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would be proper. It is not mandated. It does say "may", but we're trying to give them some direction and let the guardian ad litem know what we expect from them. In Judiciary Committee we hear all too often that the guardian ad litem are not doing their job and I don't know that that is fair as a general statement covering all attorneys representing juveniles but this would just be laying forth what we feel would be proper.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and then the other provision that within thirty days and after such notice and once every six months the "Department or association or individual shall file with the court a report." What does that have reference to?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Okay, that again, if you're familiar with LB 714 which is the Foster Care Review Board, that takes care of one particular set of juveniles with one particular set of problems. They are in foster care homes and you know how we heard about children being lost in the system, this will take care of all juveniles, not just those placed in foster homes but those that end up in the corrections centers and the other areas and places where juveniles can be placed when they are taken out of the home. Again, this is judicial review, not a citizen board. This is just the judiciary looking and keeping track of where these children are.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it is requiring judicial review every six months?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Right. Until final adjudication of the case, just while they're still under the courts (interruption.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Some of these juveniles are within the courts' system for a number of years, are they not?

SENATOR KILGARIN: That is right. And some of them shouldn't be and that is one of the reasons I am proposing this, Senator Beutler. They do get lost in the system, not just foster children but many of the juveniles that go through our juvenile justice system are lost in the system and this will hopefully prevent that. It doesn't set up an individual board and it is just through the judiciary which I personally think is probably the proper place for it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I like that much better actually. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kilgarin to close.

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