

AMENDMENTS TO LB 216

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1           1. Strike original section 13 and insert the following  
2 new section:

3           Sec. 13. (1) On or before July 1, 2013, the Nebraska  
4 Children's Commission shall appoint a Young Adult Voluntary  
5 Services and Support Advisory Committee to make recommendations  
6 to the department and the Nebraska Children's Commission for a  
7 statewide implementation plan meeting the program requirements of  
8 the Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Act. The committee  
9 shall provide a written report regarding the initial implementation  
10 of the program to the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Health  
11 and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, the department,  
12 and the Governor by October 1, 2013. The report to the Legislature  
13 shall be submitted electronically. The committee shall meet on  
14 a biannual basis thereafter to advise the department and the  
15 Nebraska Children's Commission regarding ongoing implementation of  
16 the program and shall provide a written report regarding ongoing  
17 implementation, including program participation and early discharge  
18 rates and reasons obtained from the department, to the Nebraska  
19 Children's Commission, the Health and Human Services Committee of  
20 the Legislature, the department, and the Governor by December 15th  
21 of each year. The report to the Legislature shall be submitted  
22 electronically.

23           (2) The members of the Young Adult Voluntary Services

1 and Support Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited  
2 to: (a) Representatives from all three branches of government,  
3 those representatives from the legislative and judicial branches  
4 of government shall be nonvoting, ex officio; (b) no less than  
5 three young adults currently or previously in foster care, which  
6 may be filled on a rotating basis by members of Project Everlast  
7 or a similar youth support or advocacy group; (c) one or more  
8 representatives from a child welfare advocacy organization; (d)  
9 one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency;  
10 and (e) one or more representatives from an agency providing  
11 independent living services.

12 (3) Members of the committee shall be appointed for terms  
13 of two years. The Nebraska Children's Commission shall appoint  
14 the chairperson of the committee and may fill vacancies on the  
15 committee as they occur.

16 2. On page 2, strike beginning with "former" in line 5  
17 through the second comma in line 6 and insert "youth transitioning  
18 out of foster care placements and into adulthood in becoming  
19 self-sufficient"; and in line 17 after "Services" insert "or its  
20 contractor".

21 3. On page 4, line 6, after "at" insert "least at"; in  
22 lines 9, 10, and 12 strike "group home" and insert "foster care  
23 facility"; and in line 16 after the last comma insert "transitional  
24 living facilities,".

25 4. On page 5, line 7, after the period insert "Case  
26 management shall include the development of a case plan, developed  
27 jointly by the department and the young adult, that includes

1 a description of the identified housing situation or living  
2 arrangement and the resources to assist the young adult in the  
3 transition from the program to adulthood. The case plan shall  
4 incorporate the independent living transition proposal in section  
5 43-1311.03.".

6           5. On page 7, line 3, after "sign" insert ", and the  
7 young adult shall be provided a copy of,".

8           6. On page 10, strike beginning with "that" in line 3  
9 through line 22 and insert "describing the young adult's current  
10 situation, including the young adult's name, date of birth, and  
11 current address and the reasons why it is in the young adult's best  
12 interests to receive extended services and support. The department  
13 shall also provide the juvenile court with a copy of the signed  
14 voluntary services and support agreement, a copy of the case plan,  
15 and any other information the department or the young adult wants  
16 the court to consider.".

17           7. On page 11, line 22, after the period insert "The  
18 department is not required to have legal counsel present at such  
19 hearings.".

20           8. On page 12, line 6, strike the comma.

21           9. On page 13, line 1, strike "or a contracted entity";  
22 in line 6 after the period insert "The department is not required  
23 to have legal counsel present at such reviews."; in line 7 strike  
24 "or contracted entity conducting these reviews"; and in line 8  
25 after "approach" insert "in conducting such reviews".

26           10. On page 24, line 17, strike "fourteen" and insert  
27 "sixteen"; in lines 19 and 21 after "before" insert "attaining

- 1 nineteen years of age or"; and in lines 20 and 22 after "care"
- 2 insert "to independent living".