

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43

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Introduced by Thompson, 14

AN ACT relating to criminal justice; to amend sections 23-1201, 43-274, and 43-290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 29-2258, 29-3601, 43-250, 43-276, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002; to authorize city and county juvenile pretrial diversion programs; to provide duties for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; to define terms; to create offenses relating to the use of methamphetamine; to provide penalties; to change provisions relating to temporary custody of juveniles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Section 1. A county attorney may establish a juvenile pretrial diversion program with the concurrence of the county board. If the county is part of a multicounty juvenile services plan under the Nebraska County Juvenile Services Plan Act, the county attorney may establish a juvenile pretrial diversion program in conjunction with other county attorneys from counties that are a part of such multicounty plan. A city attorney may establish a juvenile pretrial diversion program with the concurrence of the governing body of the city. Such programs shall meet the requirements of sections 1 to 6 of this act.

Sec. 2. The goals of a juvenile pretrial diversion program are:

- (1) To provide eligible juvenile offenders with an alternative program in lieu of adjudication through the juvenile court;
- (2) To reduce recidivism among diverted juvenile offenders;
- (3) To reduce the costs and caseload burdens on the juvenile justice system and the criminal justice system; and
- (4) To promote the collection of restitution to the victim of the juvenile offender's crime.

Sec. 3. A juvenile pretrial diversion program shall:

(1) Be an option available for the county attorney or city attorney based upon his or her determination under this subdivision. The county attorney or city attorney may use the following information:

- (a) The juvenile's age;
- (b) The nature of the offense and role of the juvenile in the offense;
- (c) The number and nature of previous offenses involving the juvenile;
- (d) The dangerousness or threat posed by the juvenile to persons or property; or
- (e) The recommendations of the referring agency, victim, and advocates for the juvenile;

(2) Permit participation by a juvenile only on a voluntary basis and shall include a juvenile diversion agreement described in section 5 of this act;

(3) Allow the juvenile to consult with counsel prior to a decision to participate in the program;

(4) Be offered to the juvenile prior to an adjudication but after the arrest of the juvenile or issuance of a citation to the juvenile if after the arrest or citation a decision has been made by the county attorney or city attorney that the offense will support the filing of a juvenile petition or criminal charges;

(5) Result in dismissal of the juvenile petition or criminal charges if the juvenile successfully completes the program;

(6) Be designed and operated to further the goals stated in section 2 of this act and comply with sections 3 to 6 of this act; and

(7) Require information received by the program regarding the juvenile to remain confidential unless a release of information is signed upon admission to the program or is otherwise authorized by law.

Sec. 4. A juvenile pretrial diversion program may:

(1) Provide screening services to the court and county attorney or city attorney to help identify likely candidates for the program;

(2) Establish goals for diverted juvenile offenders and monitor performance of the goals;

(3) Perform chemical dependency assessments of diverted juvenile

offenders when indicated, make appropriate referrals for treatment, and monitor treatment and aftercare;

(4) Provide individual, group, and family counseling services;

(5) Oversee the payment of victim restitution by diverted juvenile offenders;

(6) Assist diverted juvenile offenders in identifying and contacting appropriate community resources;

(7) Provide educational services to diverted juvenile offenders to enable them to earn a high school diploma or general education development diploma; and

(8) Provide accurate information on how diverted juvenile offenders perform in the program to the juvenile courts, county attorneys, city attorneys, defense attorneys, and probation officers.

Sec. 5. A juvenile diversion agreement shall include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

(1) A letter of apology;

(2) Community service, not to be performed during school hours if the juvenile offender is attending school;

(3) Restitution;

(4) Attendance at educational or informational sessions at a community agency;

(5) Requirements to remain during specified hours at home, school, and work and restrictions on leaving or entering specified geographical areas; and

(6) Upon agreement of the victim, participation in juvenile offender and victim mediation.

Sec. 6. (1) Beginning December 1, 2003, and every December 1 thereafter, every county attorney or city attorney of a county or city which has a juvenile pretrial diversion program shall report the information pertaining to the program required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to the commission.

