A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to amend sections 28-712, 28-712.01, 28-718, 43-2,108, 43-1318, 43-4218, 43-4701, 43-4702, 43-4703, 43-4704, 43-4706, 43-4707, 43-4709, and 43-4714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to alternative response and the confidentiality of certain juvenile records; to provide for a central registry record checks fee; to create an advisory group, require reports, and provide a termination date; to change and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Probation Administration, foster family homes, child-care institutions, and juvenile facilities as prescribed; to provide for training; to provide for rules and regulations; to eliminate a data pilot project; to harmonize provisions; to provide for operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Section 28-712, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-712 (1) The department, in consultation with the Nebraska Children’s Commission, shall develop an alternative response implementation plan in accordance with this section and sections 28-710.01 and 28-712.01. The alternative response implementation plan shall include the provision of concrete supports and voluntary services, including, but not limited to: Meeting basic needs, including food and clothing assistance; housing assistance; transportation assistance; child care assistance; and mental health and substance abuse services. When the alternative response implementation plan has been developed, the department may begin using alternative response in up to five alternative response demonstration project locations that are designated by the department. The department may begin using alternative response statewide on and after the operative date of this section. The department shall provide a report to the commission and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by November 15, 2018. The report shall outline, at a minimum, the challenges, barriers, and opportunities that may occur if the alternative response implementation plan is made permanent. The department shall provide a report of an evaluation on the status of alternative response implementation pursuant to subsection (2) of this section to the commission and electronically to the Legislature by November 15, 2015. The commission shall provide feedback on the report to the department before December 15, 2015. The department may begin using alternative response in up to five additional alternative response demonstration project locations on or after January 1, 2016. The department shall provide a report of another evaluation done pursuant to subsection (2) of this section to the commission and electronically to the Legislature by November 15, 2016. The department may continue using alternative response until December 31, 2020. Continued use of alternative response thereafter shall require approval of the Legislature. For purposes of this section, demonstration project location means any geographic region, including, but not limited to, a city, a township, a village, a county, a group of counties, or a group of counties and cities, townships, or villages.

(2) The department shall contract with an independent entity to evaluate the alternative response demonstration projects. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) The screening process used to determine which cases shall be assigned to alternative response;
(b) The number and proportion of repeat child abuse and neglect allegations within a specified period of time following initial intake;
(c) The number and proportion of substantiated child abuse and neglect allegations within a specified period of time following initial intake;
(d) The number and proportion of families with any child entering out-of-home care within a specified period of time following initial intake;
(e) Changes in child and family well-being in the domains of behavioral and emotional functioning and physical health and development as measured by a standardized instrument to be selected by the department;
(f) The number and proportion of families assigned to the alternative response track who are reassigned to a traditional response; and
(g) A cost analysis that will examine, at a minimum, the costs of the key elements of services received.

(2) (3) The department shall provide to the Nebraska Children’s Commission regular updates on:

