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LIST OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERENCED TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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2023 Carryover Bills:

- LB 12** (Blood) Create the Nebraska Human Breast Milk Bank
Held in Committee
- LB 13** (Blood) Require coverage of human breast milk under the Medical Assistance Act
Held in Committee
- LB 62** (M. Cavanaugh) Provide for coverage of translation and interpretation services under the medical assistance program
Enacted into Law
- LB 64** (Day) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice in certain cases of child abuse and neglect
Held in Committee
- LB 65** (Day) Change provisions relating to the complaint tracking system and disciplinary action under the Child Care Licensing Act
Held in Committee
- LB 78** (Day) Redefine massage therapy under the Massage Therapy Practice Act
Enacted into Law
- LB 85** (Day) Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and The Children's Health Insurance Program
Held in Committee
- LB 88** (Hunt) Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
Held in Committee
- LB 115** (Raybould) Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act
Held in Committee

- LB 179** (Fredrickson) Prohibit conversion therapy
Held in Committee
- LB 189** (Kauth) Change and provide exemptions for natural hair braiding and natural hairstyling
Held in Committee
- LB 200** (Briese) Adopt the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Act
Held in Committee
- LB 204** (Riepe) Provide for reimbursement for pharmacy dispensing fees under them medical assistance program
Enacted into Law
- LB 216** (Hughes) Provide certification requirements for optometrists performing certain procedures
Held in Committee
- LB 233** (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for child support payment disregard under aid to dependent children program and eliminate child support income in determining eligibility
Enacted into Law
- LB 280** (Blood) Adopt the Interstate Massage Compact
Held in Committee
- LB 290** (M. Cavanaugh) Change standard of need requirements for the aid to dependent children program
Held in Committee
- LB 291** (M. Cavanaugh) Require implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training for certain applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act
Held in Committee
- LB 310** (Conrad) Change the maximum payment level under the aid to dependent children program
Held in Committee
- LB 326** (Raybould) Provide for eligibility for certain children under the Medical Assistance Act
Held in Committee
- LB 333** (Conrad) Require a state plan amendment for coverage of family planning services under the Medical Assistance Act
Held in Committee

- LB 353** (Raybould) Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term care facility capacity
Held in Committee
- LB 358** (Walz) State intent to increase dental services reimbursement under the Medical Assistance Act
Enacted into Law
- LB 421** (Kauth) Provide procedures for directed health measures
General File
- LB 422** (Kauth) Exempt certain activities from disciplinary action under the Uniform Credentialing Act
General File
- LB 430** (Walz) Prohibit a multiple procedure payment reduction policy from being applied to physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services as prescribed under the Uniform Credentialing Act
General File
- LB 451** (Brewer) Provide for the Department of Health and Human Services to award a grant to assist a rehabilitation hospital
General File
- LB 463** (HHS Committee) Change provisions relating to application for licensure under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act
Held in Committee
- LB 468** (DeBoer) Create the position of State Dementia Director in the Department of Health and Human Services
Held in Committee
- LB 488** (Hunt) Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act
Held in Committee
- LB 500** (M. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to the family support program for persons with developmental disabilities and their families
Held in Committee
- LB 503** (Aguilar) Adopt the Rural Nebraska Nursing Workforce Act
Held in Committee
- LB 510** (Conrad) Require annual cost-of-living adjustments in child welfare rates
Held in Committee

- LB 523** (Walz) Require a state plan amendment to include school psychologists as medicaid providers
Held in Committee
- LB 561** (Blood) Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact
Held in Committee
- LB 592** (Hardin) Adopt the Social Care Information Privacy Act
Held in Committee
- LB 593** (Hardin) Change provisions relating to licensure and regulation of hearing instrument specialists
General File
- LB 595** (Hardin) Change supervision requirements under the Pharmacy Practice Act
General File
- LB 605** (Albrecht) Change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act to include protections and requirements for certified art therapists
Enacted into Law
- LB 657** (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska relating to cancer support and education
Held in Committee
- LB 661** (Ibach) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services relating to food security
Held in Committee
- LB 664** (Riepe) Provide powers and duties for the state medicaid fraud control unit and the Attorney General
Enacted into Law
- LB 676** (Day) Create the Nebraska Diaper Distribution Grant program
Held in Committee
- LB 677** (Day) Create the Nebraska Knowing is Doing Something pilot program
Held in Committee
- LB 680** (Day) Change provisions of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Act
Held in Committee
- LB 714** (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act
Held in Committee

- LB 748** (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act
Held in Committee
- LB 792** (Wayne) Provide for a pilot program for assessing and treating post traumatic stress disorder
General File; Amended into LB 814; Line Item Veto
- LB 794** (Wayne) Adopt the Nursing Incentives Scholarship Act
Held in Committee
- LB 810** (Murman) Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act
Held in Committee
- LR 18CA** (Hunt) Constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive freedom
Held in Committee
- LR 19CA** (Hunt) Constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive freedom and prohibit the state from taking adverse action for exercising or assisting in the exercise of such right
Held in Committee

2024 Introduced Bills:

- LB 822** (Blood) Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks
Amended into LB 932
- LB 823** (Blood) Adopt the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 824** (Blood) Adopt the Dentists and Dental Hygienist Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks
General File
- LB 834** (Blood) Establish requirements for a resident dental license
Enacted into Law
- LB 856** (Fredrickson) Change eligibility requirements for the federal child care subsidy program
Enacted into Law
- LB 857** (Dungan) Create the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program
Enacted into Law
- LB 871** (M. Cavanaugh) Require a report by DHHS regarding Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
Amended into LB 62
- LB 874** (Bostar) Change requirements relating to child care licensing and child care facilities
Enacted into Law
- LB 879** (M. Cavanaugh) Repeal the Let Them Grow Act and the Preborn Child Protection Act
Withdrawn
- LB 882** (Bostar) Change provisions relating to benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Held in Committee
- LB 896** LB 896 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to telehealth consultations
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 903** (DeBoer) Change provisions relating to membership of the Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council and the State Alzheimer’s Plan
Enacted into Law

- LB 904** (DeBoer) Change provisions regarding child care reimbursement rates, create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund
Enacted into Law
- LB 905** (Riepe) Require DHHS to submit a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care, and change the definition of respite care.
Enacted into Law
- LB 907** (Riepe) Require Medicaid coverage for treatment of obesity
Held in Committee
- LB 910** (Riepe) Authorize an emergency medical service to transport and emergency care providers to provide emergency medical care to injured law enforcement canines
Enacted into Law
- LB 913** (Hunt) Require a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children’s Health Insurance Program
General File
- LB 920** (McKinney) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program
Held in Committee
- LB 927** (Fredrickson) Require suicide awareness and prevention training for certain employees of child-placing agencies and DHHS employees
General File
- LB 932** (Fredrickson) Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act
Enacted into Law
- LB 933** (Bosn) Change Medicaid coverage requirements for continuous glucose monitors
Amended into LB 857
- LB 946** (Day) Change requirements for payments to Child Care Subsidy program providers.
Held in Committee
- LB 952** (Day) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the federal Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program
Held in Committee

- LB 982** (Riepe) Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disabilities facilities
General File
- LB 1003** (Hansen) Change a requirement relating to child care licensing in cities, villages, or counties
Held in Committee
- LB 1007** (Walz) Provide for Medicaid coverage for certain aged, blind, and disabled individuals
General File
- LB 1009** (Walz) Change provisions of the Barber Act
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1015** (Walz) Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
Held in Committee
- LB 1016** (Walz) Eliminate a termination date relating to prioritization of certain developmental disabilities services
Held in Committee
- LB 1028** (Clements) Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures
Withdrawn
- LB 1035** (Hughes) Adopt the Prescription Drug Donation Program
Enacted into Law
- LB 1054** (Walz) Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act
General File
- LB 1060** (Hansen) Provide an exemption from newborn screening
Held in Committee
- LB 1062** (Ibach) Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
Held in Committee
- LB 1086** (Walz) Eliminate the Department of Health and Human Services and create three departments
Held in Committee

- LB 1087** (Jacobson) Adopt the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Act and provide for duties for the Nebraska Center for Nursing
Enacted into Law
- LB 1100** (McDonnell) Change provisions relating to capitation payments made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act as prescribed
Held in Committee
- LB 1106** (Day) Provide for coverage of lactation consultations under the Medical Assistance Act
Amended into LB1215
- LB 1107** (Day) Provide for Medicaid coverage of breast pumps
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1111** (Clements) Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures
Held in Committee
- LB 1130** (Raybould) Change provisions relating to mental health practitioner licenses
Held in Committee
- LB 1138** (Riepe) Provide an exemption from requirements for prescribers issuing prescriptions for controlled substances
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1143** (Health and Human Services Committee) Eliminate provisions relating to certain health districts
Enacted into Law
- LB 1144** (Ballard) Change provisions relating to care management units for long-term care
General File
- LB 1171** (Hardin) Change verification requirements for pharmacy technicians
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1172** (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to access to health data in certain registries and databases for research purposes
General File
- LB 1173** (Riepe) Provide for use of abstracts of death and change a requirement relating to death certificates
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1178** (Wishart) Create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program
Amended into LB 904