(2) Juvenile pretrial diversion program data shall be maintained and compiled by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Sec. 7. Section 23-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-1201. (1) Except as provided in ~~section 29-3602~~ and subdivision (2) of section 84-205 or if a person is participating in a pretrial diversion program established pursuant to sections 29-3601 to 29-3604 or a juvenile pretrial diversion program established pursuant to sections 1 to 6 of this act, it shall be the duty of the county attorney, when in possession of sufficient evidence to warrant the belief that a person is guilty and can be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, to prepare, sign, verify, and file the proper complaint against such person and to appear in the several courts of the county and prosecute the appropriate criminal proceeding on behalf of the state and county. Prior to reaching a plea agreement with defense counsel, the county attorney shall consult with or make a good faith effort to consult with the victim regarding the content of and reasons for such plea agreement. The county attorney shall record such consultation or effort in his or her office file.

(2) It shall be the duty of the county attorney to prosecute or defend, on behalf of the state and county, all suits, applications, or motions, civil or criminal, arising under the laws of the state in which the state or the county is a party or interested. The county attorney may be directed by the Attorney General to represent the state in any action or matter in which the state is interested or a party. When such services require the performance of duties which are in addition to the ordinary duties of the county attorney, he or she shall receive such fee for his or her services, in addition to the salary as county attorney, as (a) the court shall order in any action involving court appearance or (b) the Attorney General shall authorize in other matters, with the amount of such additional fee to be paid by the state. It shall also be the duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute or defend on behalf of the state and county all such suits, applications, or motions which may have been transferred by change of venue from his or her county to any other county in the state. Any counsel who may have been assisting the county attorney in any such suits, applications, or motions in his or her county may be allowed to assist in any other county to which such cause has been removed. The county attorney shall file the annual inventory statement with the county board of county personal property in his or her possession as provided in sections 23-346 to 23-350. It shall be the further duty of the county attorney of each county, within three days from the calling to his or her attention of any violation of the requirements of the

law concerning annual inventory statements from county officers, to institute proceedings against such offending officer and in addition thereto to prosecute the appropriate action to remove such county officer from office. When it is the county attorney who is charged with failure to comply with this section, the Attorney General of Nebraska may bring the action. It shall be the duty of the county attorney to make a report on the tenth day of each quarter to the county board which shall show final disposition of all criminal cases the previous quarter, criminal cases pending on the last day of the previous quarter, and criminal cases appealed during the past quarter. The county board in counties having less than two hundred thousand population may waive the duty to make such report.

Sec. 8. Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

28-101. Sections 28-101 to 28-1348 and section 9 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Criminal Code.

Sec. 9. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Bodily injury has the same meaning as in section 28-109;

(b) Chemical substance means a substance intended to be used as an immediate precursor or reagent in the manufacture of methamphetamine or any other chemical intended to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Intent for purposes of this subdivision may be demonstrated by the substance's use, quantity, manner of storage, or proximity to other precursors or manufacturing equipment;

(c) Child means a person under the age of nineteen years;

(d) Methamphetamine means methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its isomers;

(e) Paraphernalia means all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in manufacturing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing methamphetamine into the human body;

(f) Prescription has the same meaning as in section 28-401;

(g) Serious bodily injury has the same meaning as in section 28-109;

and

(h) Vulnerable adult has the same meaning as in section 28-371.

(2) Any person who knowingly or intentionally causes or permits a child or vulnerable adult to inhale or have contact with methamphetamine, a chemical substance, or paraphernalia is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. For any second or subsequent conviction under this subsection, any person so offending is guilty of a Class IV felony.

(3) Any person who knowingly or intentionally causes or permits a child or vulnerable adult to ingest methamphetamine, a chemical substance, or paraphernalia is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. For any second or subsequent conviction under this subsection, any person so offending shall be guilty of a Class IIIA felony.

(4) Any child or vulnerable adult who resides with a person violating subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be taken into protective custody as provided in the Adult Protective Services Act or the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

(5) Any person who violates subsection (2) or (3) of this section and a child or vulnerable adult actually suffers serious bodily injury by ingestion of, inhalation of, or contact with methamphetamine, a chemical substance, or paraphernalia is guilty of a Class IIIA felony unless the ingestion, inhalation, or contact results in the death of the child or vulnerable adult, in which case the person is guilty of a Class IB felony.

(6) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that the chemical substance was provided by lawful prescription for the child or vulnerable adult and that it was administered to the child or vulnerable adult in accordance with the prescription instructions provided with the chemical substance.

