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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers;
- 2 to provide requirements for youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 3 centers; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Youth rehabilitation and treatment centers are
2 facilities operated to provide programming and services to rehabilitate
3 and treat juveniles committed under the Nebraska Juvenile Code. Each
4 youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall be considered a separate
5 placement. Each youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall provide:
6 (a) Safe and sanitary space for sleeping, hygiene, education,
7 programming, treatment, recreation, and visitation for each juvenile;
8 (b) Health care and medical services;
9 (c) Appropriate physical separation and segregation of juveniles
10 based on gender;
11 (d) Sufficient staffing to comply with state and federal law and
12 protect the safety and security of each juvenile;
13 (e) Training that is specific to the population being served at the
14 youth rehabilitation and treatment center;
15 (f) A facility administrator for each youth rehabilitation and
16 treatment center who has the sole responsibility for administration of a
17 single youth rehabilitation and treatment center;
18 (g) An evaluation process for the development of an individualized
19 treatment plan within fourteen days of admission to the youth
20 rehabilitation and treatment center;
21 (h) An age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate education
22 program for each juvenile that can award relevant and necessary credits
23 toward high school graduation that will be accepted by the juvenile's
24 home school district;
25 (i) A case management and coordination process, designed to assure
26 appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to his or her family, school,
27 and community;
28 (j) Compliance with the requirements stated within Title XIX and
29 Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on
30 January 1, 2020, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines
31 as appropriate;

1 (k) Research-based or evidence-based programming for all juveniles
2 that includes a strong academic program as well as classes in health
3 education, living skills, vocational training, behavior management and
4 modification, money management, family and parent responsibilities,
5 substance abuse awareness, physical education, job skills training, and
6 job placement assistance; and

7 (l) Research-based or evidence-based treatment services for
8 behavioral impairments, severe emotional disturbances, sex offender
9 behaviors, other mental health or psychiatric disorders, drug and alcohol
10 addiction, victims of physical or sexual abuse, and any other treatment
11 indicated by the juvenile's individualized treatment plan.

12 (2) Each youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall
13 electronically submit a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal
14 year to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before July 15 of each year.
15 The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following
16 information:

17 (a) Data on the populations served, including, but not be limited
18 to, admissions, average daily census, average length of stay, and race
19 and ethnicity;

20 (b) An overview of programming and services; and

21 (c) An overview of any facility issues or facility improvements.

22 Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act
23 to Chapter 83, article 1.