(a) The alternative response implementation plan, including the
development of the alternative response interview protocols of children;
(a) (b) The status of alternative response implementation; and
(c) (d) The distribution of child welfare stakeholders, service providers, and
other community partners, including families, for feedback and recommendations on
the alternative response implementation plan;
(c) (d) Any findings or recommendations made by the independent evaluator,
including costs; and
(d) Any alternative response programmatic modifications, including, but not
limited to, proposed changes in rules and regulations.
(e) Any alternative response programmatic modifications; and
(f) The status of the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations.
(3) (4) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry
out this section and sections 28-710.01 and 28-712.01. Such rules and
regulations shall include, but not be limited to, provisions on the transfer of
cases from alternative response to traditional response; notice to families
subject to a comprehensive assessment and served through alternative response
of the alternative response process and their rights, including the opportunity to
challenge agency determinations; the provision of services through alternative response;
the collection, sharing, and reporting of data; and use of alternative response
ineligibility criteria. Whenever the department proposes
to change the alternative response eligibility criteria, public notice of the
changes shall be given. The department shall provide public notice and time for
public comment by publishing the proposed changes on its web site at least
sixty days prior to the public hearing on such regulation changes. The
department shall provide a copy of the proposed rules and regulations to the
Nebraska Children's Commission no later than October 1, 2014.
Sec. 2. Section 28-712.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:
28-712.01 (1) This section applies to alternative response demonstration
projects designated under section 28-712.
(2) The Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team shall convene to review intakes
pursuant to the department's rules, regulations, and policies, to evaluate the
information, and to determine assignment for alternative response or
traditional response. The team shall utilize consistent criteria in the
severity of the allegation of child abuse or neglect, access to the
perpetrator, vulnerability of the child, family history including previous
reports, parental cooperation, parental or caretaker protective factors, and
other information as deemed necessary. At the conclusion of the review, the
intake shall be assigned to either traditional response or alternative response.
Decisions of the team shall be made by consensus. If the team cannot
come to consensus, the intake shall be assigned for a traditional response.
(3) In the case of an alternative response, the department shall complete
a comprehensive assessment. The department shall transfer the case being given
alternative response to traditional response if the department determines that
a child is safe. Upon completion of the comprehensive assessment, if it is
determined that the child is safe, participation in services offered to the
family receiving an alternative response is voluntary, the case shall not be
transferred to traditional response based upon the family’s failure to enroll
or participate in such services, and the subject of the report shall not be
entered into the central registry of child protection cases maintained pursuant
to section 28-718.
(4) The department shall, by the next working day after receipt of a
report of child abuse and neglect, enter into the tracking system of child
protection cases maintained pursuant to section 28-715 all reports of child
abuse or neglect received under this section that are opened for alternative
response and any action taken.
(5) The department shall make available to the appropriate investigating
law enforcement agency, child advocacy center, and the county attorney a copy
of all reports relative to a case of suspected child abuse or neglect. Aggregate,
onidentifying reports of child abuse or neglect receiving an
alternative response shall be made available quarterly to requesting agencies
outside the department. Such alternative response data shall include, but not
be limited to, the nature of the initial child abuse or neglect report, the age of
the child or children, the nature of services offered, the location of the
case at intake, and the number of cases received in a month, such as cases
that were transferred to traditional response. No other agency or
individual except the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare,
the Public Counsel, law enforcement agency personnel, child advocacy center
employees, and county attorneys shall be provided specific, identifying reports of
child abuse or neglect being given alternative response. The office of
Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare shall have access to all reports
relative to cases of suspected child abuse or neglect subject to traditional
response and those subject to alternative response. The department and the
office shall develop procedures allowing for the Inspector General’s review of
cases subject to alternative response. The Inspector General shall include in
the report pursuant to section 43-4331 a summary of all cases reviewed pursuant
to this subsection.
Sec. 3. Section 28-718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended
to read:
28-718 (1) There shall be a central registry of child protection cases
maintained in the department containing records of all reports of child abuse
or neglect opened for investigation as provided in section 28-713 and
classified as either court substantiated or agency substantiated as provided in
section 28-720.

(2) The department shall determine whether a name-change order received from the clerk of a district court pursuant to section 25-21,271 is for a person on the central registry of child protection cases and, if so, shall include the changed name with the former name in the registry and file or cross-reference the information under both names.

(3) The department may charge a reasonable fee in an amount established by the department in rules and regulations to recover expenses in carrying out central registry records checks. The fee shall not exceed three dollars for each request to check the records of the central registry. The department shall remit the fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund. The department may waive the fee if the requesting party shows the fee would be an undue financial hardship. The department shall remit the fees to defray costs incurred to carry out such records checks. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