Sec. 10. Section 29-2258, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

29-2258. A district probation officer shall:

(1) Conduct juvenile intake interviews and investigations in accordance with section 43-253 utilizing a standardized juvenile detention screening instrument described in section 43-260.01;

(2) Make presentence and other investigations, as may be required by law or directed by a court in which he or she is serving;

(3) Supervise probationers in accordance with the rules and regulations of the office and the directions of the sentencing court;

(4) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with the Nebraska Probation Administration Act and such rules and regulations of the office, of violations of the conditions of probation by individual probationers;

(5) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the office and the direction of the court, when the situation of a probationer may require a modification of the conditions of probation or when a probationer's adjustment is such as to warrant termination of probation;

(6) Provide each probationer with a statement of the period and conditions of his or her probation;

(7) Whenever necessary, exercise the power of arrest as provided in section 29-2266;

(8) Establish procedures for the direction and guidance of deputy probation officers under his or her jurisdiction and advise such officers in regard to the most effective performance of their duties;

(9) Supervise and evaluate deputy probation officers under his or her jurisdiction;

(10) Delegate such duties and responsibilities to a deputy probation officer as he or she deems appropriate;

(11) Make such reports as required by the administrator, the judges of the probation district in which he or she serves, or the Supreme Court;

(12) Keep accurate and complete accounts of all money or property collected or received from probationers and give receipts therefor;

(13) Cooperate fully with and render all reasonable assistance to other probation officers;

(14) In counties with a population of less than twenty-five thousand people, participate in pretrial diversion programs established pursuant to ~~section 29-3602~~ sections 29-3601 to 29-3604 and juvenile pretrial diversion programs established pursuant to sections 1 to 6 of this act as requested by judges of the probation district in which he or she serves, except that participation in such programs shall not require appointment of additional personnel and shall be consistent with the probation officer's current caseload;

(15) Perform such other duties not inconsistent with the Nebraska Probation Administration Act or the rules and regulations of the office as a court may from time to time direct; and

(16) Exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary and proper to carry out his or her responsibilities.

Sec. 11. Section 29-3601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

29-3601. The Legislature finds that pretrial diversion offers persons charged with criminal offenses and minor traffic violations an alternative to traditional criminal justice ~~or juvenile justice~~ proceedings in that: (1) It permits participation by the accused only on a voluntary basis; (2) the accused has access to counsel for criminal offenses prior to a decision to participate; (3) it occurs prior to an adjudication but after arrest and a decision has been made by the prosecutor that the offense will support criminal charges; and (4) it results in dismissal of charges, or its equivalent, if the individual successfully completes the diversion process.

Sec. 12. Section 43-250, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

43-250. ~~An~~ A peace officer who takes a juvenile into temporary custody under section 43-248 shall immediately take reasonable measures to notify the juvenile's parent, guardian, custodian, or relative and shall proceed as follows:

(1) The peace officer shall release such juvenile;

(2) The peace officer shall prepare in triplicate a written notice requiring the juvenile to appear before the juvenile court of the county in which such juvenile was taken into custody at a time and place specified in the notice or at the call of the court. The notice shall also contain a concise statement of the reasons such juvenile was taken into custody. The peace officer shall deliver one copy of the notice to such juvenile and require such juvenile or his or her parent, guardian, other custodian, or relative, or both, to sign a written promise that such signer will appear at the time and place designated in the notice. Upon the execution of the promise to appear, the peace officer shall immediately release such juvenile. The peace officer shall, as soon as practicable, file one copy of the notice with the county attorney and, when required by the juvenile court, also file a copy of the notice with the juvenile court or the officer appointed by the court for such purpose;

(3) ~~The officer shall deliver the custody of such juvenile to the probation officer to determine whether the juvenile should be released from custody or placed in secure or nonsecure detention as defined in section 43-245. When secure detention of a juvenile is necessary, such detention shall occur within a juvenile detention facility except:~~ While retaining

temporary custody, the peace officer shall communicate all relevant available information regarding such juvenile to the probation officer and shall deliver the juvenile, if necessary, to the probation officer. The probation officer shall determine the need for detention of the juvenile as provided in section 43-260.01. Upon determining that the juvenile should be placed in a secure or nonsecure placement and securing placement in such secure or nonsecure setting by the probation officer, the peace officer shall implement the probation officer's decision to release or to detain and place the juvenile. When secure detention of a juvenile is necessary, such detention shall occur within a juvenile detention facility except:

