

# Nebraska State Legislature

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January 8, 2013

Dear Governor Heineman, Members of the Legislature, and Chief Justice Heavican:

LB 1160 Sec.10, Nebraska Revised Statute 50-424 requires the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to provide a written report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with respect to the progress made by the Department of Health and Human Services implementing the recommendations of the committee contained in the final report by the committee pursuant to Legislative Resolution 37. The attached document outlines the reporting requirements under LR 37 legislation. The reports and evaluation provided to the Legislature provide data, information, and reports of the status of all actions required by LR 37. These reports can be accessed on the Legislatures web site.

Additionally, information provided in the reports and evaluation will be examined through a public briefing held by the Health and Human Services Committee on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. At that time more in-depth discussion and examination of the progress made by the Department of Health and Humans Services in implementing the LR 37 legislation will occur. In the briefing, the Department will provide a summary of significant steps undertaken to strengthen the child welfare system. In addition, three contractors, see attachment, will attend the briefing to provide information regarding their work. Testimony will also be provided by the Children's Commission, the Nebraska Foster Care Review Office, and the Nebraska Inspector General for Child Welfare.

A great amount of progress has been made in the child welfare system due to the dedication of the Department working in tandem with the judiciary; the legislature; child welfare stakeholders; and, especially, the Nebraska Children's Commission. The commitment from all three of Nebraska branches of government to ensure a strong and sustainable child welfare system is an important foundation for the work ahead.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Campbell".

Senator Kathy Campbell, Chairman  
Health and Human Services Committee

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Attachments

**Health and Human Services Committee**

**Child Welfare Status Briefing**

**January 16, 2013**

**1:30 pm.**

- Nebraska Inspector General of Child Welfare: Julie Rogers- *Update and Child Welfare system observations*
- Nebraska Foster Care Review Office: Interim Director, Linda Cox- *Foster Care Review Office 2012 Annual Report*
- Department of Health and Human Services: Director, Children and Family Services, Thomas Pristow- *Update on department reports and actions as a result of LR 37 legislation, to include the Title IV-E Demonstration Project and the Foster Care Reimbursement and Rate Committee;*
- Public Consulting Group: Jamie Kilpatrick, Richard Whipple- *Nebraska (Medicaid) Cross-Systems Analysis*
- UMMelGroup: Steve Paterson- *Child Welfare Information System Strategic Plan*
- Center for the Support of Families/Hornzby Zeller: Dennis Zeller- *Assessment of Child Welfare Services in Nebraska*
- Nebraska Children's Commission: Chair, Karen Authier- *Phase 1 Strategic Plan for Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Reform*

<b>LB/Statute</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Due</b>
<p>LB 820(1) 43-4208</p> <p>LB 820(3) 43-4209</p>	<p>Report on committee's implementation plan and a time line for making application for a Title IV-E waiver</p> <p>Activities reports</p> <p>Final report</p>	<p><b>The Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee (DHHS)</b></p>	<p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>☐ Department</p> <p>☐ Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>☐ Governor</p>	<p>July 1, 2012</p> <p>September 1, 2012</p> <p>November 1, 2012</p> <p><b>(Completed)</b></p> <p>December 15, 2012</p> <p><b>(Completed)</b></p>
<p>LB 820(5) 43-4212</p>	<p>Report recommendations for the statewide level of care assessment system and the foster care reimbursement rate structure</p> <p>Activities reports</p> <p>Final report</p>	<p><b>Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (DHHS)</b></p>	<p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>☐ Department</p> <p>☐ Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>☐ Governor</p>	<p>July 1, 2012</p> <p>September 15, 2012</p> <p><b>(Completed)</b></p> <p>December 15, 2012</p> <p><b>(Completed)</b></p>

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LB 821(7) 43-4207	Status report on activities  Report on completed statewide strategic plan	<b>Nebraska Children's Commission</b>	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee  Governor	August 1, 2012 September 15, 2012 November 1, 2012 (on or before) <b>(Completed)</b>  December 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>
LB 821	Summary of reports and investigations made under the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act for the preceding year	<b>Inspector General</b>	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee  Governor	September 15 annually <b>(Provided testimony to the HHS Committee September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012)</b>
LB 821(5) 43-4205	Medicaid analysis of prevention and intervention programs and services for at risk children; goal is to expand federal funding base for services and reduce General Fund expenditures	<b>Contractor hired by Department with direction of the Children's Commission</b>	Department and Children's Commission	Contract by July 12,2012 report as soon as complete <b>Completed December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012)</b>
LB 949 Sec 1 (1)(a) 81-3133	Report expenditures between January 1, 2012, and June 30, 2012, and the outcomes relating to such expenditures	<b>DHHS Division of Children and Family Services</b>	Legislature's Appropriations Committee	July 30, 2012 (on or before) <b>(Completed)</b>
Sec 1 (1)(b)	Expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes relating to such expenditures		Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Beginning after the third calendar quarter of 2012, within 30 days <b>(Completed Oct.30,2012)</b>