Sec. 4. Section 43-2,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-2,108 (1) The juvenile court judge shall keep a minute book in which he or she shall enter minutes of all proceedings of the court in each case, including appearances, findings, orders, decrees, and judgments, and any evidence which he or she feels it is necessary and proper to record. Juvenile court legal records shall be deposited in files and shall include the petition, summons, notice, certificates or receipts of mailing, minutes of the court, findings, orders, decrees, judgments, and motions.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the medical, psychological, psychiatric, and social welfare reports and the records of juvenile probation officers as they relate to individual proceedings in the juvenile court shall not be made available to any court, except any such confidential record information disseminated by the probation administrator for access to the records of juvenile probation officers as they relate to individual proceedings in the juvenile court after showing of good cause, to any law enforcement agency upon such court's request. Such records shall be made available to a district court of this state or the District Court of the United States on the order of a judge thereof for the confidential use of such judge or his or her probation officer as to matters pending before such court but shall not be made available to parties or their counsel or to agencies or private institutions which are providing services directly to the juvenile and such juvenile's parents or guardian and his or her immediate family, who are the subject of such record information; (b) the court of jurisdiction may disseminate such confidential record information, with the consent of persons who are subjects of such information, or by order of such court after showing of good cause, to any law enforcement agency upon such agency's express request, such agency's exclusive use in the investigation of any protective service case or investigation of allegations under subsection (3)(a) of section 43-247, regarding the juvenile or such juvenile's immediate family, who are the subject of such investigation; and (c) the court of jurisdiction may disseminate such confidential record information to any court which has jurisdiction of the juvenile who is the subject of such information upon such court's request.

(4) The court shall provide copies of predispositional reports and evaluations of the juvenile to the juvenile's attorney and the county attorney or city attorney prior to any hearing in which the report or evaluation will be relied upon.

(5) In all cases under sections 43-246.01 and 43-247, the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare may submit a written request to the probation administrator for access to the records of juvenile probation officers in a specific case. Upon a juvenile court order, the records shall be provided to the Inspector General within five days for the exclusive use in an investigation made to the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the notification of death or serious injury of a juvenile to the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare pursuant to section 43-4318 as soon as reasonably possible after the Office of Probation Administration learns of such death or serious injury.

(7) Nothing in subsections (3), (5), and (6) of this section shall be construed to restrict the dissemination of confidential record information between any individual or public or private agency, institute, facility, or clinic, except any such confidential record information disseminated by the court of jurisdiction pursuant to this section shall be for the exclusive and
private use of those to whom it was released and shall not be disseminated further without order of such court.

(a)(a) Any records concerning a juvenile court petition filed pursuant to subdivision (3)(c) of section 43-247 shall remain confidential except as may be provided otherwise by law. Such records shall be accessible to (i) the juvenile except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, (ii) the juvenile’s counsel, (iii) the juvenile’s parent or guardian, and (iv) persons authorized by an order of a judge or court.

(b) Upon application by the county attorney or by the director of the facility where the juvenile is placed and upon a showing of good cause therefor, a judge of the juvenile court having jurisdiction over the juvenile or of the county where the facility is located may order that the records shall not be made available to the juvenile if, in the judgment of the court, the availability of such records to the juvenile will adversely affect the juvenile’s mental state and the treatment thereof.

(9) Nothing in subsection (3), (5), or (6) of this section shall be construed to restrict the immediate dissemination of a current picture and identification of a child removed from the home of the child by reason of abuse or neglect or a child in foster care placement. Such dissemination by the Office of Probation Administration shall be authorized by an order of a judge or court. Such information shall be subject to state and federal confidentiality laws and shall not include that the child is in the care, custody, or control of the Department of Health and Human Services or under the supervision of the Office of Probation Administration.

Sec. 5. (1) The Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group is created. The advisory group shall oversee a feasibility study 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. The Foster Care Review Office shall provide administrative support for the feasibility study and the advisory group.

(2) The advisory group shall include the Inspector General of Nebraska, 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 Chief Information Officer or the Office of Chief Information Officer or his or her designee, and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.

(3) The advisory group shall:

(a) Meet at least twice a year;

(b) Carry out in good faith the duties provided in this section;

(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 restrictions 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;

(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. The report to the Legislature on October 1, 2018, shall include the final results of the feasibility study to establish the data warehouse by July 1, 2019. The results of the feasibility study shall not be binding on any agency.

(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. 6. Section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-1318 Sections 43-1301 to 43-1321 and section 5 of this act 43-1322 shall be known and may be cited as The Foster Care Review Act.

Sec. 7. Section 43-4218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4218 (1)(a) (1) The Normalcy Task Force is created. On July 1, 2017, the Normalcy Task Force shall become the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee.

(b)(1) Beginning July 1, 2016, until July 1, 2017, the Normalcy Task Force shall monitor and make recommendations regarding the implementation in Nebraska
of the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Public Law 113-183, as such act existed on January 1, 2016. After July 1, 2017, the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee shall provide a written report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor, and the Legislature. The report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be submitted electronically.

