LEGISLATIVE BILL 944

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to
2 funding for an early childhood program and consultation
3 services as prescribed; and to harmonize provisions.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate four hundred thousand dollars in each of fiscal years FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education to (a) expand the Nurturing Healthy Behaviors program and (b) contract with partner organizations for early childhood consultation services. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, mental health screening, assessment, individualized program plans, staff training, curriculum development, and program evaluation. Such services shall be available to child care centers, preschool programs, and elementary schools to serve children from birth through eight years of age.

(2) Priority in distributing funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be given to expanding early childhood programs in areas of the state underserved by mental health providers and in areas of the state with high numbers of at-risk children.