(a) When a juvenile described in subdivision (1) or (2) of section 43-247, except for a status offender, is taken into temporary custody within a metropolitan statistical area and where no juvenile detention facility is reasonably available, the juvenile may be delivered, for temporary custody not to exceed six hours, to a secure area of a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults solely for the purposes of identifying the juvenile and ascertaining his or her health and well-being and for safekeeping while awaiting transport to an appropriate juvenile placement or release to a responsible party;

(b) When a juvenile described in subdivision (1) or (2) of section 43-247, except for a status offender, is taken into temporary custody outside of a metropolitan statistical area and where no juvenile detention facility is reasonably available, the juvenile may be delivered, for temporary custody not to exceed twenty-four hours excluding nonjudicial days and while awaiting an initial court appearance, to a secure area of a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults solely for the purposes of identifying the juvenile and ascertaining his or her health and well-being and for safekeeping while awaiting transport to an appropriate juvenile placement or release to a responsible party;

(c) Whenever a juvenile is held in a secure area of any jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults, there shall be no verbal, visual, or physical contact between the juvenile and any incarcerated adult and there shall be adequate staff to supervise and monitor the juvenile's activities at all times. This subdivision shall not apply to a juvenile charged with a felony as an adult in county or district court if he or she is sixteen years of age or older;

(d) If a juvenile is under sixteen years of age or is a juvenile as described in subdivision (3) of section 43-247, he or she shall not be placed within a secure area of a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults;

(e) If, within the time limits specified in subdivision (3)(a) or (3)(b) of this section, a felony charge is filed against the juvenile as an adult in county or district court, he or she may be securely held in a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults beyond the specified time limits;

(f) A status offender or nonoffender taken into temporary custody shall not be held in a secure area of a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults. A status offender accused of violating a valid court order may be securely detained in a juvenile detention facility longer than twenty-four hours if he or she is afforded a detention hearing before a court within twenty-four hours, excluding nonjudicial days, and if, prior to a dispositional commitment to secure placement, a public agency, other than a court or law enforcement agency, is afforded an opportunity to review the juvenile's behavior and possible alternatives to secure placement and has submitted a written report to the court; and

(g) A juvenile described in subdivision (1) or (2) of section 43-247, except for a status offender, may be held in a secure area of a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults for up to six hours before and six hours after any court appearance;

(4) When a juvenile is taken into temporary custody pursuant to subdivision (3) ~~or (4)~~ of section 43-248, the peace officer ~~may~~ shall deliver the custody of such juvenile to the Department of Health and Human Services which shall make a temporary placement of the juvenile in the least restrictive environment consistent with the best interests of the juvenile as determined by the department. The department shall supervise such placement and, if necessary, consent to any necessary emergency medical, psychological, or psychiatric treatment for such juvenile. The department shall have no other authority with regard to such temporary custody until or unless there is an order by the court placing the juvenile in the custody of the department. If the peace officer delivers temporary custody of the juvenile pursuant to this subdivision, the peace officer shall make a full written report to the county attorney within twenty-four hours of taking such juvenile into

temporary custody. If a court order of temporary custody is not issued within forty-eight hours of taking the juvenile into custody, the temporary custody by the department shall terminate and the juvenile shall be returned to the custody of his or her parent, guardian, custodian, or relative; or

(5) If the peace officer takes the juvenile into temporary custody pursuant to subdivision (4) of section 43-248, the peace officer may place the juvenile at a mental health facility for evaluation and emergency treatment or may deliver the juvenile to the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to as provided in subdivision (4) of this section. At the time of the admission or turning the juvenile over to the department, the peace officer responsible for taking the juvenile into custody shall execute a written certificate as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services which will indicate that the peace officer believes the juvenile to be mentally ill and dangerous, a summary of the subject's behavior supporting such allegations, and that the harm described in section 83-1009 is likely to occur before proceedings before a juvenile court may be invoked to obtain custody of the juvenile. A copy of the certificate shall be forwarded to the county attorney. The peace officer shall notify the juvenile's parents, guardian, custodian, or relative of the juvenile's placement.