Sec. 8. Section 43-4701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4701 Sections 43-4701 to 43-4714 and section 15 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act.

Sec. 9. Section 43-4702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4702 The Legislature finds that every day a parent makes important decisions about his or her child’s participation in activities and that a caregiver for a child in out-of-home care is faced with making the same decisions for a child in his or her care.

The Legislature also finds that, when a caregiver makes decisions, he or she must consider applicable laws, rules, and regulations to safeguard the health and safety of a child in out-of-home care and that those laws, rules, and regulations have commonly been interpreted to prohibit children in out-of-home care from participating in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

The Legislature further finds that participation in these types of activities is important to a child’s well-being, not only emotionally, but in developing valuable life skills.

It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the importance of parental rights and the different rights that exist dependent on a variety of factors, including the age and maturity of the child, the status of the case, and the child’s placement.

It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the importance of race, culture, and identity for children in out-of-home care.

It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the importance of making every effort to normalize the lives of children in out-of-home care and to empower a caregiver to approve or disapprove a child’s participation in activities based on the caregiver’s own assessment using a reasonable and prudent parent standard.

It is the intent of the Legislature to implement the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Public Law 113-183, as such act existed on January 1, 2016.

Sec. 18. Section 43-4703, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4703 For purposes of the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act:

(1) Age or developmentally appropriate means activities or items that are generally accepted as suitable for a child of the same chronological age or level of maturity or that are determined to be developmentally appropriate for a child, based on the development of cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities that are typical for an age or age group and, in the case
of a specific child, activities or items that are suitable for the child based on the developmental stages attained by the child with respect to the cognitively, physically, and behaviorally capacities of the child;

(2) Caregiver means a foster parent with whom a child in foster care has been placed or a designated official for a child-care institution in which a child in foster care has been placed;

(3) Child-care institution has the definition found in 42 U.S.C. 672(c), as such section existed on January 1, 2016, and also includes the definition of residential child-caring agency as found in section 71-1926;

(4) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

(5) Foster family home has the definition found in 42 U.S.C. 672(c), as such section existed on January 1, 2017, and also includes the definition as found in section 71-1901;

(6) Child-care institution shall be entitled to access to reasonable opportunities to participate in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. The caregiver shall use a reasonable and prudent parent standard in determining whether to give permission for a child to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. The caregiver shall take reasonable steps to determine the appropriateness of the activity in consideration of the child’s age, maturity, and developmental level.

(7) A list of activities that the child-care institution provides onsite to a child in foster care under the responsibility of the state to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

Sec. 11. Section 43-4704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4704 Every child placed by the department in a foster family home or child-care institution shall be entitled to access to reasonable opportunities to participate in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

Sec. 12. Section 43-4706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-4706 (1) The department shall ensure that each foster family home and child-care institution has policies consistent with this section and that such foster family home and child-care institution promote and protect the ability of children to participate in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

(2) A caregiver shall use a reasonable and prudent parent standard in determining whether to give permission for a child to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. The caregiver shall take reasonable steps to determine the appropriateness of the activity in consideration of the child’s age, maturity, and developmental level.

(3) The department shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child-care institution to provide foster care, the presence onsite of at least one official who, with respect to any child placed at the child-care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is (a) authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally appropriate activities, (b) provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as foster parents are provided training in section 43-4707, and (c) required to consult whenever possible with the child and staff members identified by the child in applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard.

(4) The department shall also require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child-care institution to provide foster care, that all children placed at the child-care institution be notified verbally and in writing, in an age or developmentally appropriate manner, of the process for making an age or developmentally appropriate request to participate in age or developmentally appropriate activities and that a written notice of this process be posted in an accessible, public place in the child-care institution.