- LB 1181** (Ballard) Change requirements relating to controlled substances, prescription drugs, pharmacists, and pharmacies as prescribed
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1187** (Hardin) Allow registered nurses to perform auricular acupuncture as prescribed
Held in Committee
- LB 1194** (Conrad) Require legislative approval of medicaid state plan amendments and state plan amendments for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program
Held in Committee
- LB 1196** (Ballard) Change provisions relating to registration of medication aides
General File
- LB 1214** (Health and Human Services Committee) Change provisions relating to a criminal background check for certain professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act
Enacted into Law
- LB 1215** (Hansen) Changes provisions relating to treatment of individuals with tuberculosis, prescriptions, certificate of need, and health care facilities
Enacted into Law
- LB 1221** (Day) Provide staff training requirements for facilities offering care to persons with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or related disorders
Held in Committee
- LB 1237** (M. Cavanaugh) Require a report regarding the Medicaid program
Amended into LB 62
- LB 1261** (Walz) Adopt the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Respite Services Act.
Held in Committee
- LB 1278** (McKinney) Provide for reimbursement of doula and full spectrum services under the Medical Assistance Act
Held in Committee
- LB 1280** (McDonnell) Provide eligibility for child care assistance to qualified apprentices and semiconductor workers
Held in Committee
- LB 1283** (Arch) Correct the name of a commission in the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act
Held in Committee

- LB 1320** (Ballard) Require emergency medical services to report patient overdose information as prescribed
Amended into LB 1355
- LB 1325** (Vargas) Allow pharmacists and local public health departments to distribute fentanyl strips as prescribed
Held in Committee
- LB 1350** (DeBoer) Define certain terms under the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act
General File
- LB 1355** (Vargas) Change provisions of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act
Enacted into Law
- LB 1373** (Blood) Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks
Amended into LB 1215
- LB 1381** (Hansen) Provide work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Held in Committee
- LB 1387** (Hansen) Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions
Held in Committee
- LB 1392** (Ballard) Change provisions relating to the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee
Held in Committee

BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS ENACTED

LB 62 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for coverage of translation and interpretation services under the medical assistance program

Under LB 62 any translation/interpretation services needed to receive medical services for medicaid recipients will be reimbursed through medicaid.

Committee Amendment AM644 clarifies language to ensure that providers as well as recipients will be reimbursed for said services. AM 2762 funds the program through the Medicaid Excess Profit Fund. AM 2878 includes provisions of LB 1237.

LB 78 (Day) Redefine massage therapy under the Massage Therapy Practice Act

LB78 redefines massage therapy as a health service under the uniform credentialing act.

LB 204 (Riepe) Provide for reimbursement for pharmacy dispensing fees under the medical assistance program

LB204 provides a \$10.38 medicaid dispensing fee per filled prescription. AM1418 narrows the pharmacies impacted to independent pharmacies owning six or less pharmacies. FA235 broadened the scope of pharmacies included in the impact report. FA244 added an emergency clause.

LB 233 (J. Cavanaugh) Provide for child support payment disregard under the aid to dependent children program and pass through of certain child support payments.

DHHS is required to pay to the recipient of aid to dependent children (ADC) payments, aid, or assistance, the current child support collected pursuant to the assignment. These payments shall not be considered income for purposes of calculating a recipient's eligibility for assistance. DHHS shall disregard the amount of child support paid to the recipient in calculating the amount of the recipient's monthly assistance payment. Committee Amendment 2064 clarifies language that this bill only applies to the ADC program. Committee Amendment 2064 was adopted on General File. On Select File, Senator John Cavanaugh filed AM3338 and AM3429. AM3338 allows DHHS to pass through child support to the recipients of this program and disregard this amount in calculating the ADC amount. AM3429 changes the effective date to July 1, 2027. AM2228 and AM3429 were adopted.

LB 358 (Walz) State intent to increase dental services reimbursement under the Medical Assistance Act

LB 358 increases, by 25%, dental reimbursement rates under Medicaid. AM2410 changed the implementation date to Fiscal Year 2024-2025. AM3387 changed the percentage increase from 25% to 12.5%.

LB 605 (Albrecht) Change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act to include protections and requirements for certified art therapists

LB 605 includes art therapy under the Uniform Credentialing Act as well as the Mental Health Practice Act. Definitions are provided for art media, art therapy, certified art therapist, and qualified supervisor. Licensed mental health practitioners and certified art therapists may use the title licensed art therapist. Licensed independent mental health practitioners and certified art therapists may also use the title licensed art therapist. One certified art therapist is added to the membership of the Board of Mental Health Practice. DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) certification and provisional certification requirements are provided. The Board is allowed to appoint an art therapist advisory committee. On General File, Senator Albrecht filed AM2365 which changed the operative date to January 1, 2025. AM2365 was adopted. On Select File, Senator Albrecht filed AM2417 which changes the definition of a qualified supervisor. AM2417 was adopted.

LB 664 (Riepe) Provide powers and duties for the state medicaid fraud control unit and the Attorney General

Under LB 664 the state medicaid fraud control unit would be able to investigate the abuse and neglect of residents at health care facilities that receive medicaid. As well as medicaid patients that receive care in a noninstitutional setting. It also repeals the restriction that the control unit cannot review non-medicaid patient/resident accounts/records without the patients/residents consent.

LB 834 (Blood) Establish requirements for a resident dental license

LB 834 replaces the current “temporary” dental license under 38-129 with a “resident” dental license. In order to receive a resident license an individual would need proof of doctoral degree in dental surgery or dental medicine and passage of an exam approved by the Board of Dentistry. An individual that has obtained a resident dental license and completed a postgraduate or residency program is deemed to have the appropriate clinical skill required under 38-1117(dental license). AM 2428 adds language under Sec 2 for exam requirements. More specifically it adds an additional requirement that the applicant must pass a jurisprudence examination based on Nebraska law and administrative rules and regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

LB 856 (Fredrickson) Change eligibility requirements for the federal child care subsidy program.

LB 856 excludes all earned and unearned income for child care workers when determining eligibility for the federal Child Care Subsidy. The applicant would have to be working at least 20 hours a week as a self-employed licensed child care provider, at a licensed center, or at an Early Head Start program. AM 2510 addresses current law that prohibits an individual that cares for their own child from receiving the child care subsidy. Under the standing Committee Amendment, a center must make reasonable accommodations to ensure an individual is not caring for their own child but still allow for the subsidy if reasonable accommodations cannot be made. AM2544 caps the program at \$10 million. FA354 changes the operative date to July 1, 2025. AM3218 removes the \$10 million cap adopted through AM2544 as well as the legislative report submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LB 857 (Senator Frederickson) Create the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, and change provisions relating to coverage of glucose monitors under the Medical Assistance Act

LB 857, as amended by Committee Amendment 2409, creates the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program is created within DHHS. The purpose of the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program is to reduce the incidence of low birth weight, pre-term birth, and adverse birth outcomes. This program will also address other lifestyle, behavioral, and non-medical aspects of an at-risk mother's life that may affect the health and well-being of the mother of the child.

Senator Bosn, on Select File, introduced AM2761 which amended LB 933 into LB 857. AM2761 was adopted.

LB 933, as amended, expands Medicaid coverage for glucose monitors to individuals who meet local coverage determinations and have gestational diabetes. It is the intent of the Legislature that no more than \$600,000 be appropriated from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.

LB 874 (Bostar) Change requirements relating to child care licensing and child care facilities

LB 874 makes several changes to the child care licensing act. Of these changes it would allow providers to obtain a dual license with respect to state licenses and local licenses. It limits the liability insurance requirement to a policy that covers the center only during hours of operation when children are being cared for. Makes available criminal records reports for employees to ease the burden of transferring jobs. It also prohibits the use of blankets in cribs and implementation of residency requirements by local authorities. It directs DHHS to report all zoning, ordinances and regulations to the HHS committee and directs the Fire Marshal to report all code enforcement/regulations of child care centers to the Government Committee. AM2803 that strikes the original section 7 that prohibited political subdivisions from establishing residency requirements for a family child care home. On page 13, strike the requirement for DHHS to submit reports on zoning and ordinances and instead require the report to be on rules and regulations. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

LB 903 (Senator DeBoer) Change provisions relating to membership of the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council and the State Alzheimer's Plan.

LB 903 changes the terms of the members of the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council (Council) and the filling of vacancies. In addition, this bill changes the holding of meetings and the date in which the Council submits the Plan to the Legislature and the Governor.

LB 904 (DeBoer) Change provisions regarding child care reimbursement rates, create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund

LB 904 allows for DHHS to use any methodology found within 45 C.F.R. 98.45 to set child care reimbursement rates. AM2734 contained provisions of LB 1178. LB1178 creates the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program. The grants will assist with startup costs for nursing homes that establish a child care center within their facility. The intended appropriation is \$300,000 with \$100,000 maximum per grant.

LB 905 (Senator Riepe) Require DHHS to submit a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care, and change provisions relating to the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.

LB 905 requires DHHS to submit a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to designate medical respite facilities to reimburse services to homeless individuals. Also, DHHS is required, after approval of waiver or state plan amendment, to choose the medical respite facilities. Definitions are provided for adult in expansion population, homeless, medical respite care and medical respite facility. A reporting requirement is provided as well as rules and regulations.

On Select File, Senator Riepe filed AM2766. AM2766 requires these services to be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. AM2766 was adopted.

LB 910 (Riepe) Authorize an emergency medical service to transport and emergency care providers to provide emergency medical care to injured law enforcement canines.

LB 910 allows emergency care providers to provide medical care to law enforcement dogs when the injuries stem from line of duty and the care is given at the scene. This can extend to the time of transportation of the dog to a vet clinic. The provider will be shielded from civil and criminal liability so long as the care is provided in good faith. AM2389 splits out the criminal/civil liability language in section 3 to form a new section to clarify the immunity being provided. Further, the amendment adds an operative date of July 1, 2025.