In determining the appropriate temporary placement of a juvenile under this section, the peace officer shall select the placement which is least restrictive of the juvenile's freedom so long as such placement is compatible with the best interests of the juvenile and the safety of the community.

Sec. 13. Section 43-274, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-274. (1) The county attorney, ~~or any reputable person residing in the county, with the consent of the county attorney,~~ having knowledge of a juvenile in his or her county who appears to be a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 43-247, may file with the clerk of the court having jurisdiction in the matter a petition in writing specifying which subdivision of section 43-247 is alleged, setting forth the facts verified by affidavit, and requesting the court to determine whether support will be ordered pursuant to section 43-290. Allegations under subdivisions (1), (2), and (4) of section 43-247 shall be made with the same specificity as a criminal complaint. It shall be sufficient if the affidavit is based upon information and belief. Such petition and all subsequent proceedings shall be entitled In the Interest of, a Juvenile Under Eighteen Years of Age, inserting the juvenile's name in the blank.

(2) In all cases involving violation of a city or village ordinance, the city attorney or village prosecutor may file a petition in juvenile court. If such a petition is filed, for purposes of such proceeding, references in the Nebraska Juvenile Code to county attorney shall be construed to include a city attorney or village prosecutor.

(3) The county attorney or city attorney may offer pretrial diversion to the juvenile in accordance with a juvenile pretrial diversion program established pursuant to sections 1 to 6 of this act.

~~(2)(a)~~ (4)(a) If a juvenile appears to be a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247 because of a nonviolent act or acts, the county attorney may offer mediation to the juvenile and the victim of the juvenile's act. If both the juvenile and the victim agree to mediation, the juvenile, his or her parent, guardian, or custodian, and the victim shall sign a mediation consent form and select a mediator or approved center from the roster made available pursuant to section 25-2908. The county attorney shall refer the juvenile and the victim to such mediator or approved center. The mediation sessions shall occur within thirty days after the date the mediation referral is made ~~by the county attorney~~ unless an extension is approved by the county attorney. The juvenile or his or her parent, guardian, or custodian shall pay the mediation fees. The fee shall be determined by the mediator in private practice or by the approved center. A juvenile shall not be denied services at an approved center because of an inability to pay.

(b) Terms of the agreement shall specify monitoring, completion, and reporting requirements. The county attorney, the court, or the probation office shall be notified by the designated monitor if the juvenile does not complete the agreement within the agreement's specified time.

(c) Terms of the agreement may include one or more of the following:
(i) Participation by the juvenile in certain community service programs;

- (ii) Payment of restitution by the juvenile to the victim;
 - (iii) Reconciliation between the juvenile and the victim; and
 - (iv) Any other areas of agreement.
- (d) If no mediation agreement is reached, the mediator or approved

center will report that fact to the county attorney within forty-eight hours of the final mediation session excluding nonjudicial days.

(e) If a mediation agreement is reached and the agreement does not violate public policy, the agreement shall be approved by the county attorney. If the agreement is not approved and the victim agrees to return to mediation (i) the juvenile may be referred back to mediation with suggestions for changes needed in the agreement to meet approval or (ii) the county attorney may proceed with the filing of a criminal charge or juvenile court petition. If the juvenile agrees to return to mediation but the victim does not agree to return to mediation, the county attorney may consider the juvenile's willingness to return to mediation when determining whether or not to file a criminal charge or a juvenile court petition.

(f) If the juvenile meets the terms of an approved mediation agreement, the county attorney shall not file a criminal charge or juvenile court petition against the juvenile for the acts for which the juvenile was referred to mediation.

