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three years have elapsed since the juvenile court last had jurisdiction.⁵ All records of the child, otherwise, must be sealed automatically when the person reaches twenty-four years of age.⁶ Under either circumstance, the child may then reply to any subsequent inquiry as if the proceedings described in the sealed records never occurred.⁷ Chapter 770 provides that the court may, upon its own motion, inspect any sealed record for the purpose of sentencing a convicted adult⁸ under the age of twenty-one.⁹

5. See *id.* §62.275 1(a), (b). See also *id.* §62.275 3 (the court will order the records sealed, if after the hearing, the court finds the child has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude and has been rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the court).

6. See *id.* §62.275 3.

7. See *id.* §62.275 5.

8. See *id.* §62.020 1 (definition of adult).

9. Compare *id.* §62.275 8 with STATUTES OF NEVADA 1977, c. 531, §10, at 1276. See also N.R.S. §62.275 7 (the district attorney or an attorney representing the defendant in a criminal action may petition the court for an order to inspect the child's records).

Juveniles; restitution to victims of crime

N.R.S. §62.— (new); §62.200 (amended).

AB 18 (Stewart); STATS 1981, Ch 51

The general purpose of the Juvenile Court Act¹ is to provide a child² who comes within the jurisdiction of the Act with care, guidance, and control most conducive to both the child's welfare and the best interest of the State.³ In addition, the Act is intended to promote the establishment, supervision, and implementation of programs to prevent persons under the age of eighteen from being subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the district court.⁴ Chapter 51 expands the alternatives available to the court when dealing with a juvenile offender under the Juvenile Court Act.⁵ After a finding that the child is within the purview of the Juvenile Court Act and has committed a crime, a juvenile court may require the child to participate in a court-administered program⁶ designed to provide restitution to the victim or victims of that crime.⁷

1. See generally N.R.S. §§62.010-62.320 (Juvenile Court Act).

2. See *id.* §62.020 (definition of child).

3. See *id.* §62.290 1.

4. See *id.* §62.290 2.

5. Compare *id.* §62.200 1 with STATUTES OF NEVADA 1977, c. 531, §9, at 1275.

6. See N.R.S. §62.—.

7. See *id.* §§62.—, 62.200 1(g).