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LEGISLATIVE BILL 900

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to social services; to require a joint report
2 from the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the
3 Division of Behavioral Health, and the Division of
4 Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health
5 and Human Services concerning individuals in need of
6 services from such divisions.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. On or before December 1, 2012, the Director of
2 Developmental Disabilities of the Division of Developmental
3 Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services, the
4 Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of
5 the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of
6 Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term
7 Care of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a
8 report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature
9 and the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of
10 the Legislature concerning the access of individuals with co-
11 occurring conditions of an intellectual disability and mental illness
12 to the full array of services needed to appropriately treat their
13 specific conditions. The report shall include, but not be limited,
14 to:

15 (1) A summary of how these individuals are currently
16 served, including eligibility determinations, by the Division of
17 Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Behavioral Health, and
18 the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care;

19 (2) An identification and further defining of individuals
20 who currently fall in the gap between the divisions or who move from
21 one division to another in a search for appropriate services;

22 (3) Information on the individuals currently receiving
23 services from more than one division who have these co-occurring
24 conditions, including the costs of the services, the types of
25 services provided, the unmet demand for such services, and an

1 estimate of the number of individuals served by one division who
2 would also qualify for services through another division;

3 (4) An explanation of the differences and similarities in
4 funding for services provided by the divisions and how funds from
5 each division are being blended or can be blended to best serve these
6 individuals;

7 (5) A plan that could be implemented by the divisions
8 that would provide more integrated and coordinated treatment for
9 these individuals by the divisions; and

10 (6) Any recommendations for potential legislation that
11 would assist the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division
12 of Behavioral Health, and the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care
13 in carrying out the plan provided in subdivision (5) of this section.