

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2003

Introduced by Speaker Bromm, 23; at the request of the Governor

AN ACT relating to child care; to amend section 43-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reimbursement rates; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 43-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-536. In determining the rate of reimbursement for child care, the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support shall conduct a market rate survey of the child care providers in the state. The Department of Health and Human Services shall adjust the reimbursement rate for child care every ~~second year beginning July 1, 1997,~~ odd-numbered year at a rate not less than the sixtieth percentile and not to exceed the seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate survey, except that (1) nationally accredited child care providers may be reimbursed at higher rates and (2) for the two fiscal years beginning July 1, 2003, such rate may be less than the sixtieth percentile but shall not be less than the rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2003.

Sec. 3. Original section 43-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.