

LEGISLATIVE BILL 259

Approved by the Governor March 25, 2005

Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39

AN ACT relating to juvenile services; to create a work group; to provide duties; to provide a termination date; and to declare an emergency.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

- (a) Identification of youth services workers to be trained;
- (b) A model training curriculum for youth services workers;
- (c) The statewide availability and cost of training;
- (d) A certification process for approved providers of training;
- (e) A certification process for youth services workers;
- (f) Adequate funding for training of youth services workers; and
- (g) Oversight of training providers and competency assessments of youth services workers.

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

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