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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 895**

Introduced by Coash, 27; Baker, 30; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Crawford, 45;  
Davis, 43; Fox, 7; Harr, 8; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9;  
Johnson, 23; Kolterman, 24; McCollister, 20; Mello, 5.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Developmental Disabilities Services
- 2 Act; to amend section 83-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to require a report regarding the Beatrice State Developmental
- 4 Center and the Bridges program as prescribed; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
- 6 emergency.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 83-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 83-1201 Sections 83-1201 to 83-1226 and section 2 of this act shall  
4 be known and may be cited as the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) Within the framework of the best interests of persons  
6 with developmental disabilities, the department shall prepare a  
7 comprehensive plan for the Beatrice State Developmental Center and the  
8 Bridges program in Hastings, Nebraska. The plan shall include, but not be  
9 limited to:

10 (a) An analysis of residents of the Beatrice State Developmental  
11 Center and the Bridges program in Hastings, Nebraska, on the effective  
12 date of this act and their needs and the ability to serve them in the  
13 community;

14 (b) The role of the Beatrice State Developmental Center and the  
15 Bridges program in the continuum of services offered to persons with  
16 developmental disabilities in Nebraska;

17 (c) The preferences of residents of the Beatrice State Developmental  
18 Center and the Bridges program and their families;

19 (d) Nationwide trends in facilities like the Beatrice State  
20 Developmental Center and the Bridges program;

21 (e) The cost efficiency of services provided at the Beatrice State  
22 Developmental Center and the Bridges program;

23 (f) An analysis of the facilities at the Beatrice State  
24 Developmental Center and the Bridges program on the effective date of  
25 this act and the long-term structural needs of the facilities;

26 (g) Census trends and future needs for services at the Beatrice  
27 State Developmental Center and the Bridges program; and

28 (h) The level of community integration for residents of the Beatrice  
29 State Developmental Center and the Bridges program.

30 (2) The department shall prepare an assessment of the long-term  
31 viability of the facilities used to provide services at the Beatrice

1 State Developmental Center and the facilities used to provide services  
2 through the Bridges program in Hastings, Nebraska.

3 (3) The department shall analyze the United States Supreme Court's  
4 decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), and provide an  
5 analysis of Nebraska's compliance with the decision.

6 (4) The department shall hold a public hearing to receive input from  
7 the public on the Beatrice State Developmental Center and the Bridges  
8 program.

9 (5) The department shall prepare a report including the plan,  
10 assessment, analysis, and results of the hearing required by subsections  
11 (1) through (4) of this section. The department shall submit the report  
12 electronically to the Legislature on or before November 15, 2016.

13 Sec. 3. Original section 83-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
14 Nebraska, is repealed.

15 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
16 passed and approved according to law.