A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to infants; to amend section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for and eliminate a data pilot project, an advisory group, subcommittees, and reports; to provide powers and duties; to provide a termination date; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 43-1322, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) A Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project is created. The purpose of the pilot project is to identify how existing state agency data systems currently used to account for the use of all services, programs, and facilities by children and juveniles in the State of Nebraska can be used to establish an independent, external data warehouse.

(2)(a) The Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project Advisory Group is created. The advisory group shall oversee the pilot project. The Foster Care Review Office shall provide administrative support for the pilot project and the advisory group.

(b) The advisory group shall include the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare or his or her designee, the State Court Administrator or his or her designee, the probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration or his or her designee, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office or his or her designee, the director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute or his or her designee, the Chief Information Officer of the office of Chief Information Officer or his or her designee, the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, the Director of Developmental Disabilities of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, the Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, and the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(3) The advisory group shall:

(a) Meet at least twice a year;
(b) Carry out in good faith the duties provided in this subsection;

c (c) Create a Data Steering Subcommittee. Each member of the advisory
   group shall designate one representative from his or her agency with
   specific technical knowledge of the agency’s data structure, limitation,
   and capabilities to serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall
   meet regularly to manage and discuss data-related items, including the
   technological and system issues of each agency’s current data system,
   specific barriers that impact the implementation of a data warehouse, and
   steps necessary to establish and sustain a data warehouse. The
   subcommittee shall report its findings to the advisory group;

   (d) Create an Information-Sharing Subcommittee. Each member of the
   advisory group shall designate one representative from his or her agency
   with specific knowledge of the agency’s legal and regulatory
   responsibilities and restriction related to sharing data to serve on the
   subcommittee. The subcommittee shall meet regularly to manage and discuss
   the legal and regulatory barriers to establishing a data warehouse and to
   identify possible solutions. The subcommittee shall report its findings
   to the advisory group; and

   (e) Submit a written report electronically to the Legislature on
   October 1 of 2017 and 2018, detailing the technical and legal steps
   necessary to establish the Children and Juveniles Data Warehouse by July
   1, 2019, including any recommended statutory changes. The October 1,
   2018, report shall include the advisory group’s final recommendations and
   plan to establish the data warehouse by July 1, 2019.

   (4) For purposes of this section, independent, external data
   warehouse means a data system which allows for the collection, storage,
   and analysis of data from multiple agencies but is not solely controlled
   by the agencies providing the data.

   (5) This section terminates on December 31, 2019.

Sec. 2. Section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:
43-1318 Sections 43-1301 to 43-1321 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Foster Care Review Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 4. The following section is outright repealed: Section 43-1322, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.