LB 932 (Fredrickson) Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB 932 automatically grants a provisional license to a mental health practitioner upon application and payment of fee. The license shall be rescinded if the Board of Mental Health Practice finds the individual did not fulfill the requirements of 38-2123(1). AM2509 strikes the procedure for provisional licensing outlined in LB 932 and instead allows an applicant to simply submit their application 90 days prior to graduation. AM3149 adopts provisions from LB 822. LB 822 adopts the Social Worker Licensure Compact and makes Nebraska a member state of such Compact if and when at least 7 states also adopt said Compact. The compact would allow individuals to obtain a multistate Social Work license recognized in all states that are a member of the compact. It would also adjust language to include all professions required by statute to obtain a criminal background must do so as part of the application process.

LB 1035 (Hughes) Adopt the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act

LB 1035 creates the Prescription Drug Donation Program. Definitions are provided. DHHS is required to approve the new program. Individuals may donate prescription drugs to this program. Donated prescription drugs must meet requirements relating to packaging, inspection and expiration dates. Immunity provisions are provided. Senator Hughes filed AM2442 and FA217 on General File. AM2442 makes changes to the immunity provisions and FA217 requires DHHS to designate a non-profit organization to administer the program. AM2442 and FA217 were adopted.

LB 1087 (Senator Jacobsen) Adopt the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Act and provide duties for the Nebraska Center for Nursing

LB 1087, as amended by Committee Amendment 2404 and Jacobsen AM2512, requires DHHS, after federal approval, to impose an assessment on hospitals to assure quality and access in the

Medicaid program. DHHS shall collect assessments directly from the hospitals and each hospital is required to pay the assessment. This bill also creates the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Fund which is to be used by DHHS to enhance Medicaid rates for hospitals. Also, a sunset of January 1, 2027 is provided. AM 2404 and AM2512 were adopted on General File.

On Select File, Senator Jacobsen filed AM2760. AM2760 requires the Nebraska Center for Nursing to partner with a statewide association representing a majority of hospitals and health systems in Nebraska to increase the workforce development of nurses and other health professionals. Jacobsen FA243 to AM2760 removes the sunset provision. Both of these amendments were adopted.

LB 1087 contains an emergency clause.

LB 1143 (Health and Human Services Committee) Eliminate provisions relating to certain health districts

LB 1143 repeals outdated statutes relating to health districts. Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 71-1601 through 71-1625 are outright repealed and current statutes relating to Medicaid, the State Auditor, and Medically Handicapped Children's Services are updated.

Health districts were created in 1939 and are not currently used. Presently, local public health departments are made up of county health departments, district health departments formed by inter-local agreements between one or more counties, and a city/county health department.

LB 1214 (Health and Human Services Committee) Change provisions relating to a criminal background check for certain professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

LB 1214 makes updates to the statutes involving criminal background checks for health professionals. In order to be in compliance with federal guidelines all health professionals able to prescribe controlled substances must be listed in statute.

LB1215 (Senator Hansen) Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact and the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact, change provisions relating to prescriptions, death certificates, credentialing of barbers, nurses, pharmacies, pharmacy professionals, and certain health care facilities and services, treatment of individuals with communicable tuberculosis, and telehealth consultations, and provide for abstracts of death and coverage under the medical assistance program for certain breast pumps and lactation visits

LB 1215 , as amended by Committee Amendment 2549, changes provisions relating to DHHS. Nurses requesting renewals are required to include evidence that they registered with the electronic database. The DHHS fee for health care facilities relating to informal conferences is eliminated. Tuberculosis patients can be committed to other locations other than hospitals.

Committee Amendment 2549 also contains amended provisions of LB 1181(amended with AM2144), LB 1171(amended with AM2412), LB1009, LB1173, LB 1138 and LB 896.

LB 1181 changes provisions in the Pharmacy Practice Act, Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Public Health and Welfare statutes relating to drugs. Specifically, this bill changes inventory and dosage requirements for controlled substances; self-inspection forms used by pharmacies;

pharmacy intern age requirements; pharmacy technician registration requirements relating to drug-related crimes and labeling requirements involving legend drugs which are not controlled substances.

LB 1171 adds an exception to pharmacy verification requirements. This bill will provide an exception relating to the pharmacist's location, location of the physical product, and the pharmacy's manual or electronic records.

LB 1009 allows a person who has failed the third barber examination to take it again. Statutory references relating to barber schools, revocations and suspensions, violations of the Act, Board of Barber Examiners, and rules and regulations are removed and replaced with "the Barber Act".

LB 1173 defines abstract of death and adds to the vital statistics documents (i.e. birth certificates, death certificates) that DHHS supplies, charges fees or conducts searches. Also, this bill changes the death certificate form for U.S. veterans.

LB 1138 allows a prescriber who issues less than 50 prescriptions a year to refrain from using electronic prescription technology.

LB 896 removes the requirement that when a telehealth patient gives verbal consent, then a signed statement must be collected within 10 days.

AM3044, introduced by Senator Blood, contains LB 823. AM3044 was adopted on Select File.

LB 823, as amended, creates the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. The Compact consists of 14 Articles: purpose; definitions; state participation; compact privilege; designation of the state from which the licensee is applying for a compact privilege; adverse actions; establishment of the PA licensure compact commission; data system; rulemaking; oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; date of implementation of the PA licensure compact; construction and severability; and binding effect of compact. In addition, this bill changes provisions relating to criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act and requires criminal background checks for physician assistants under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

AM3044, introduced by Senator Blood, contains LB 1373. AM3044 was adopted on Select File.

LB 1373, as amended, creates the Dietitian Licensure Compact. The Compact consists of 14 Articles: purpose; definitions; state participation; compact privilege; obtaining a new home state license; active military members/spouses; adverse actions; establishment of the compact commission; data system; rulemaking; oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; construction and severability; and consistent effect and conflict with other state laws. This bill also adds criminal background checks requirements and updates the medical nutrition therapy statutes with the new language.

AM3045, introduced by Senator Day, contains LB 1106 and LB 1107. AM3045 was adopted on Select File.

LB 1106 requires Medicaid to cover a minimum of 10 lactation consultations for every mother or child covered under Medicaid. It would also increase current lactation consultant provider rates by 145%.

LB 1107 requires DHHS to provide Medicaid coverage of breast pumps for pregnant women or the child, if the pregnant woman is not covered. Requirements for breast pumps are provided. Appropriations are also provided.

LB 1215 contains the Emergency Clause as it relates to LB 1171. Also, this bill contains a January 1, 2025 operative date for LB 823 and LB 1373.

LB 1355 (Senator Vargas) Provide for the release of certain patient data by an emergency medical service, change provisions of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, and provide for state aid, research, first responder training, overdose fatality review.

LB 1355, as amended by Committee Amendment 2559, amends in LB 1325 which allows pharmacists to sell fentanyl test strips for testing and local public health departments to distribute these tests without a fee. AM2559 also amends in LB 1320. LB 1320 requires mandatory reporting for emergency medical personnel that treat or transport someone experiencing an overdose. AM2559 also requires DHHS to award grants to the Nebraska State Patrol and behavioral health regions and establish a local public health department aid program to provide these grants. Senator Vargas filed AM2629 to AM2559. AM2629 strikes provision in AM2559 relating to funding and creates the Opioid Cash Fund. This fund consists of transfers from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund and distributes funds to the behavioral health regions, and the Nebraska State Patrol. AM2559 and AM2629 were adopted on General File.

On Select File, Senator Vargas filed AM3194. AM3194 strikes the language in AM2559 and requires the State Treasurer to transfer funds to the Opioid Cash Fund to be distributed to the State Fire Marshal's Office, DHHS staff to carry out the Overdose Fatality Review Team Act, local public health departments, regional behavioral health authorities and the Infrastructure Fund. General Funds are appropriated to the University of Nebraska for research and the County Public Health Aid Program. The funding is required to be related to opioid treatment and prevention. The language in LB 1325 regarding fentanyl is removed. Senator Vargas also filed FA312 to AM3194 which clarifies the definition of opioid remediation. FA312 and AM3194 were adopted. LB 1355 contains an emergency clause.

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LB 421 (Kauth) Provide procedures for directed health measures

LB 421 provides new duties for local boards of health and local health directors, regarding directed health measures.

LB 421 adds a duty for a city/county board of health to make recommendations to the city council or county board regarding adoption of directed health measures. Also, the city/county health director is required to advise the city/county board of health regarding measures to arrest the progress of the disease as well as issuing and enforcing directed health measures.

In addition, LB 421 adds a duty for local health directors to issue and enforce directed health measures.

LB422 (Kauth) Exempt certain activities from disciplinary action under the Uniform Credentialing Act

Under LB 422 a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery shall not be subject to any disciplinary measures as a result of the applicant or licensee expressing an opinion or providing medical advice that disagrees with the medical consensus on an issue of health or disease unless the opinion or advice is disseminated with malicious intent or an intent to deceive.

