

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB270**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 07, 2013**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 270 requires that no later than September 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services submit a state plan amendment or waiver under the federal Social Security Act to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The amendment or waiver is to provide coverage under the designated medical assistance programs for home and community based services specifically for children with serious emotional disturbances.

The amendment or waiver must serve youth who are four through twenty years old that have been deinstitutionalized or diverted from a psychiatric hospital level of care. Services under the waiver shall include, but not be limited to: attendant care, independent living and skills building, short-term respite care, parent support and training, professional resource family care, and facilitation of wrap-around services. Wrap-around services are strength-based individualized, community-based services for a family with a child with serious emotional disturbance.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Kathy Campbell**