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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1143**

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Howard, 9,  
Chairperson; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Hansen, B., 16;  
Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human
- 2 Services; to provide for a needs assessment and cost analysis study
- 3 and report on an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit; and to
- 4 declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
2 contract for the completion of a needs assessment and cost analysis for  
3 the establishment of an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit housed  
4 within the Lincoln Regional Center. The department shall contract with an  
5 outside consultant with expertise in cost and needs analysis of health  
6 care facilities within sixty days after the effective date of this act  
7 for the purpose of conducting such analysis.

8           (2) The department shall submit a report electronically to the  
9 Health and Human Service Committee of the Legislature and the Clerk of  
10 the Legislature on or before October 15, 2020. Such report shall contain  
11 the following information:

12           (a) A needs assessment, including the number of adolescents expected  
13 to use such inpatient psychiatric unit;

14           (b) The cost of opening an existing facility at the Lincoln Regional  
15 Center for use as an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit;

16           (c) The cost of re-opening the facility at the Lincoln Regional  
17 Center, including the costs for necessary construction, upgrades, or  
18 repairs;

19           (d) Annual operating costs of such unit, including, but not limited  
20 to, any federal funds available to operate the unit in addition to  
21 General Fund appropriations; and

22           (e) Cost savings realized by moving adolescents from out-of-state  
23 institutions back to Nebraska for treatment at such unit.

24           (3) For purposes of this section, adolescent means a juvenile who  
25 could be placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center under  
26 sections 43-251.01 and 43-286.

27           Sec. 2.   Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
28 passed and approved according to law.