LB 430 (Walz) Prohibit a multiple procedure payment reduction policy from being applied to physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services as prescribed under the Uniform Credentialing Act

Under LB 430 physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language policy services are not subject to a multiple procedure payment reduction policy (MPPRP) under Medicaid or by a private insurer

LB 451 (Brewer) Provide for the Department of Health and Human Services to award a grant to assist a rehabilitation hospital

LB 451 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to award a one-time grant to assist a rehabilitation hospital that has a distinct nursing facility part, that is located in Nebraska, and that has a capacity to provide post-acute long-term care to Medicaid patients. The grant shall include \$30 million for infrastructure and facilities upgrades. The grant shall not be expended no later than December 31, 2026. An emergency clause is also provided.

Committee Amendment 659 strikes Health and Human Services and replaces it with Economic Development.

LB 570 (Vargas) Adopt the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act.

LB 570 adopts the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act with the purpose of establishing county-level multidisciplinary overdose fatality review teams. These teams will be given access to documents and records to examine the who, what, when, where, why of overdoses while remaining compliant to any confidentiality laws or regulations.

LB 570 was amended by AM1989 to LB 227.

LB 593 (Hardin) Change provisions relating to licensure and regulation of hearing instrument specialists

LB 593 allows a licensed hearing instrument specialist to engage in the scope of cerumen (earwax) removal and the dispensing of hearing instruments. Prior to performing cerumen

removal, a licensed hearing instrument specialist shall have an arrangement with a medical liaison. Training requirements are provided.

Committee Amendment 828 changes cerumen removal to cerumen management. Also, the amendment requires a licensed hearing instrument specialist to complete a cerumen management course approved by the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists.

LB 595 (Hardin) Change supervision requirements under the Pharmacy Practice Act.

This bill changes the number of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns supervised by a pharmacist from three people to four people.

LB 792 (Wayne) Provide for a pilot program for assessing and treating post traumatic stress disorder

LB 792 will create a pilot program for assessing and treating post traumatic stress disorder

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LB 822 (Blood) Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks

LB 822 would adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and become a member state of such Compact if and when at least 7 states also adopt said Compact. The compact would allow individuals to obtain a multistate Social Work license recognized in all states that are a member of the compact. It would also adjust language to include all professions required by statute to obtain a criminal background must do so as part of the application process. AM 2725 made updates to the fingerprint requirements to align with the federal guidelines. LB 822 was amended into LB 932 with the amended language contained in AM2725.

LB 823 (Blood) Adopt the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks

LB 823 creates the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. The Compact consists of 14 Articles: purpose; definitions; state participation; compact privilege; designation of the state from which the licensee is applying for a compact privilege; adverse actions; establishment of the PA licensure compact commission; data system; rulemaking; oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; date of implementation of the PA licensure compact; construction and severability; and binding effect of compact. In addition, this bill changes provisions relating to criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act and requires criminal background checks for physician assistants under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act. The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State. Committee Amendment 2726 makes technical changes relating to Qualified Immunity, Defense, and Indemnification; Date of Implementation; and background checks. As amended, LB 823 was amended into LB 1215.

LB 824 (Blood) Adopt the Dentists and Dental Hygienist Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks

LB 824 would adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact and make Nebraska a member state of such Compact if and when at least 7 states also adopt said Compact. The compact would allow Dentists and Dental Hygienist to obtain a multistate license recognized in all states that are a member of the compact. It would also adjust language to include all professions required by statute to obtain a criminal background must do so as part of the application process.

LB 871 (M. Cavanaugh) Require a DHHS report regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

LB 871 requires DHHS to submit a report to the Health and Human Services Committee on TANF expenditures. The report shall include information on the programs, services, recipients, costs, and expenditures (Amended into LB 62).

LB 913 (Hunt) Require a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program

LB 913 requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for children covered under the unborn child option.

Committee Amendment 2321 replaces the term “covered services” with “benefits” and new language is added to fund these services through the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.

LB 927 (Fredrickson) Require suicide awareness and prevention training for certain employees of child-placing agencies and DHHS employees

LB 927 requires DHHS to establish suicide training requirements for all child-placing agency employees. Training requirements are provided for DHHS employees. DHHS is also required to develop a list of approved training materials. Committee Amendment 2713 strikes the original sections and provides DHHS training requirements for child welfare staff, foster care parents and child-placing employees.

LB 982 (Riepe) Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disabilities facilities

LB 982 brings nurse aids working for service providers under the Medicaid comprehensive developmental disabilities act. It also changes the definition of Nurse Aide to include those employed by a service provider

LB 1007 (Walz) Provide for Medicaid coverage for certain aged, blind, and disabled individuals

LB 1007 requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment to authorize Medicaid eligibility for aged, blind and disabled individuals pursuant to the federal Social Security Act.

LB 1054 (Walz) Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act

LB 1054 would create the Child Care Safety and Security Fund for the Department of Education to award grants to child care centers for training and materials related to safety and reunification procedures. Additionally, there is intent language to appropriate \$300,000 from the cash reserve. Committee Amendment clarifies that the Commissioner of Education would be the one required to submit the report referenced on page 4 of LB 1054.

LB 1106 (Day) Provide for Medicaid coverage of lactation consultations

LB 1106 would require Medicaid to cover a minimum of 10 lactation consultations for every mother or child covered under Medicaid. It would also increase current lactation consultant provider rates by 145%. Committee Amendment 2700 incorporates LB 1107 which requires DHHS to provide Medicaid coverage of breast pumps for pregnant women or the child, if the pregnant woman is not covered. LB 1106, as amended by AM2700, was amended into LB 1215 through AM3045.

LB 1144 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to care management units for long-term care

LB 1144 would make changes to the way we do long-term care individual’s voluntary contribution. It would remove the requirement but allow for the option to contribute when income is below 300% of the poverty line. Additionally, it would adopt a client family income schedule for voluntary contribution and allow for DHHS to reimburse for uncollected care management

services. Finally, it would remove section 3 of 81-2234 that requires individuals not covered under subsection 1 and 2 of 81-2334 to pay the full fee for service.

LB 1172 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to access to health data in certain registries and databases for research purposes.

LB 1172 would require DHHS to respond to all Cancer Registry data access requests in writing within 8 weeks. If such request is denied, explanation of such denial shall be provided.

LB 1196 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to registration of medication aides

LB 1196 gives temporary medication aid certification to nursing students who have completed the medication aid certification course or equivalent.

LB 1237 (M. Cavanaugh) Require a Medicaid report.

LB 1237 provides additional requirements for the current DHHS Medicaid annual report related to redeterminations (Amended into LB 62).

LB 1350 (DeBoer) Define certain terms under the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act.

LB 1350 would create an “Emergency Shelter” designation and a “Transitional Housing” designation under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

LB 1373 (Blood) Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks

LB 1373 creates the Dietitian Licensure Compact. The Compact consists of 14 Articles: purpose; definitions; state participation; compact privilege; obtaining a new home state license; active military members/spouses; adverse actions; establishment of the compact commission; data system; rulemaking; oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; construction and severability; and consistent effect and conflict with other state laws. LB 1373 also adds criminal background checks requirements and updates the medical nutrition therapy statutes with the new language. Committee Amendment 2724 adds dietitians to the list of health professionals that need to have a background check. As amended, LB 1373 was amended into LB 1215.

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LB12 (Blood) Create the Nebraska Human Breast Milk Bank

LB 12 creates the Nebraska Human Breast Milk Bank and provides duties for DHHS.

LB 13 (Blood) Require Medicaid coverage of human breast milk

LB 13 requires pasteurized donated human breast milk to be covered under the Medical Assistance Act (Medicaid) for eligible persons. In order for human breast milk to be covered by Medicaid, the eligible person must be an infant less than 6 months old and a licensed medical practitioner must prescribe the milk for the infant. Also, the milk must be obtained from a human milk bank, the infant's mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk, the milk is medically necessary for the infant and the infant has certain medical conditions (i.e. low birth weight, heart disease, sepsis). Requirements for coverage for children 6 months to 12 months old and children over 12 months are also provided.

LB64 (Day) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice in certain cases of child abuse and neglect

DHHS is required to provide notice to parents, guardians or custodians of children of persons entered into the central registry for cases of child abuse and neglect in child care facilities.

LB 65 (Day) Change provisions relating to the complaint tracking system and disciplinary action under the Child Care Licensing Act

LB 65 requires that the DHHS child care licensing complaint tracking system identify licensing violations which are self-reported and licensing violations discovered as the result of a complaint.

LB 85 (Day) Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

LB 85 requires DHHS to submit applications to CMS to amend the Medicaid and CHIP state plans to implement express lane eligibility. The state plan amendments shall identify DHHS/Children and Family Services Division as an express lane agency and specify that this option will be used for eligibility purposes. The implementation date shall be no later than January 1, 2024. Lastly, DHHS is required to take all necessary actions to maximize financial participation to carry out this bill.

LB 88 (Hunt) Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

Under LB 88, a person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance would be eligible for SNAP if they have completed their sentence or if they are serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release supervision.

LB 115 (Raybould) Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act

LB 115 requires DHHS to limit funding for a home visitation program that includes periodic home visits to improve the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children. The program shall provide visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood

and health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers. This bill also requires DHHS to create a website and submit a report.

LB 179 (Fredrickson) Prohibit conversion therapy

LB 179 prohibits conversion therapy from being performed to any individual under the age of nineteen. Conversion therapy is the practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. Disciplinary sanctions under the Uniform Credentialing Act may be applied to those persons holding a credential under the Medicine and Surgery Act, Pharmacy Practice Act or Psychology Practice Act. Violations of this bill constitute a deceptive trade practice. No state funds shall be spent on the practice of conversation therapy.

