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Purpose:

AB 167, as written, aims to limit the amount of consecutive hours a juvenile can be placed in corrective room restrictions, changing the maximum from 72 hours to 24 hours. AB 167 requires juvenile detention facilities to review the status of corrective room restriction within 15 hours. If the corrective room restrictions are continued after this review, an explanation as to why a less-restrictive option isn't available. After further review and discussions with stakeholders, AB 167 will be amended to emphasize the mental health needs of children placed in room confinement. The amendment focuses on ensuring that confined youth receive the necessary resources to support their rehabilitation and well-being.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that juveniles in room confinement receive necessary mental health support, reducing the risk of psychological harm and improving rehabilitation efforts. By requiring a mental health professional to meet with confined youth, the amendment prioritizes their well-being and helps address underlying issues that may contribute to their behavior, ultimately supporting their successful reintegration.

Implementation:

Juvenile detention facilities must prioritize rehabilitation and work to reduce recidivism. Children placed in room confinement should receive timely mental health support to aid their rehabilitation effectively.

Ultimately, juvenile detention facilities must work to rehabilitate youth and work to limit recidivism. Children placed in room confinement should receive mental health support to help rehabilitate them properly.

Conceptual amendment:

Amend the bill with new language that does the following:

Section 1.5 and Section 2.5

A child who is subjected to corrective room restriction must be seen by a licensed Mental Health Professional (defined by NRS 433A.018) within 48 hours after the child is subjected to corrective room restriction.

At the conclusion of the visit by the MPH, the observations and recommendations shall be documented in writing, including, without limitation, a detailed explanation as to why the juvenile could remain in room confinement or must be released to a different, less-restrictive confinement. The report must be submitted to the juvenile's guardian or caretaker, if applicable.

Section 1.6 will remain

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Section 1.7 will remain
Section 1.8 will be removed
Section 1.9 will remain
Section 2.6 will remain
Section 2.7 will remain
Section 2.8 will be removed
Section 2.9 will remain