(5) (a) The department shall also require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child-care institution to provide foster care, a written normalcy plan describing how the child-care institution will ensure that all children have access to age or developmentally appropriate activities to be filed with the department and a normalcy report regarding the implementation of the normalcy plan to be filed with the department annually by June 30. Such plans and reports shall not be required to be provided by child-care institutions physically located outside the State of Nebraska or psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

(b) The normalcy plan shall specifically address:

(i) Efforts to address barriers to normalcy that are inherent in a child-care institution setting;

(ii) Normalcy efforts for all children placed at the child-care institution, including, but not limited to, relationships with family, age or developmentally appropriate access to technology and technological skills, education and school stability, access to health care and information, and access to a sustainable and durable routine;

(iii) Procedures for developing goals and action steps in the child-care institution planning process related to participation in age or developmentally appropriate activities for each child placed at the child-care institution;

(iv) Policies on staffing, supervision, permission, and consent to age or developmentally appropriate activities consistent with the reasonable and prudent parent standard;

(v) A list of activities that the child-care institution provides onsite and a list of activities in the community regarding which the child-care
institutions will make children aware, promote, and support access;
(vi) Identified accommodations and support services so that children with
disabilities and special needs can participate in age or developmentally
appropriate activities to the same extent as their peers;
(vii) The individualized needs of all children involved in the system;
(viii) Efforts to reduce disproportionate impact of the system and
services on families and children of color and other populations; and
(ix) Efforts to develop a youth board to assist in implementing the
reasonable and prudent parent standard in the child-care institution and
promoting and supporting normalcy.
(c) The normalcy report shall specifically address:
(i) Compliance with each of the plan requirements set forth in
subsections (b)(i) through (ix) of this subsection;
(ii) Compliance with subsections (3) and (4) of this section.
(6) The department shall make normalcy plans and reports received from
contracting child-care institutions pursuant to subsection (5) of this section
and plans and reports from all youth rehabilitation and treatment centers
pursuant to subsection (7) of this section available upon request to the
Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee, the Nebraska Children's
Commission, probation, the Governor, and electronically to the Health and Human
Services Committee of the Legislature, by September 1 of each year.
(7) All youth rehabilitation and treatment centers shall meet the
requirements of subsection (5) of this section.
Sec. 13. Section 43-4707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended
to read:
43-4707 The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
regarding training for foster parents so that foster parents will be prepared
adequately with the appropriate knowledge and skills relating to the reasonable
and prudent parent standard for the participation of the child in age or
developmentally appropriate activities, including knowledge and skills relating
to the developmental stages of the cognitive, emotional, physical, and
behavioral capacities of the child and knowledge and skills related to applying
the standard to decisions such as whether to allow the child to engage in
extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities, including sports,
field trips, and overnight activities lasting one or more days and to decisions
involving the signing of permission slips and arranging of transportation for
the child to and from extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social
activities. The department shall also adopt and promulgate rules and
regulations regarding training for foster parents on recognizing human
trafficking, including both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.
Sec. 14. Section 43-4709, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended
to read:
43-4709 (1) Nothing in the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act or the
application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard shall affect the
parental rights of a parent whose parental rights have not been terminated
pursuant to section 43-292 with respect to his or her child.
(2) To the extent possible, a parent shall be consulted about his or her
views on the child’s participation in age or developmentally appropriate
activities in the planning process. The department shall document such
consultation in the report filed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.
(3) The child’s participation in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural,
and social activities shall be considered at any family team meeting.
Sec. 15. The department and probation shall establish procedures for the
immediate dissemination of a current picture and information about a child who
is a foster care or out-of-home placement to appropriate third
parties, which may include law enforcement agencies or persons engaged in
procuring, gathering, writing, editing, or disseminating news or other
information to the public. Any information released to a third party under this
section shall be subject to state and federal confidentiality laws and shall
not include that the child is under the care, custody, or supervision of the
department or under the supervision of probation. Such dissemination by
probation shall be authorized by an order of a judge or court.
Sec. 16. Section 43-4714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended
to read:
43-4714 The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
carry out the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and shall revoke any rules or
regulations inconsistent with the act by October 15, 2016.
Sec. 17. Sections 3 and 18 of this act become operative on September 3,
2017. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
Sec. 18. Original section 28-718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is repealed.
Sec. 19. Original sections 28-712, 28-712.01, 43-2,108, 43-1318, 43-4218,
43-4701, 43-4702, 43-4703, 43-4704, 43-4705, 43-4706, 43-4707, 43-4709, and 43-4714,
Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
Sec. 20. The following section is outright repealed: Section 43-1322,
Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
Sec. 21. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and
approved according to law.