LB 189 (Kauth) Change and provide exemptions for natural hair braiding and natural hairstyling

LB 189 exempts natural hairstyling from the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act and changes the exemption for natural hair braiding.

LB 200 (Briese) Adopt the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Act

LB would create the Canadian Drug Importation Act, and require the department of Health and Human Services to apply for federal approval, and to administer the program. The program would require vendors seeking to import Canadian prescriptions to identify medications with the highest potential cost savings to the people of the State of Nebraska. Canadian supplies must be in full compliance with all relevant federal and provincial laws, and all prescription drugs imported under the program must be tested for authenticity and degradation.

LB 202 (Walz) Provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians

LB 202 would allow a pharmacy technician, supervised by a pharmacist, to administer vaccinations in Nebraska. Prior to administration by a pharmacy technician, vaccinations would be reviewed and verified by a pharmacist. A pharmacy technician would be limited to administering a vaccination to patients three years of age and older, and only in the deltoid muscle of the arm.

LB 216 (Hughes) Provide certification requirements for optometrists performing certain procedures

Under LB216 the practice of optometry will include the performance of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty for the treatment of glaucoma. Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty is a procedure that reduces the intraocular pressure associated with glaucoma.

LB 219 (Ibach) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to rebase rates for critical access hospitals

LB 219 requires DHHS to provide for rebasing inpatient interim per diem rates for critical access hospitals. DHHS shall rebase the rates every 2 years, and the most recent audited Medicare cost

report shall be used as the basis for the rebasing process within 90 days after receiving the cost report. LB 219 was amended into LB 227.

LB280 (Blood) Adopt the Interstate Massage Compact

Under LB 280 Nebraska would adopt the Interstate Massage Compact and become a member state of such Compact if and when at least 7 states also adopt said Compact. The compact would allow individuals to obtain a multistate massage therapist license recognized in all states that are a member of the compact.

LB290 (M. Cavanaugh) Change standard of need requirements for the aid to dependent children program

LB 290 increases the Standard of Need from \$601 for an individual and \$140 for each additional eligible individual to \$1,132.50 for an individual and \$393 for each additional individual.

LB 291 (M. Cavanaugh) Require implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training for certain applicants and credential recipients under the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB 291 requires every person holding a credentialing under the Uniform Credentialing Act to annually complete implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training. This bill does not apply to certain professions (i.e. athletic training, body art, nail technology). Implicit bias or diversity, equity, and inclusion training is defined. DHHS may approve this training provided by a national or state medical association.

LB310 (Conrad) Change the maximum payment level under the aid to dependent children program

LB 310 would increase Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) benefits by adjusting the maximum benefit amount from 55 percent of the Standard of Need to 85 percent of the Standard of Need.

LB326 (Raybould) Provide for eligibility for certain children under the Medical Assistance Act

LB 326 would change continuous eligibility for children and youth under 18 years of age in the Medicaid system from the current six months to 12 months, ensuring no disruption in health care services

LB 333 (Conrad) Require a state plan amendment for Medicaid coverage of family planning services

LB 333 requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for family planning services. Persons receiving these services must

have income that is at, or below the income eligibility level set by the state as of January 1, 2023 for coverage for pregnant women as permitted under federal law.

For purposes of this bill, family planning services must be consistent with federal law and include coverage of all U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved family planning methods. Family planning services must also include related services of medical diagnosis and treatment, preventive services, treatment of a major medical complication and the insertion of a long-acting reversible contraceptive.

State funds shall not be used to pay for elective abortion services.

LB 353 (Raybould) Provide for grants for projects that increase long-term facility capacity

LB 353 requires DHHS/Division of Public Health (Division) to award a grant to a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility that has applied for this grant. A grant shall be used for any project that increases the long-term care facility capacity to support the transition of residents with specific service needs that are not readily available in the long-term care setting. A grant is limited to a maximum of \$250,000. A facility shall agree to complete the project and use the grant within 12 months after receipt of the grant.

The Division is required to provide an annual report on the grants to the Legislature.

\$25 million from the General Fund is appropriated to DHHS to award these grants.

LB 433 (Jacobsen) Provide requirements for distribution of funding for behavioral health regions

LB 433 requires any appropriation to DHHS for behavioral health aid that is allocated to a behavioral health region (region) to be used to provide activities pursuant to the approved budget of the region. Whenever circumstances occur during the budget year that impact the region's budget, the DHHS/Division of Behavioral Health Director (Director) shall allow for reassignment of funds to accommodate the emerging needs of the region. The Director may deny a region's budget request only if the request is prohibited under state or federal law. If a request is denied by the Director, the region may request a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. Provisions of LB 433 were amended into LB 814.

LB 434 (Jacobson) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to enroll long-term care hospitals as providers under the medical assistance program and submission of a state plan amendment or waiver

LB434 directs the Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid and Long Term Care Division to enroll long-term acute care hospitals in Nebraska as providers eligible to receive funding under the medical assistance program. Without this level of Medicaid licensure in Nebraska. Medicaid patients needing the care provided in rehab hospitals are unable to access the appropriate level of care.

LB 458 (Ballard) Allow certain central fill pharmacies to deliver to a patient under the Prescription Drug Safety Act

LB 458 clarifies that central fill pharmacies can distribute directly to the patient or caregiver, if the dispensing pharmacy and central fill pharmacy are under common ownership. Additionally, LB 458 strikes the requirement to include the phone number of the central fill pharmacy on the label of a non-controlled prescription drug.

LB 463 (Health and Human Services Committee) Change provisions relating to application for licensure under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

LB 463 changes the Health Care Facility Licensure Act to require one member's signature of a limited liability company, instead of two, to apply for a license to operate a health care facility. This bill is to be used if other bills need to be amended into it.

LB468 (DeBoer) Create the position of State Dementia Director in the Department of Health and Human Services

LB 468 creates a staff position at the Department of Health & Human Services to (1) facilitate policy implementation to support persons with dementia and their family caregivers and (2) coordinate and manage the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council.

LB488 (Hunt) Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act

The Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act would require hospital emergency rooms to provide sexual assault survivors with medically and factually accurate information about emergency contraception, and to dispense a course of emergency contraception if the survivor wants it.

LB500 (M. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to the family support program for persons with developmental disabilities and their families

LB 500 amends language that began as LB 376, passed in 2022, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities to apply for and implement a Medicaid waiver known as the Family Support Waiver.

LB 503 (Aguilar) Adopt the Rural Nebraska Nursing Workforce Act

LB 503 requires DHHS to administer a scholarship program under the newly created Rural Nebraska Nursing Workforce and award scholarships to students who qualify under this act. To qualify for this scholarship, a student shall intend to enroll in a nursing program, intend to practice as a licensed registered nurse, and agree in writing to work for three years in Nebraska as a licensed registered nurse. The scholarship shall be used for tuition and fees. Legislative findings and definitions are provided. The Legislature appropriates funds, for the next two fiscal years (\$1 million in first FY and \$2 million in the second FY), to DHHS to carry out the purposes of this Act. Additional funding is provided for approved clinical and learning environments.

LB510 (Conrad) Require annual cost-of-living adjustments in child welfare rates

LB 510 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to include annual cost of living adjustments in all child welfare rates paid out of program 354 in order to ensure the needs of vulnerable families are being met and assist providers in budgeting.

LB 517 (Walz) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a pilot program regarding patient with complex health needs

As amended, LB 517 requires DHHS to contract with, or provide a grant to, an eligible entity to implement a pilot program to facilitate the transfer of patients with complex health needs from eligible acute care hospitals to appropriate post-acute care settings. DHHS or other eligible entities responsible for developing the pilot program are required to determine criteria for patients with complex health needs, develop a process for capacity and funding, and include

regular consultation and include quarterly updates. The pilot program may include direct payments to post-acute care facilities that support care to patients with complex health needs. Funding utilized under the pilot program shall comply with all Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement policies for skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and swing-bed hospitals. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$1 million from the General Fund to carry out this section. No more than 2.5% of the contracted amount shall be used to administer the program. LB 517 was amended into LB 227.

LB 523 (Walz) Require a state plan amendment to include school psychologists as Medicaid providers

DHHS is required, by October 1, 2023, to submit a state plan amendment to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include school psychologists as Medicaid providers.

LB 561 (Blood) Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact

LB 561 creates the Cosmetology Licensure Compact. The goal is to improve public access to cosmetology services and reduce unnecessary burdens. Member states seek to establish a regulatory framework which provides for a new multistate licensing program.

The Compact consists of 13 Articles: purpose; definitions; member state requirements; multistate license; reissuance of a multistate license by a new home state; authority of Compact Commission and member state licensing authorities; adverse actions; active duty military and their spouses; establishment and operation of the cosmetology licensure compact commission; data system; rulemaking; oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; and effective date, withdrawal, and amendment.

The Compact shall come into effect on the date on which the Compact statute is enacted into law in the seventh Member State.

LB592 (Hardin) Adopt the Social Care Information Privacy Act

LB 592 creates the Social Care Information Privacy Act. The Social Care Information Privacy Act restricts access to personally identifiable information or social care information in a closed loop referral system to those participating organizations to whom an individual has been referred for services and the individual has consented for that participating organization to access such information.

LB 611 (Riepe) Provide requirements for certain health care facility-provided medications

LB 611 changes medication requirements of the administration of drugs for a hospital, an ambulatory surgical center, or health care practitioner facility. When a provided medication is ordered at least 24 hours in advance for surgical procedures and is administered to a patient, any unused portion of the medication shall be offered to the patient upon discharge when it is required for continuing treatment. The prescriber is responsible for counseling the patient on its

proper use and administration. The unused portion of such medication shall be labeled by the prescriber or a pharmacist consistent with current labeling requirements.

