

ENGROSSED LEGISLATIVE BILL 903

Introduced by Storer, 43; DeBoer, 10; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a referral for home visitation services and early intervention services for certain families by case managers as prescribed; to eliminate a provision relating to the applicability of the Family Home Visitation Act; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 68-2306, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.

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

Section 1. Section 68-1212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-1212 For all cases in which a court has awarded a juvenile to the care of the Department of Health and Human Services according to subsection (1) of section 43-285 and for any noncourt and voluntary cases, the case manager shall be an employee of the department. Such case manager shall be responsible for and shall directly oversee: Case planning; service authorization; investigation of compliance; monitoring and evaluation of the care and services provided to children and families; and decisionmaking regarding the determination of visitation and the care, placement, medical services, psychiatric services, training, and expenditures on behalf of each juvenile under subsection (1) of section 43-285. Such case manager shall be responsible for decisionmaking and direct preparation regarding the proposed plan for the care, placement, services, and permanency of the juvenile filed with the court required under subsection (2) of section 43-285. The health and safety of the juvenile shall be the paramount concern in the proposed plan. When appropriate, the case manager may refer (1) families with a child, two years of age or younger, for evidence-based home visitation services as provided in the Family Home Visitation Act and (2) families with a child, three years of age or younger, to early intervention services as defined in section 43-2505.

Sec. 2. Original section 68-1212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 3. The following section is outright repealed: Section 68-2306, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within LB 903 was passed by the One Hundred Ninth Legislature of Nebraska at its Second Session on the day of 20.....

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Approved:

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GOVERNOR