

AMENDMENTS TO LB 259

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. (1) The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile
4 Justice established in section 43-2411, in consultation with the
5 Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the
6 Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of
7 Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, shall create a
8 work group to develop recommendations for the training of youth
9 services workers employed by entities licensed by the Department of
10 Health and Human Services and the Department of Health and Human
11 Services Regulation and Licensure for the care or treatment of
12 youth in out-of-home placements. The Nebraska Commission on Law
13 Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall provide staff support for
14 the work group.

15 (2) On or before December 1, 2005, the coalition, in
16 consultation with the work group, the Nebraska Commission on Law
17 Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Department of Health and
18 Human Services, and the Department of Health and Human Services
19 Regulation and Licensure, shall prepare and submit to the Governor
20 and the Legislature a plan for the statewide provision and funding
21 of training for youth services workers. The plan shall include,
22 but not be limited to:

23 (a) Identification of youth services workers to be
24 trained;

1 (b) A model training curriculum for youth services
2 workers;

3 (c) The statewide availability and cost of training;

4 (d) A certification process for approved providers of
5 training;

6 (e) A certification process for youth services workers;

7 (f) Adequate funding for training of youth services
8 workers; and

9 (g) Oversight of training providers and competency
10 assessments of youth services workers.

11 (3) This section shall terminate upon submission of the
12 report required in this section or on December 1, 2005, whichever
13 occurs first.

14 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
15 when passed and approved according to law."