

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB376

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 19, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Health and Human Services
One Liner: Change and eliminate programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminate various reporting requirements

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Fredrickson

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Brian Hardin
Nicole Barrett
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Megan Word

Representing:

ACSCAN American Cancer Society Action Network

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 376 is a DHHS bill that repeals and modifies legislative reporting requirements. These reports include the areas of dental hygienists, work and educational programs, licensure suspension involving child support, child support collections, behavioral health services at Hastings Regional Center, children's normalcy plans, Medicaid rules and regulations, change of Medicaid services, Medicaid program integrity, elemental formula program, NE Prenatal Plus Program, Medicaid administrative spending, Medicaid utilization, nursing students loans program, family support programs, self-sufficiency, ICF/DDs, disqualification of owning handguns, opioid treatment funds, radon measurement, children's blood level tests, newborn hearing tests, mental health first aid, credentialing of facilities, cancer registry, child welfare expenditures, transitional child care, YRTCs (Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center) population, YRTC room confinement, Office of NE Child Welfare Inspector General, and DD quality management and improvement plan.

In addition, LB 376 changes and eliminates programs involving medical support, special needs trusts, EMTs, child



care grants, Bridge to Independence, county office space, county general assistance, AABD (Aged, Blind, Disabled), birth certificates, the Commodity Supplemental Food program, wholesale drug distributor fees, child welfare service areas, infectious disease, spousal impoverishment, autism treatment, Aged and Disability Resource Centers, Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Work Fund, Palliative and Quality of Life Act, and Outpatient Surgical Procedures Act.

Finally, this bill makes changes to the Primary Care Investment Council and the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council.

Sec. 1: Any physician who performs/induces an abortion is now required to report to DHHS the postfertilization age limits of 12 or more weeks. The language of 20 or more weeks is removed.

Sec. 2: Eliminates abandonment of spouse/child language relating to medical support of an individual's spouse

Sec. 3: Eliminates criminal nonsupport language relating to medical support of an individual's spouse

Sec. 4: Eliminate special needs trust language.

Sec. 5: Eliminate evaluation of dental hygienists reporting requirement.

Sec. 6: Changes paramedic practice of emergency medical care to include advance emergency medical technician (not intermediate technician), visualized intubation and, until December 31, 2025, all of the acts that an emergency medical technician-intermediate is authorized to perform.

Sec. 7: Eliminates EMS (Emergency Medical Services) report by EMS Board relating to emergency care needs of Nebraska residents.

Sec. 8: Eliminates February 1 due date and allows annual reporting requirement relating to work and educational programs.

Sec. 9: Removes \$10,000 limit involving child care grants and allows DHHS to award grants in excess of the appropriation from grants from the Child Care Development Fund.

Sec. 10: Harmonizes removal of driver's licensure suspension (for not paying child support) report with Licensure Suspension Act.

Sec. 11: Eliminates State Disbursement Unit (SDU) report involving child support collections. Eliminates SDU physical setting requirement of hiring new employees of at least ¼ of 1% of the labor force in the county/counties in which SDU is located.

Sec. 12: Eliminates reporting requirement of number of children receiving behavioral health services at the Hastings Regional Center from the current child welfare services report.

Sec. 13: Adds requirement for young adults in the bridge to independence program who were in an out-of-home placement or discharged to independent living or if they are 16 years old before a kinship guardianship assistance agreement or an adoption assistance agreement have been in effect.

Sec. 14: Requires normalcy plans and reports received from contracting child-care institutions and YRTPs to be annually made available instead of September 1 of each year.

Sec. 15: Requires counties to maintain, at no additional cost to DHHS, office and service facilities, until June 30, 2028.

Sec. 16: Eliminates spousal impoverishment references in county assistance statute.

Sec. 17: Eliminates the reporting requirement and \$250,000 maximum General Fund expenditure of the DHHS amino-acid based elemental formula program.

Sec. 18: Eliminates spousal impoverishment references relating to Medicaid applications.

Sec. 19: Eliminates DHHS reporting requirement involving proposed Medicaid rules and projected impact.