LB 657 (McDonnell) Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska relating to cancer support and education

LB 657 appropriates \$500,000 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The intent of the funds are to be used by UNMC to contract with a Nebraska organization for cancer education.

LB 661 (Ibach) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services relating to food security

LB 661 appropriates \$2,500,000 from the General Fund to DHHS for creating a program to award grants to nonprofit organizations. The purpose of this program is to address food security concerns in Nebraska.

LB676 (Day) Create the Nebraska Diaper Distribution Grant program

LB676 would create the Nebraska Diaper Distribution Grant Program, which would allow community-based diaper banks, nonprofit distribution centers, or a local health departments to apply for grants to assist with diaper distribution in their communities.

LB 677 (Day) Create the Nebraska Knowing is Doing Something pilot program

LB 677 creates the Nebraska Knowing is Doing pilot program within DHHS. This program's goal is to assist Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients with removing barriers to employment and education. This bill requires the program to provide \$15 million in block grants over five years to no more than two nonprofit organizations. These organizations shall be located in a city of the metropolitan class and required to provide services for youth. DHHS is required to award grants no later than December 31, 2024.

LB 680 (Day) Change provisions of the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act

LB680 updates Nebraska's Parkinson's disease registry to make the data collected more accessible and relevant to researchers. To include the date of Parkinson's disease symptom onset. The age at onset. Whether the diagnosis was confirmed by a neurologist. Whether symptoms responded to treatment. Whether the patient has a first degree relative with the disease. Whether the patient has experienced dementia or mild cognitive impairment.

LB 714 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act

LB714 would allocate new, one-time funding of \$50M to double the program's capacity for the next biennium to launch more affordable housing. Expand eligibility to for-profit developers. Expand eligible uses of NAHTF funds and clarify statutory language to add low-rate mortgages as a qualified use of funds.

LB 748 (M. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act

LB748 will allow any eligible non-profit organization that provides sports opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to apply for a grant to be awarded up to five hundred thousand dollars.

LB 794 (Wayne) Adopt the Nursing Incentives Scholarship Act

LB 794 offers scholarships to eligible candidates with nursing degrees.

LB 810 (Murman) Adopt the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act

LB 810 adopts the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act ("MED Act") to protect the right of conscience for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers by providing that no medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer should be compelled to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or prescribe or pay for any medication, which such person or entity objects to on the basis of conscience.

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LB 882 (Bostar) Change provisions relating to benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

LB 882 directs DHHS to provide state funds to cover food delivery fees for SNAP recipients.

LB 907 (Riepe) Require Medicaid Coverage for treatment of obesity

DHHS is required to provide comprehensive coverage to Medicaid recipients for treatment of obesity.

LB 920 (McKinney) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program

LB 920 would require Nebraska to enroll in a SNAP Restaurant Meals Program (RMP). This would allow SNAP benefits to be used for meals at restaurants, contracted with the Department, sold at concessional prices. The program would only be available to homeless, elderly or disabled SNAP recipients and their spouses.

LB 933 (Bosn) Change Medicaid coverage requirements for continuous glucose monitors

LB 933 expands Medicaid coverage for glucose monitors to individuals who meet local coverage determinations and have gestational diabetes. Committee Amendment 2550 limits the General Fund appropriation to \$600,000 annually. LB 933, as amended, was amended into LB 857.

LB 946 (Day) Change requirements for payments to Child Care Subsidy program providers.

Under LB 946 DHHS would pay providers receiving the child subsidy based on enrollment and not attendance.

LB 952 (Day) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the federal Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program

LB 952 would require DHHS to participate in the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC).

LB 1003 (Hansen) Change a requirement relating to child care licensing in cities, villages, or counties

LB 1003 exempts child care rules and regulations relating to staff-to-child ratios from the requirement that city, village, or county child care rules, regulations, or ordinances be as stringent as or more stringent than DHHS's child care rules and regulations.

LB 1009 (Walz) Change provisions of the Barber Act

LB 1009 allows a person who has failed the third barber examination to take it again. Statutory references relating to barber schools, revocations and suspensions, violations of the Act, Board of Barber Examiners, and rules and regulations are removed and replaced with "the Barber Act". (Amended into LB 1215)

LB 1015 (Walz) Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professionals Incentive Act

LB 1015 changes provisions relating to the Rural Health System and Professional Incentive Act. The purposes are restated. Changes are provided to loan repayments, financial assistance amounts, and loan repayment recipient agreements. Further, financial assistance in the form of loan repayments are provided to certain dentists who agree to provide dental services to Medicaid patients.

LB 1016 (Walz) Eliminate a termination date relating to prioritization of certain developmental disabilities services

Under current law if there are not enough funds to provide services for all eligible persons with DD that are transitioning out of the education system DHHS is required to provide day services to certain persons. This exception is set to expire on June 30, 2025. LB 1016 would eliminate the expiration date.

LB 1060 (Hansen) Provide an exemption from newborn screening

LB 1060 grants a parent or guardian the ability to opt out of newborn screening.

LB 1062 (Ibach) Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act

LB 1062 would create a loan repayment program for rural veterinarians through the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. A veterinarian would have to dedicate at least 50% of his practice to a rural Nebraska area. The bill would also add another member to the Rural Health Advisory Commission.

LB 1086 (Walz) Eliminate the Department of Health and Human Services and create three departments

LB 1086 would eliminate the Department of Health and Human Services. Such duties and obligations would be placed in 3 new departments; the Department of Child and Family Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Healthcare.

LB 1100 (McDonnell) Change provisions relating to capitation payments made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act as prescribed

LB 1100 would amend the state plan to increase reimbursement rates for emergency medical transport. More specifically it would amend the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act to remove capitation payments and replace the capitation payments with an actual and allowable costs model.

LB 1107 (Day) Provide for Medicaid coverage of breast pumps

LB 1107 requires DHHS to provide Medicaid coverage of breast pumps for pregnant women or the child, if the pregnant woman is not covered. Requirements for breast pumps are provided. Appropriations are also provided (Amended into LB 1215)

LB 1111 (Clements) Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures

LB 1111 requires city/county health departments to obtain DHHS approval involving actions during a national or multi-state pandemic. Specifically, the duties of local health departments are

subject to DHHS approval relating to investigation of communicable diseases, prevention measures and investigation of contagious diseases.

LB 1130 (Raybould) Change provisions relating to mental health practitioner licenses

LB 1130 allows for an individual to receive a 3rd provisional license if they have yet to fulfill their 3,000 hours of supervised experience requirement. They must appeal to the Board of Mental Health Practice and demonstrate hardship due to personal or family medical issues, an inability to secure supervision, or other barriers the board deems appropriate.

LB 1171 (Hardin) Change verification requirements for pharmacy technicians

LB 1171 adds an exception to pharmacy verification requirements. This bill will provide an exception relating to the pharmacist's location, location of the physical product, and the pharmacy's manual or electronic records (Amended into LB 1215).

LB 1173 (Riepe) Provide for use of abstracts of death and change a requirement relating to death certificates

LB 1173 defines abstract of death and adds to the vital statistics documents (i.e. birth certificates, death certificates) that DHHS supplies, charges fees or conducts searches. Also, this bill changes the death certificate form for U.S. veterans (Amended into LB 1215).

LB 1181 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to controlled substances, prescription drugs, pharmacists, and pharmacies as prescribed

LB 1181 changes provisions in the Pharmacy Practice Act, Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Public Health and Welfare statutes relating to drugs. Specifically, this bill changes inventory and dosage requirements for controlled substances; self-inspection forms used by pharmacies; pharmacy intern age requirements; pharmacy technician registration requirements relating to drug-relating crimes and labeling requirements involving legend drugs which are not controlled substances (Amended into LB 1215).

LB 1187 (Hardin) Allow registered nurses to perform auricular acupuncture as prescribed

LB 1187 allows registered nurses to perform auricular (outer ear) acupuncture for pain management.

LB 1194 (Conrad) Require legislative approval of medicaid state plan amendments and state plan amendments for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program

LB 1194 would change the definition of Medicaid State Plan and waiver to be those which are approved by the CMS, Medicaid Services and the legislature. Further it would require legislative approval prior to implementation of any state plan waiver. Finally, it would require legislative approval for all TANF state plan amendments prior to implementation.

LB 1221 (Day) Provide staff training requirements for facilities offering care to persons with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related disorders

LB 1221 adds to the disclosure requirements for facilities that offer care for persons with Alzheimer's disease. The disclosure requirement of staff training is changed from the general language regarding topics relating the form of care/treatment to more specific requirements

involving an overview of the disease, impact, person-centered care, daily living, behaviors and communication.

LB 1261 (Walz) Adopt the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Respite Services (ALS) Act

LB 1261 requires DHHS to create the ALS Program for respite services. DHHS is also required to ensure statewide access to community respite programs and award grants to non-profit organizations. Appropriations to DHHS for the ALS program are provided as well as rulemaking authority.

LB 1278 (McKinney) Provide for reimbursement of doula and full spectrum services under the Medical Assistance Act

LB 1278 would require DHHS to submit a state plan amendment to begin reimbursing Medicaid recipients for Doula services.

