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SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, first of all, I would like to apologize for the length of this opening remarks, but there are a lot of things that are included within this bill. This is the annual cleanup bill from the Health and Human Services System, and it makes several changes, and I will identify each one of those. First of all, in the childcare licensure, adoption and foster care, Sections 1, 2, 31, 32, 40 through 60, and 79 through 80, the bill names sections relating to the licensure and regulation of childcare and foster care as the Child Care Licensing Act. References to the act are harmonized in sections relating to the provisions of respite care, Section 31; the disclosure of immunization information, Section 32; and the Medication Aide Act, Sections 79 through 80. The bill requires a national criminal history record information check on all adoptive parents, that's in Section 2, and each foster care applicant or licensee, then each member also of the applicant or licensee's household, each staff member of a foster care applicant or licensee. Fingerprints are submitted by the department to the State Patrol for a national criminal history record information check by the Nebraska State Patrol. The information may only be used to evaluate and confirm information submitted for the purposes of foster care licensure--Section 40. The bill permits a child to be placed in foster care before completion of a record...excuse me, a required criminal history information check in emergency situations, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Department, for persons operating foster homes providing care only to relatives of foster care providers. That's in Section 40. The bill permits the department to extend a provisional childcare license for up to six months, the department may, as a provisional or operating license on a volunteer corrective action status for up to six months, and then also to take disciplinary action against a license if the written plan or correction submitted by the licensee is not accepted by the department. That's in Section 44. A childcare license must be displayed by the licensee in a prominent place that is clearly visible to the parents and others. License record information and inspection reports must be made available to the licensee for public inspection upon request. The bill adds new provisions related to childcare licensure. The bill