<b>LB/Statute</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Due</b>
LB 998 Sec 5(4) 43-1303(4)	Regular updates regarding child welfare data and information at least quarterly  and a fourth-quarter report (annual report)	<b>Foster Care Review Office</b> Executive Director	Legislature	At time specified by the HHS Committee <b>HHS Committee public briefing Sept. 13,2012</b>  December 1, 2012 and annually thereafter <b>(Completed)</b>
1160 Sec 5 43-4405	<b>A plan for the statewide automated child welfare information system</b>	The department, with assistance from other agencies as necessary, including the data coordinator for the State Foster Care Review Board of a successor entity	The Legislature	December 1, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>
1160 Sec 6 43-4406	Info regarding <b>child welfare services</b> with respect to children served by any lead agency or the pilot project and children served by the department	The department	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) <b>(Completed)</b>
1160 Sec 7(1) 43-4407(1)	<b>Summary of surveys</b> to monitor satisfaction of children, parents, foster parents, judges, guardians ad litem, attorneys representing parents, service providers	Each service area administrator; any lead agency or pilot project	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) <b>(Completed)</b>

<b>LB/Statute</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Due</b>
1160 Sec 7 (2) 43-4407(2)	<b>Plan for the child and family</b> implemented by the department, lead agency, or the pilot project and the status of compliance by the family with the plan	Each service area administrator; any lead agency or pilot project  Child advocacy centers	Child advocacy center that corresponds with the geographic location of the child regarding the services provided when the child is a voluntary or non-court-involved child welfare case  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Monthly  September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter or more often if requested) <b>(Completed)</b>
1160 Sec 8 43-4408	The <b>department's monitoring</b> of any lead agencies or the pilot project	The department	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) <b>(Completed)</b> Update December 30,2012
LB 1160 Sec 9 43-4409	A nationally recognized evaluator's <b>evaluation of the child welfare system</b>	An evaluator hired by the department	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee  Governor	December 1, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>

LB/Statute	Report	By	To	Due
LB 1160 Sec 10 50-424	Using reports required by 43-296 43-534 (#s 1-8) 68-1207.01 71-825 71-1904 71-3407 43-405 (6) report on the <b>progress made</b> by the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing the recommendations of the HHS Committee in the <b>LR 37</b> report	<b>The Health and Human Services            Committee</b>	Legislature; Governor; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	December 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b> December 15, 2013 December 15, 2014
LB 1160 Sec 10 LB 1160 Sec 15(5) 71-825	<b>Final Report</b>	The Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 <b>(Initial report provided            to HHS Committee            pending 603 Committee            final adoption)</b>
LB 1160 Sec 11 43-296	Report <b>association's(s') condition,            management, and competency to            adequately care for such juveniles</b> as are or may be committed to it and such other facts as the department may require	All associations receiving juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code  The department should forward the report	The department  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b> September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014

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LB 1160 Sec 12 43-405(6)	<p>Report on monitored commitments, placements, and evaluations at facilities and programs operated by the office or through contracts with providers</p> <p>Plus an assessment of the administrative costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, and the savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, and evaluations</p>	<b>Office of Juvenile Services</b>	<p>Legislature</p> <p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p>	<p>Annually September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b> September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014</p>

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<p>LB 1160 Sec 13 43-534</p>	<p>Every <u>department, agency, institution, committee, and commission of state government</u> responsible for children and families shall submit, <b>as part of the annual budget request, a comprehensive statement of the efforts</b> taken to carry out the policy and principles set for in sections 43-532 and 43-533.</p> <p>For 2012, 2013, and 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a <b>copy of its statement submitted under this section to the Health and Human Services Committee</b> The statement shall include, but not be limited to, a <b>listing of programs</b> provided for children and families and the priority of such programs, a <b>summary of the expenses</b> incurred in the provision and administration of services for children and families, the <b>number of clients served</b> by each program, and data being collected to demonstrate the short-term and long-term effectiveness of each program</p>	<p>Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>Health and Human Services Committee</p>	<p>Annually September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b></p> <p>September 15, 2012</p> <p>September 15, 2013</p> <p>September 15, 2014</p>

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LB 1160 Sec 14 68-1207.01	<b>Outline the caseloads of child protective services</b> , the factors considered in their establishment, and the fiscal resources necessary for their maintenance	The Department of Health and Human Services	Legislature Governor  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually <b>(June 15, 2012)</b>  September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b> September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014
LB 1160 Sec 15 71-825	Report on the <b>operation of the Children and Family Support Hotline, the Family Navigator Program</b> , and the provision of voluntary post-adoption and post-guardianship case management services	The department	Governor Legislature  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	December 1 September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>  September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014
LB 1160 Sec 17(2) 71-1904	Regarding <b>foster care</b> , report the number of waivers granted under this subsection and the total number of children placed in relative foster homes	The department	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>  September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014
LB 1160 Sec 18 71-1904	Report the team's findings and recommendations for each of its duties	<b>The State Child Death Review Team</b>	Governor Legislature  and the public  Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually September 15, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>  September 15, 2013 September 15, 2014

<b>LB/Statute</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Due</b>
LB 1160 Sec 19 81-3134	Report concerning the access of individuals with <b>co-occurring conditions</b> of an intellectual disability and mental illness to the full array of services needed to appropriately treat their specific conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Director of Children and Family Services Division</li> <li>- Director of the Developmental Disabilities Division</li> <li>- Director of Behavioral Health Division</li> <li>- Director of Medicaid and Long-term Care Division</li> </ul>	<p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>Legislature's Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee</p>	December 1, 2012 <b>(Completed)</b>



