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requires licensure of persons providing childcare programs, establishes a \$25 licensee fee to operate a program for fewer than 30 children, and a licensee fee of \$50 for programs serving 30 children or more. The bill changes and adds provisions relating to discipline of childcare licenses. The bill requires the department to maintain a complaint tracking system for licensees under the Child Care Licensure Act. The bill provides grounds for the department to deny the issuance of or take disciplinary action against a license issued under the act. Section 57 lists the types of disciplinary action that can be taken against a license issued under the act. A person who has a license revoked for any case other than nonpayment of fees cannot reapply for a license for two years. Any fine imposed and unpaid under the act constitute a debt to the state of Nebraska, which may be collected by the means of a lien foreclosure or other appropriate action filed in district court of the county where the program is located. Section 58 provides factors that the department must consider in determining the type of disciplinary action to impose. If the department denies the issuance of or takes disciplinary action against a license under the act, the department must first send notice to the applicant or licensee by certified mail. The denial or disciplinary action becomes final 15 days after mailing of the notice, unless the applicant or licensee requests a hearing. A childcare license (sic) may voluntarily surrender their license at any time, but the department may refuse to accept the surrender of a license which is under investigation or if the department has initiated disciplinary action against the licensee. Child support, Sections 3, 4, and 83: The bill deletes obsolete provisions relating to reimbursement counties...of counties for unrecovered costs associated with processing and distributing child support payments based on insufficient fund checks and a requirement of (sic) the counties disburse support order payments within two business days of receipt. The bill exempts support under payments placed in a Title IV-D Support Payment Distributive Fund from the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. If Title IV-D Division is unable to disburse support order payments and to return the collected payments to the noncustodial parent within three days after receipt, such payment will be considered abandoned property and must be used by the state for child support