Sec. 20: Removes reporting requirement Medicaid rules/regs relating to reduction/extraction of covered Medicaid services.

Sec. 21 and Sec. 22: Strikes language relating spousal impoverishment program.

Sec. 23: Strikes December 1 reporting requirement relating to the Medicaid integrity program.

Sec. 24: Eliminates Medicaid quarterly report relating to administrative spending.

Sec. 25: Changes Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program report to end on December 15, 2029.



Sec. 26: Eliminates aged, blind or disabled assistance (AABD) payments by state warrant.

Sec. 27: Eliminates earned income disregards for individuals who are 65 years old or aged, blind or disabled and claiming aid under this program.

Sec. 28: Eliminates spousal impoverishment language in AABD provisions

Sec. 29: Terminates family support program report on December 31, 2027.

Sec. 30: Eliminates self-sufficiency report.

Sec. 31: Eliminates report relating to Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabilities Reimbursement Protection Fund.

Sec. 32: Eliminates a biannual DHHS and NSP report relating to disqualification from purchasing or possessing a handgun.

Sec. 33: Strikes reference relating to emergency services providers and exposure to infectious disease.

Sec. 34: Removes the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Division from the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council.

Sec. 35: Clarifies birth certificate language.

Sec. 36: Removes women, infants, and children from state CSF (Commodity Supplemental Food) program.

Sec. 37: Regional behavioral health authorities and local public health departments are now required to report on or before November 1 of each year on the use of funds through the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act. DHHS/Behavioral Health Division shall now report on December 31 to the Legislature.

Sec. 38: Eliminates report relating to the number of children for elevated blood lead levels.

Sec. 39: Redirects revenue from wholesale drug distributor licensing fees for expense payments of the prescription drug monitoring program.

Sec. 40: Allows a designee of the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Division to be a voting member of the Primary Care Investment Council.

Sec. 41: Eliminates compilation of radon measurements report

Sec. 42: Strikes language relating to radon concentration requirement for new construction projects.

Sec. 43 and Sec. 52: Eliminates Division of Children and Family Services Division reports regarding their expenditures, goals and benchmarks, and transitional child care assistance programs.

Sec. 44 through Sec. 51: Eliminates cancer registry report. Removes reporting requirement involving cancer research and its expenditures.

Sec. 53: Eliminates language within service areas of the Division of Children and Family Services.

Sec. 54: Eliminates YRTC report regarding population served, programming, services, and facility issues.

Sec. 55: Changes date of Office of Inspector General of NE Child Welfare to February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15.

Sec. 56: Juvenile room confinement reports shall now be submitted within 4 weeks of each quarter.

Sec. 57: Eliminates implementation report regarding the DD quality management and improvement plan.

Sec. 58: Repealer

Sec. 59: Outright repeals the following:

- License Suspension Act reporting (NRS 43-3326);
- New Hire Reporting Act reporting (NRS 48-2307);
- Spousal impoverishment program (NRS 68-921 to 68-925);
- Autism treatment program (NRS 68-962 to 68-966);
- AABD applications and notices (NRS 68-1008);
- Aged and Disability Resource Centers reports (NRS 68-1118);
- Disabled Persons and Family Support Act report (NRS 68-1518);
- Self-sufficiency report (NRS 68-1735.02);
- Medicaid utilization controls report (NRS 68-2004);
- Loan recipients report relating to nursing students (NRS 71-17,115);
- Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Work Fund (NRS 71-2201 to 71-2208);
- Behavioral health regions report on mental health first aid (NRS 71-3005);



Palliative and Quality of Life Act (NRS71-4501 to 71-4503);
Newborn hearing screening tests report (NRS 71-4741);
Credentialing of categories of facilities report (NRS 71-8313);
Cancer registry report (NRS 81-650);
Outpatient Surgical Procedures Data Act (NRS 81-6,111 to 81-6,119);
Division of Children and Family Services report on expenditures, benchmarks, goals and transitional child care (NRS 81-3133)

Explanation of amendments:

AM411 outright repeals Nebraska Revised Statutes, 81-1139.01, relating to the Stone Office Building at the Norfolk Regional Center.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

