 1 that the child does not intend to request that the court retain jurisdiction over the child, the agency which provides child 36 37 welfare services shall recommend that the court terminate

- 38 jurisdiction over the child when the child reaches the age of 18 39 years.
- 40 <u>3.</u> Notwithstanding a determination made by a child during a 41 meeting held pursuant to subsection 1, *and notwithstanding any* 42 *previous decision to terminate participation in the Program*, any

43 time before reaching the age of [18] 21 years, [the child] a young

44 *adult* may [:





1 (a) Inform the agency which provides child welfare services that 2 the child intends to request that the court continue jurisdiction over 3 the child pursuant to NRS 432B.594, and the agency shall revise its 4 recommendation to the court accordingly; or 5 (b) Request that the court retain jurisdiction over the child pursuant to NRS 432B.594, and the court shall accept jurisdiction.] 6 7 request to participate in the Program.

8 *3*. The agency which provided child welfare services to a 9 young adult before his or her 18th birthday:

10 (a) Shall, upon the request of the young adult to participate in the Program made on or after his or her 18th birthday, assist the 11 12 young adult to enroll in the Program.

13 (b) May refer the young adult to an attorney who provides 14 legal services without a charge to assist the young adult to enroll 15 in the Program.

16 4. A child who enters into an agreement with an agency which 17 provides child welfare services before the child reaches the age of 18 18 years to allow the child to live independently is not prohibited 19 from *[requesting that the court retain jurisdiction over the child* pursuant to NRS 432B.594,] electing to participate in the Program, 20 and [such a child is] would be entitled to the same rights and 21 22 protections set forth in NRS 432B.591 to 432B.595, inclusive, and 23 sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of this act, as provided to any other 24 [child.] young adult under the Program. 25

Sec. 33. NRS 432B.594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 432B.594 1. [A court which orders a child to be placed other 27 than with a parent and which has jurisdiction over the child when 28 the child reaches the age of 18 years shall retain jurisdiction over the 29 child if the child so requests.] To be eligible to participate in the 30 **Program**, a young adult must:

31 (a) Enter into a written agreement with the agency that 32 provides child welfare services that satisfies the requirements 33 prescribed in subsection 3;

(b) **Be**: 34

35 (1) Enrolled in a program of secondary education or an 36 educational program leading to a general educational development certificate or an equivalent document; 37

38 (2) Enrolled in a program of postsecondary or vocational 39 education;

40 (3) Enrolled or participating in a program or activity 41 designed to promote employment or remove obstacles to 42 employment;

43 (4) Employed at least 80 hours per month; or





(5) Incapable of satisfying any of the requirements 1 2 prescribed in paragraphs (1) through (4), inclusive, due to a 3 documented medical or cognitive condition; and

(c) Make a good faith effort to achieve the goals set forth in 4 5 the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595.

6 Except as otherwise provided in this section, *jurisdiction* 2. 7 over a child that is retained pursuant to subsection 1 continues] a 8 young adult may continue to participate in the Program until:

(a) The agency which provides child welfare services, the 9 [child] young adult and the attorney of the [child] young adult 10 agree to terminate [the jurisdiction;] *participation in the Program*; 11 12

(b) The court determines that:

13 (1) The **[child]** young adult has achieved the goals set forth 14 in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595;

15 (2) The **[child]** young adult is not making a good faith effort 16 to achieve the goals set forth in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 17 432B.595; or

(3) The circumstances of the [child] young adult have 18 19 changed in such a manner that it is infeasible for the **[child]** young 20 *adult* to achieve the goals set forth in the plan developed pursuant to 21 NRS 432B.595:

22 (c) The **[child]** young adult requests that **[jurisdiction]** 23 *participation in the Program* be terminated; or

24 (d) The **[child]** young adult reaches the age of 21 years,

25 → whichever occurs first.

26 If the court that retains jurisdiction over a child pursuant to 3. 27 this section transfers jurisdiction to another court in this State, the 28 court which accepts jurisdiction must retain jurisdiction over the 29 case for the period provided pursuant to this section.

