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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to foster care; to amend section 43-1319, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require adequate
- 3 financial support to foster parents to support foster
- 4 children; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-1319, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 43-1319 (1) Funds of the Department of Health and Human
4 Services shall be used to defray the reasonable expenses incurred in
5 the recruitment, training, and recognition of foster care providers
6 and volunteers, including expenses incurred for community forums,
7 public information sessions, and similar administrative functions.

8 (2) Payments to foster parents for the support of foster
9 children shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the basic needs of
10 the child, including the cost of providing food, shelter, daily
11 supervision, school supplies, the child's personal incidentals,
12 liability insurance with respect to the child, and reasonable travel
13 to the child's home for visitation, and shall take into account any
14 additional individual needs of the child. The department shall
15 develop a methodology for determining rates of payment to foster
16 parents that is based on such costs and shall adopt and promulgate
17 rules and regulations regarding such methodology before January 1,
18 2012. The department shall require that all private entities
19 contracting with the department for the provision of child welfare
20 services provide and require any subcontractors to provide timely
21 financial support to foster parents that is consistent with the
22 methodology established by the department to cover the cost of the
23 basic needs of the child.

24 Sec. 2. Original section 43-1319, Reissue Revised
25 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.