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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to require the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to be fully operational as prescribed; and to require a report.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services shall take all steps necessary to ensure that, on or before July 1, 2021, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva is fully staffed and operational for the supervision, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of female juveniles committed to such youth rehabilitation and treatment center in a manner that is safe, is in accordance with state and federal law and, where practicable, is in accordance with national best practices.

(2) The Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services shall take all steps necessary to ensure that, on or before July 1, 2021, the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney is fully staffed and operational for the supervision, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of male juveniles committed to such youth rehabilitation and treatment center in a manner that is safe, is in accordance with state and federal law and, where practicable, is in accordance with national best practices.

(3) On or before August 1, 2020, and December 1, 2020, the Office of Juvenile Services and Department of Health and Human Services shall electronically submit a report to the Legislature outlining the steps being taken under this section and resources and legislation needed to meet the requirements of this section.