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## Juveniles; publication of offender's names

NEV. REV. STAT. § 62.355 (amended).  
AB 576 (Price); 1989 STAT. Ch. 381

Under existing law, the name of a juvenile offender may not be publicized unless the juvenile has committed two prior offenses and is charged with a third offense.<sup>1</sup> Chapter 381 provides that a child's name may be publicly released if the child has committed one prior offense that resulted in death or serious bodily harm, and if the offense would be a felony if committed by an adult.<sup>2</sup>

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1. NEV. REV. STAT. § 62.355 (1987) (amended by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 381, sec. 1, at 810) (the court may issue a written order allowing publication of the child's name). The offense the juvenile is charged with must be one that would be a felony if committed by an adult. *Id.* The purpose of the statute is to protect the privacy of juveniles in correctional institutions and to encourage confidentiality. 348 Op. Att'y Gen. 10 (1966).

2. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 381, sec. 1, at 810 (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 62.355). *But cf.* 68 Op. Att'y Gen. 23, n.2 (1972) Since the primary purpose of juvenile correctional facilities is to rehabilitate rather than punish, records should be kept confidential unless there is a legitimate overriding interest in their disclosure. *Id.*

## Juveniles; support of dependent children

NEV. REV. STAT. § 425.\_\_\_\_ (new).  
AB 758 (Committee on Judiciary); 1989 STAT. Ch. 711

Under existing law, a custodial parent,<sup>1</sup> in the absence of a court order, may bring an action to recover a portion of the cost of care, support, education, and maintenance from the other parent.<sup>2</sup> Under Chapter 711, if there is no court order establishing support of a dependent child,<sup>3</sup> the Chief<sup>4</sup> of the Program for the Enforcement of

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1. See Nev. Rev. Stat. § 125A.040 9 (1987) (defining physical custody as the actual possession and control of the child).

2. *Id.* § 125B.030 (1987).

3. See NEV. REV. STAT. § 425.300 (1987) (a dependent child is any person who is not emancipated, self-supporting, or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is either less than 21 years old and receives or has received assistance from the Welfare Division, or who is less than 18 years old and for whom the Welfare Division must secure support or establish paternity).

4. See 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 711, sec. 2, at 1634 (enacting NEV. REV. STAT. § 425.\_\_\_\_) (defining Chief as the chief of the program).