Sec. 14. Section 43-276, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

43-276. In cases coming within subdivision (1) of section 43-247, when there is concurrent jurisdiction, or subdivision (2) or (4) of section 43-247, when the juvenile is under the age of sixteen years, the county attorney shall, in making the determination whether to file a criminal charge, file a juvenile court petition, offer juvenile pretrial diversion, or offer mediation, referral, ~~offer mediation, referral,~~ consider: (1) The type of treatment such juvenile would most likely be amenable to; (2) whether there is evidence that the alleged offense included violence or was committed in an aggressive and premeditated manner; (3) the motivation for the commission of the offense; (4) the age of the juvenile and the ages and circumstances of any others involved in the offense; (5) the previous history of the juvenile, including whether he or she had been convicted of any previous offenses or adjudicated in juvenile court, and, if so, whether such offenses were crimes against the person or relating to property, and other previous history of antisocial behavior, if any, including any patterns of physical violence; (6) the sophistication and maturity of the juvenile as determined by consideration of his or her home, school activities, emotional attitude and desire to be treated as an adult, pattern of living, and whether he or she has had previous contact with law enforcement agencies and courts and the nature thereof; (7) whether there are facilities particularly available to the juvenile court for treatment and rehabilitation of the juvenile; (8) whether the best interests of the juvenile and the security of the public may require that the juvenile continue in secure detention or under supervision for a period extending beyond his or her minority and, if so, the available alternatives best suited to this purpose; (9) whether the victim agrees to participate in mediation; (10) whether there is a juvenile pretrial diversion program established pursuant to sections 1 to 6 of this act; and ~~(10)~~ (11) such other matters as the county attorney deems relevant to his or her decision.

Sec. 15. Section 43-290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-290. It is the purpose of this section to promote parental responsibility and to provide for the most equitable use and availability of public money.

Pursuant to the petition filed by the county attorney ~~or any reputable person~~ in accordance with section 43-274, whenever the care or custody of a juvenile is given by the court to someone other than his or her parent, which shall include placement with a state agency, or when a juvenile is given medical, psychological, or psychiatric study or treatment under order of the court, the court shall make a determination of support to be paid by a parent for the juvenile at the same proceeding at which placement, study, or treatment is determined or at a separate proceeding. Such proceeding, which may occur prior to, at the same time as, or subsequent to adjudication, shall be in the nature of a disposition hearing.

At such proceeding, after summons to the parent of the time and place of hearing served as provided in sections 43-262 to 43-267, the court may order and decree that the parent shall pay, in such manner as the court may direct, a reasonable sum that will cover in whole or part the support, study, and treatment of the juvenile, which amount ordered paid shall be the extent of the liability of the parent. The court in making such order shall give due regard to the cost of the support, study, and treatment, ~~and maintenance~~ of the juvenile, the ability of the parent to pay, and the availability of money for the support of the juvenile from previous judicial decrees, social security benefits, veterans benefits, or other sources. Support thus received by the court shall be transmitted to the person, agency,

or institution having financial responsibility for such support, study, or treatment, or maintenance and, if a state agency or institution, remitted by such state agency or institution quarterly to the Director of Administrative Services for credit to the proper fund.

Whenever medical, psychological, or psychiatric study or treatment is ordered by the court, whether or not the juvenile is placed with someone other than his or her parent, or if such study or treatment is otherwise provided as determined necessary by the custodian of the juvenile, the court shall inquire as to the availability of insured or uninsured health care coverage or service plans which include the juvenile. The court may order the parent to pay over any plan benefit sums received on coverage for the juvenile. The payment of any deductible under the health care benefit plan covering the juvenile shall be the responsibility of the parent. If the parent willfully fails or refuses to pay the sum ordered or to pay over any health care plan benefit sums received, the court may proceed against him or her as for contempt, either on the court's own motion or on the motion of the county attorney or authorized attorney as provided in section 43-512, or execution shall issue at the request of any person, agency, or institution treating or maintaining such juvenile. The court may afterwards, because of a change in the circumstances of the parties, revise or alter the order of payment for support, study, or treatment.

If the juvenile has been committed to the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services, the department shall pay the costs for the support, study, or treatment of the juvenile which are not otherwise paid by the juvenile's parent.

If no provision is otherwise made by law for the support or payment for the study or treatment of the juvenile, compensation for the support, study, or treatment shall be paid, when approved by an order of the court, out of a fund which shall be appropriated by the county in which the petition is filed.

The juvenile court shall retain jurisdiction over a parent ordered to pay support for the purpose of enforcing such support order for so long as such support remains unpaid but not to exceed ten years from the nineteenth birthday of the youngest child for whom support was ordered.

Sec. 16. Section 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

43-2,129. Sections 43-245 to 43-2,129 and sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

Sec. 17. Original sections 23-1201, 43-274, and 43-290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 29-2258, 29-3601, 43-250, 43-276, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, are repealed.