30 -4. A child who requests that the court retain jurisdiction over 31 the child pursuant to this section must, upon reaching the age of 18 32 years, enter into a] The written agreement [with the agency which provides child welfare services. The agreement, which] to 33 participate in the Program required by subsection 1 must be filed 34 35 with the court **[]** and must include, without limitation, **[the** following] provisions [,] which [must] specify that: 36

(a) The [child] young adult voluntarily requested [that the court 37 38 retain jurisdiction over the child;] to participate in the Program;

39 (b) While [under the jurisdiction of the court,] participating in the Program, the [child] young adult is entitled to continue to 40 receive services from the agency which provides child welfare 41 services and to receive monetary payments [directly or to have such 42 43 payments provided to another entity as designated] in the manner 44 *prescribed* in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595 in an 45 amount sufficient to assist the young adult to achieve self-





sufficiency which does not [to] exceed the rate of payment for foster
 care;

3 (c) While <u>funder the jurisdiction of the court,</u> *participating in* 4 *the Program,* the <u>fehild</u> *young adult* will no longer be under the 5 legal custody of the agency which provides child welfare services, 6 and <u>[the]</u> *any* proceedings <u>[concerning the child]</u> conducted 7 pursuant to NRS 432B.410 to 432B.590, inclusive, will terminate;

8 (d) The [child] young adult may, at any time, request that 9 [jurisdiction over the child] his or her participation in the Program 10 be terminated; and

11 (e) If there is an issue concerning the [child while under the 12 jurisdiction of the court,] the [child] participant, the participant and 13 the agency which provides child welfare services agree to attempt to 14 resolve the issue before requesting a hearing before the court to 15 address the issue.

16 **[5.]** 4. If an issue arises concerning a **[child who remains under** 17 the jurisdiction of the court, the child,] *participant*, the agency 18 which provides child welfare services or the attorney assigned to the 19 case may request a hearing before the court to address the issue. 20 Before requesting such a hearing, the **[child]** *participant* and the 21 agency which provides child welfare services must attempt to 22 resolve the issue.

23 [6.] 5. If the agency which provides child welfare services 24 wishes to [have the court] terminate [jurisdiction over] the [child,] 25 *participation of a young adult in the Program*, the agency which 26 provides child welfare services must send a notice to the [child] 27 *participant* and [the] his or her attorney [of the child informing the 28 child and the attorney of the child that the [child] participant has 29 15 days after receipt of the notice in which to request an informal 30 administrative review. If, during the administrative review, a resolution is not reached, the **[child]** participant or the attorney of 31 32 the **[child]** participant may request a hearing before the court 33 pursuant to subsection [5.] 4. If the [child] young adult and the 34 attorney of the [child] young adult agree to [have jurisdiction 35 terminated] terminate participation or do not request an informal 36 administrative review, [the jurisdiction of the court] participation in 37 *the Program* must terminate upon notice to the court by the agency 38 which provides child welfare services.

39 [7.] 6. A [child, while under the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to this section,] participant is entitled to continue to receive services and monetary payments from the agency which provides child welfare services [directly or to have such payments provided to another person or entity as designated] in the manner prescribed in the plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595 in an amount sufficient to assist the young adult to achieve self-





1 *sufficiency which does* not **to** exceed the rate of payment for foster 2 care.

[8.] 7. The court may issue any order which it deems 3 4 appropriate or necessary to ensure:

(a) That the agency which provides child welfare services 5 provides the services and monetary payments which the [child] participant is entitled to receive [;] as prescribed by the plan 6 7 8 developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595; and

9 (b) That the *[child who remains under the jurisdiction of the* court *participant* is working towards achieving the goals of the 10 plan developed pursuant to NRS 432B.595. 11 12

Sec. 34. NRS 432B.595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 432B.595 1. [If the court retains jurisdiction over a child 14 pursuant to NRS 432B.594,] Upon the request of a young adult 15 who satisfies the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 432B.594 to 16 *participate in the Program*, the agency which provides child welfare services shall develop a written extended youth support 17 services plan to assist the [child] young adult in transitioning to 18 19 **<u>[independent living.]</u>** self-sufficiency. Such a plan must include, 20 without limitation [, the following goals:]:

21 (a) The persons or entities that will receive payments from the 22 agency which provides child welfare services and the manner in 23 which such payments will be allocated. The agency which provides 24 child welfare services may make payments to more than one 25 person or entity authorized to receive payments pursuant to 26 subsection 2.