LB 1280 (McDonnell) Provide eligibility for child care assistance to qualified apprentices and semiconductor workers

LB 1280 would require DHHS to provide child care assistance, through the Child Care Block Grant, to apprentices and semiconductor workers.

LB 1283 (Arch) Correct the name of a commission in the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act

LB 1283 clarifies language in the Medicine and Surgery Act.

LB 1325 (Vargas) Allow pharmacies and local public health departments to distribute fentanyl strips as prescribed.

LB 1325 allows pharmacists to sell fentanyl test strips for testing. Also, local public health departments may distribute these tests without a fee.

LB 1381 (Hansen) Provide work requirements for recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

LB 1381 prohibits DHHS from seeking any waivers or exemptions to work requirements under the SNAP program. In addition, DHHS shall assign individuals between the ages of 16 to 60 to an employment and training program. Individuals do not need to be in the employment and training program if they are complying with a work registration requirement, a parent or caretaker, a student, a participant in a drug rehabilitation program, employed, or enrolled in a training program.

LB 1387 (Hansen) Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions

LB 1387 eliminates the requirement for local political subdivisions to add fluoride to their water supply. Instead, this bill allows local political subdivisions to adopt ordinances to add fluoride to its water supply. The addition of fluoride needs to be at a maximum level of 7/10 of 1 milligram per liter of water.

LB 1392 (Ballard) Change provisions relating to the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

LB 1392 would change the committee's name to the Child Welfare and Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee. It would also add a new member to the committee and require the member to be a private home services provider. Finally, it would direct the committee to make reimbursement rate recommendations for child welfare services.

BILL SUMMARIES: 2023 CARRYOVER RESOLUTIONS

LR18CA - Constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive freedom

LR 18CA would give Nebraska voters the option to enshrine the right to reproductive freedom in the state Constitution.

LR 19 (Hunt) Constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive freedom and prohibit the state from taking adverse action for exercising or assisting in the exercise of such right

LR 19CA adds a new section 31 to Article I of the Nebraska State Constitution. LR 19CA creates a fundamental right to reproductive freedom for every individual which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all pregnancy matters. The state is prohibited from penalizing, prosecuting, or taking adverse actions against an individual based on their actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes. This section shall be self-executing. Proposed ballot language is provided.

BILL SUMMARIES: 2024 RESOLUTIONS HELD IN COMMITTEE

None

2023 BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

LB 35 (DeBoer) Change provisions relating to child care assistance

LB 35 (Sen. DeBoer) extends the sunset date for eligibility for transitional child care assistance under the federal Child Care Subsidy program and cash assistance to families who have not achieved economic self-sufficiency to October 1, 2026. The Nebraska Department of Health and

Human Services and private non-profit organization independent evaluation of the income eligibility changes in this section of law shall be completed by July 1, 2024 instead of December 15, 2023.

LB 35 was amended into LB 227.

LB 75 (Vargas) Provide for review of incidents of severe maternal morbidity

B 75 allows the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team to review incidents of severe maternal morbidity and may use the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for the review. The members of the team may review such records or documents to identify preventable causes of severe maternal morbidity.

LB 75 was amended into LB 227.

LB 84 (Day) Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

LB84 would eliminate the sunset on Nebraska's expansion of SNAP to 165% of the Federal Poverty Level. At the moment, Nebraska's SNAP eligibility is set to go down to 135% of the Federal Poverty Level on October 1, 2023.

LB 84 was amended into LB 227

LB 123 (Fredrickson) Adopt the Behavior Analyst Practice Act

LB 123 requires behavior analysts to obtain a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA). The Board of Behavior Analysts is added to the statutory list of medical boards and duties. Credentialing exceptions are provided for certain health professionals working in this field of practice.

LB 123 was amended into LB 227.

LB 181 (Hansen) Provide for filling and refilling prescriptions in certain circumstances

LB 181 provides that a prescription is valid when written remains valid for the period stated in the medical order notwithstanding the prescribing practitioner's subsequent death or retirement or the suspension or revocation or the prescribing practitioner's credential by the appropriate board, and a pharmacist may use professional judgment to fill or refill such a prescription which has sufficient fills remaining. Also, this section shall not apply to a prescription issued by a veterinarian.

LB 181 was amended into LB 227.

LB 245 (Walz) Change per diem compensation for members of the Board of Barber Examiners

LB 245 increases the compensation of board members from \$75 to \$150 for per diem expenses.

LB 245 was amended into LB 227.

LB 261 (Riepe) Change apprenticeship requirements under Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act

LB 261 changes the requirements of completing a split apprenticeship by allowing the apprentice license to be completed while attending a school of mortuary science.

LB 261 was amended into LB 227.

LB 286 (Walz) Provide for confidentiality of a physician wellness program under the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB 286 provides that if a Physician/Surgeon is participating in a wellness program, such participation is confidential and not subject to DHHS discovery, subpoena or reporting requirements. The individual may still voluntarily provide information to the DHHS.

LB 286 was amended into LB 2227

LB 337 (Riepe) Change provisions relating to disclosure of patient information under the Mental Health Practice Act

LB 337 allows a licensed mental health practitioner or professional counselor to disclose information permitted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or otherwise permitted by law.

LB 337 was amended into LB 50.

LB 345 (Armendariz) Define palliative care under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

LB 345 defines palliative care as specialized care or treatment for a person living with a serious illness that carries a high risk of mortality or negatively impacts quality of life. This type of care or treatment addresses the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. Palliative care is a team-based approach to care or treatment, providing essential support at any age and stage of a serious illness and can be provided across care settings and along with curative treatment. The goal of palliative care is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the patient's family or care partner.

LB 345 was amended into LB 227.

LB 357 (Walz) Change the maximum support allowable under the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act

LB 357 increases the maximum support allowable under the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act from \$300 per month to \$400, for disabled persons, plus \$200 per month for each additional disabled family member.

LB 357 was amended into LB 227.

LB 402 (Ballard) Redefine home health agency under Health Care Facility Licensure Act

Under LB 402 Home Health Agency would exclude a person or entity which only provides social work services.

LB 402 was amended into LB 227

LB 419 (Wishart) Require submission of a Medicaid state plan amendment to extend postpartum coverage

LB 419, as amended, requires DHHS to submit a state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to at least 6 months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude DHHS from submitting a state plan amendment for 12 months.

LB 419 was amended into LB 227.

LB 431 (Halloran) Change provisions relating to criminal history record information checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act

LB 431 changes criminal background checks requirements for an applicant's license involving health professions. This bill authorizes the Nebraska State Patrol to submit the fingerprints of such applicants to the F.B.I. and to issue a report to DHHS that includes the criminal history record information concerning the applicant. The Nebraska State Patrol shall forward submitted fingerprints to the F.B.I. for a national criminal history record information check.

LB 431 was amended into LB 227.

LB 548 (Ballard) Change examination and compounding requirements under the Pharmacy Practice Act

LB 548 would allow the Board of Pharmacy to determine the grade required for the examination in jurisprudence of pharmacy. The bill would also require any person authorized to compound to be in compliance with the standards of Chapter 795 and 797 of the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary existing on January 1, 2023.

LB 548 was amended into LB 227.

LB 572 (Riepe) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to the Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Act

LB572 changes the credential to practice medical nutrition therapy from a Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist to either a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (for a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist) or a Licensed Nutritionist (for Certified Nutrition Specialists and nonregistered dietitian nutritionist).

LB 572 was amended into LB 227

LB 586 (Hughes) Provide duties for the Nebraska Center for Nursing regarding clinical training sites

LB 586 expands the duties of the Nebraska Center for Nursing for purposes of incentivizing the development of additional clinical training sites for nurses in Nebraska, focusing on areas of the state with the lowest per capita numbers of registered nurses. LB586 transfers \$3 million from the General Fund for FY23/24 and \$7 million from the General Fund for FY24/25 to expand clinical nursing training sites as specified in the bill.

LB 586 was amended into LB 227

LB 590 (Holdcroft) Change the personal needs allowance for eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons

A bill to increase the personal needs allowance for eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons that reside in an alternative living arrangement.

LB 590 was amended into LB 227

LB626 (Albrecht) Adopt the Nebraska Heartbeat Act

LB626 provides that a physician may not perform or induce an abortion before testing for a fetal heartbeat, and that a physician may not perform or induce an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected, except in cases of sexual assault, incest, or medical emergency. An unlawful abortion by a physician in violation of LB626 constitutes unprofessional conduct.

LB 765 (DeKay) Change, provide, and eliminate definitions, powers, and duties under the Statewide Trauma System Act

LB 765 eliminates the regional trauma advisory boards and replaces them with regional trauma committees. Legislative findings are changed. DHHS duties and State Trauma Advisory Board duties are changed. Definitions of regional medical director, specialty level burn, pediatric trauma center, state trauma medical director, trauma medical director, trauma team, and trauma system are changed.

LB 765 was amended into LB 227.

LB772 (Hughes) Create the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program

LB772 creates the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program for purposes of constructing a facility for pregnant and parenting homeless youth, to be located in a city of the primary class.

LB 772 was amended into LB 227

2024 BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

None

2023 BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS WITHDRAWN

LB 55 (McKinney) Change provisions relating to self-sufficiency contracts and work activity requirements under the Welfare Reform Act

Applicants under the self-sufficiency contract shall be permitted to complete the monthly work activity requirements through remote or online course work. DHHS shall verify the applicants' participation.

