

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 464

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 9. Section 43-4203, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

4 43-4203 (1) The Nebraska Children's Commission shall work
5 with administrators from each of the service areas designated
6 pursuant to section 81-3116, the teams created pursuant to section
7 28-728, local foster care review boards, child advocacy centers,
8 the teams created pursuant to the Supreme Court's Through the Eyes
9 of the Child Initiative, community stakeholders, and advocates for
10 child welfare programs and services to establish networks in each
11 of such service areas. Such networks shall permit collaboration
12 to strengthen the continuum of services available to child welfare
13 agencies and to provide resources for children and juveniles
14 outside the child protection system. Each service area shall
15 develop its own unique strategies to be included in the statewide
16 strategic plan. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
17 assist in identifying the needs of each service area.

18 (2) (a) The commission shall create a committee to examine
19 state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for
20 children who are wards of the state and the administration of such
21 drugs to such children. Such committee shall review the policy and
22 procedures for prescribing and administering such drugs and make
23 recommendations to the commission for changes in such policy and

1 procedures.

2 (b) The commission shall create a committee to examine
3 the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile
4 Services as they exist on April 12, 2012. Such committee shall
5 review the role and effectiveness of the youth rehabilitation
6 and treatment centers in the juvenile justice system and make
7 recommendations to the commission on the future role of the
8 youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in the juvenile
9 justice continuum of care. Such committee shall also review the
10 responsibilities of the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile
11 Services, including oversight of the youth rehabilitation and
12 treatment centers and juvenile parole, and make recommendations
13 to the commission relating to the future responsibilities of the
14 administrator.

15 (c) The commission may organize committees as it
16 deems necessary. Members of the committees may be members of
17 the commission or may be appointed, with the approval of the
18 majority of the commission, from individuals with knowledge of
19 the committee's subject matter, professional expertise to assist
20 the committee in completing its assigned responsibilities, and the
21 ability to collaborate within the committee and with the commission
22 to carry out the powers and duties of the commission.

23 (d) If the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second
24 Session, 2012, creates the Title IV-E Demonstration Project
25 Committee or the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, or both,
26 such committees shall be under the jurisdiction of the commission.

27 (3) The commission shall work with the office of the

1 State Court Administrator, as appropriate, and entities which
2 coordinate facilitated conferencing as described in section
3 ~~43-247.01.~~ 5 of this act. Facilitated conferencing shall be
4 included in statewide strategic plan discussions by the commission.
5 Facilitated conferencing shall continue to be utilized and
6 maximized, as determined by the court of jurisdiction, during
7 the development of the statewide strategic plan. Funding and
8 contracting of facilitated conferencing entities shall continue to
9 be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to at
10 least the same extent as such funding and contracting are being
11 provided on April 12, 2012.

12 (4) The commission shall gather information and
13 communicate with juvenile justice specialists of the Office of
14 Probation Administration and county officials with respect to any
15 county-operated practice model participating in the Crossover Youth
16 Program of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown
17 University.

18 (5) If the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project
19 is enacted by the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session,
20 2012, the commission shall coordinate and gather information about
21 the progress and outcomes of the project.

22 2. On page 1, line 4; and page 19, line 12, strike
23 "43-412" and insert "43-4203".

24 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.