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(b) The goals set forth in subsection 3.

28 The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 may provide 2. 29 for the agency which provides child welfare services to make direct 30 payments to:

(a) A foster home. 31

32 (b) A qualified residential treatment program.

33 (c) A child care institution.

(d) A person or entity, including, without limitation, a relative 34 35 or fictive kin, who provides a supervised arrangement for 36 independent living where the participant resides.

37 (e) A landlord, property manager or other entity that collects 38 rental payments for housing.

39 (f) A participant.

40 (g) Any combination of the persons or entities listed in 41 paragraphs (a) to (g), inclusive.

42 *3*. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include, 43 without limitation, the following goals:

44 (a) That the **[child]** young adult save enough money to pay for 45 his or her monthly expenses for at least 3 months;





7 (c) If the **[child]** *young adult* has graduated from high school or 8 obtained a general equivalency diploma or an equivalent document, 9 that the **[child:]** young adult: 10 (1) [Enroll in] Complete a program of postsecondary or 11 vocational education: 12 (2) [Enroll or participate in] *Complete* a program or activity 13 designed to promote *employment* or remove obstacles 14 employment; or 15 (3) [Obtain or actively seek employment which is] Be 16 *employed* at least 80 hours per month; 17 (d) That the **[child]** young adult secure housing; 18 (e) That the **[child]** young adult have adequate income to meet 19 his or her monthly expenses; (f) That the [child] young adult identify an adult who will be 20 21 available to provide support to the [child;] young adult; and 22 (g) If applicable, that the [child] young adult have established 23 appropriate supportive services to address any mental health or 24 developmental needs of the **[child: and** 25 (h)] young adult. 26 If a **[child]** young adult is not capable of achieving one or 4. 27 more of the goals set forth in paragraphs (a) to (g), inclusive, that 28 the **[child]** young adult have goals which are appropriate for the 29 [child] young adult based upon the needs of the [child. -2. During the period in which the court retains jurisdiction over 30 31 the child, the] young adult. 32 Based upon the needs of a participant, the agency which 5. 33 provides child welfare services may, at any time, after consulting 34 with the participant, revise: 35 (a) The persons or entities to whom a payment is made 36 pursuant to subsection 2. (b) The manner in which payments are allocated between 37 38 persons or entities to whom payments are made pursuant to subsection 2. 39 40 6. The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must be 41 annually reviewed and mutually agreed upon by the young adult 42 and the agency which provides child welfare services at the 43 *hearing required by section 26 of this act.* 44 7. *The* agency which provides child welfare services shall:



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(b) If the child has not graduated from high school or obtained a

general equivalency diploma or an equivalent document, that the

[child remain enrolled in high school or a program to] young adult obtain a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma ; [or

an equivalent document until graduation or completion of the

1 (a) Monitor the plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 and 2 adjust the plan as necessary;

3 (b) Contact the **[child]** young adult by telephone at least once 4 each month and in person at least quarterly;

5 (c) Ensure that the **[child]** young adult meets with a person who will provide guidance to the child and make the child aware of the 6 7 services which will be available to the **[child;]** young adult; and

8 (d) Conduct a meeting with the **[child]** young adult at least 30 9 days, but not more than 45 days, before [the jurisdiction of the court 10 is terminated] he or she reaches the age of 21 years to determine

11 whether the **[child]** young adult requires any additional guidance. 12

As used in this section: 8.

13 (a) "Child care institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432A.0245. 14

15 (b) "Foster home" has the meaning ascribed to it in 16 NRS 424.014.

17 (c) "Qualified residential treatment program" has the meaning 18 ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 672.

19 Sec. 35. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a 20 21 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

22 **Sec. 36.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing 23 24 Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee 25 on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period 26 prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This 27 section applies retroactively from after and March 22, 2021. 28

Sec. 37. This act becomes effective upon passage and 29 30 approval.

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