2024 BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS WITHDRAWN

LB 879 (Cavanaugh, M.) Repeal the Let Them Grow Act and the Preborn Child Protection Act

LB 879 would repeal the statutory changes enacted last session under LB574. The statutes affected are Section(s) 38-178, 38-179, 38-192, 38-193, 38-196, 38-2021, 38-2894 71-6912, 71-6913, 71-6914, 71-6915, 8 71-6916, 71-6917, 71-7301, 71-7302, 71-7303, 71-7304, 71-7305, 9 71-7306, and 71-7307.

LB 1028 (Clements) Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures

LB 859 would amend statutes relating to local health departments, to require the state's Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) approval before the local health department may issue directed health measures.

LIST OF 2024 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE INTERIM STUDIES

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LR 337 (Hansen) Interim study to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska to determine whether program structures could be improved

LR 338 (Riepe) Interim study to examine health care delivery systems situated in rural areas, defined as all counties except Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy

LR 366 (Day) Interim study to examine opportunities under the medical assistance program to improve state beneficiaries' social determinants of health by allowing coverage of clinically appropriate interventions that address enrollees' health-related social needs

LR 372 (Day) Interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to the Board of Nursing and to evaluate the usefulness of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

LR 373 (Ibach) Interim study to examine different methods, including potential statutory changes, to address the need to recruit, train, and retain individuals to practice dentistry in Nebraska

LR 377 (von Gillern) Interim study to examine the components of the State of Nebraska's public health registry data collection and the release of that data to appropriate research entities

LR 386 (Day) Interim study to examine the scope of practice for behavior analysts in the State of Nebraska

LR 387 (Day) Interim study to examine payment rates and methodology used by the Department of Health and Human Services for child and adolescent behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile service providers

LR 392 (Hansen) Interim study to examine the costs and frequency of rebasing provider rates and to develop a methodology for rebasing such rates

LR 396 (HHS Committee) Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee

LR 397 (HHS Committee) Interim study to examine the structure and processes of the credentialing review process known as the "407 process"

LR 404 (Conrad) Interim study to examine the impact of the services provided to eligible recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program funds

LR 405 (Conrad) Interim study to examine the process the Department of Health and Human Services uses in selecting a provider to service a foster home

LR 415 (M. Cavanaugh) Interim study to examine the historic unwind of the federal COVID-19 Medicaid continuous coverage requirements as implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services

LR 421 (Fredrickson) Interim study to examine addiction with an emphasis on the examination of opioid addiction

LR 422 (Fredrickson) Interim study to examine the needs, successes, and challenges relating to behavioral health in Nebraska

LR 423 (Hansen) Interim study to examine child care providers in Nebraska and the shortage of child care options in rural Nebraska

LR 427 (Fredrickson) Interim study to examine the use of the child care subsidy program in section 68-1206 as an incentive to recruit and retain employees in the child care industry

LR 428 (Hardin) Interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can ensure it has effective emergency medical services in rural communities

LR 429 (Hardin) Interim study to examine the Child Care Licensing Act and the availability and affordability of liability insurance for licensed child care providers in Nebraska

LR 433 (Day) Interim study to examine the availability and access to data regarding maternal and infant health care in Nebraska

LR 442 (Ballard) Interim study to examine the scope and function of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative and its affiliates in Nebraska

LR 443 (Wishart) Interim study to examine assisted-living facility reimbursement rates at different facilities throughout Nebraska

DETAILED INDEX OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE BILL AND RESOLUTIONS

One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session

| Bill # | Introducer | One-liner | Hearing Date | Status |
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| LB822 | Blood | Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions | 2/8/2204 | General File |

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| | | relating to criminal background checks | | |
| LB823 | Blood | Adopt the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks | 2/22/2024 | General File |
| LB824 | Blood | Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks | 1/24/2024 | General File |
| LB834 | Blood | Establish requirements for a resident dental license | 1/24/2024 | Passed |
| LB856 | Fredrickson | Change eligibility requirements for the federal child care subsidy program | 1/26/2024 | Passed |
| LB857 | Dungan | Create the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, and change provisions relating to coverage of glucose monitors under the Medical Assistance Act | 2/7/2024 | Passed |
| LB871 | Cavanaugh, M. | Require a report by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program | 2/28/2024 | General File |
| LB874 | Bostar | Change requirements relating to child care licensing and child care facilities | 2/15/2024 | Passed |
| LB879 | Cavanaugh, M. | Repeal the Let Them Grow Act and the Preborn Child Protection Act | N/A | Withdrawn |
| LB882 | Bostar | Change provisions relating to benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | 2/23/2024 | Referral |
| LB896 | Ballard | Change provisions relating to telehealth consultations | 1/26/2024 | Referral |
| LB903 | DeBoer | Change provisions relating to membership of the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council and the State Alzheimer's | 2/8/2024 | Passed |

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| | | Plan | | |
| LB904 | DeBoer | Change provisions regarding child care reimbursement rates, create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund | 2/14/2024 | Passed |
| LB905 | Riepe | Require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a medicaid waiver or state plan amendment for medical respite care, change the definition of respite care, and change provisions relating to the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund | 2/1/2024 | Passed |
| LB907 | Riepe | Require medicaid coverage for treatment of obesity | 2/15/2024 | Referral |
| LB910 | Riepe | Authorize an emergency medical service to transport and emergency care providers to provide emergency medical care to injured law enforcement canines | 2/1/2024 | Passed |
| LB913 | Hunt | Require a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children’s Health Insurance Program | 2/2/2024 | General File |
| LB920 | McKinney | Require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program | 2/21/2024 | Referral |
| LB927 | Fredrickson | Require suicide awareness and prevention training for certain employees of child-placing agencies and employees of the Department of Health and Human Services | 2/23/2024 | General File |
| LB932 | Fredrickson | Adopt the Social Worker Licensure Compact and change provisions of the Mental Health Practice Act and the Uniform Credentialing Act | 2/7/2024 | Passed |
| LB933 | Bosn | Change medicaid coverage | 2/8/2024 | General File |

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| | | requirements for continuous glucose monitors | | |
| LB946 | Day | Change requirements for payments to Child Care Subsidy program providers | 2/21/2024 | Referral |
| LB952 | Day | Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the federal Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program | 2/1/2024 | Referral |
| LB982 | Riepe | Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disabilities facilities | 2/29/2024 | General File |
| LB1003 | Hansen | Change a requirement relating to child care licensing in cities, villages, or counties | 2/2/2024 | Referral |
| LB1007 | Walz | Provide for medicaid coverage for certain aged, blind, and disabled individuals | 2/14/2024 | General File |
| LB1009 | Walz | Change provisions of the Barber Act | 1/26/2024 | Referral |
| LB1015 | Walz | Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act | 1/24/2024 | Referral |
| LB1016 | Walz | Eliminate a termination date relating to prioritization of certain developmental disabilities services | 2/15/2024 | Referral |
| LB1028 | Clements | Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures | N/A | Withdrawn |
| LB1035 | Hughes | Adopt the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act | 1/31/2024 | Passed |
| LB1054 | Walz | Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act | 2/8/2024 | General File |
| LB1060 | Hansen | Provide an exemption from newborn screening | 1/31/2024 | Referral |
| LB1062 | Ibach | Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act | 1/24/2024 | Referral |

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| LB1086 | Walz | Eliminate the Department of Health and Human Services and create three departments | 2/29/2024 | Referral |
| LB1087 | Jacobson | Adopt the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Act and provide duties for the Nebraska Center for Nursing | 2/2/2024 | Passed |
| LB1100 | McDonnell | Change provisions relating to capitation payments made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act as prescribed | 2/21/2024 | Referral |
| LB1106 | Day | Provide for coverage of lactation consultations under the Medical Assistance Act | 2/22/2024 | General File |
| LB1107 | Day | Provide for coverage of breast pumps under the Medical Assistance Act | 2/22/2024 | Referral |
| LB1111 | Clements | Require city-county health departments to obtain approval for directed health measures | 2/14/2024 | Referral |
| LB1130 | Raybould | Change provisions relating to mental health practitioner licenses | 1/25/2024 | Referral |
| LB1138 | Riepe | Provide an exemption from requirements for prescribers issuing prescriptions for controlled substances | 1/25/2024 | Referral |
| LB1143 | Health and Human Services Committee | Eliminate provisions relating to certain health districts | 1/26/2024 | Passed |
| LB1144 | Ballard | Change provisions relating to care management units for long-term care | 2/15/2024 | General File |
| LB1171 | Hardin | Change verification requirements for pharmacy technicians | 1/31/2024 | Referral |
| LB1172 | von Gillern | Change provisions relating to access to health data in certain registries and databases for research purposes | 2/1/2024 | General File |
| LB1173 | Riepe | Provide for use of abstracts of death and change a requirement relating to | 1/25/2024 | Referral |

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| | | death certificates | | |
| LB1178 | Wishart | Create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program | 2/7/2024 | Referral |
| LB1181 | Ballard | Change requirements relating to controlled substances, prescription drugs, pharmacists, and pharmacies as prescribed | 1/25/2024 | Referral |
| LB1187 | Hardin | Allow registered nurses to perform auricular acupuncture as prescribed | 2/2/2024 | Referral |
| LB1194 | Conrad | Require legislative approval of medicaid state plan amendments and state plan amendments for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program | 2/23/2024 | Referral |
| LB1196 | Ballard | Change provisions relating to registration of medication aides | 1/31/2024 | General File |
| LB1214 | Health and Human Services Committee | Change provisions relating to a criminal background check for certain professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act | 2/1/2024 | Passed |
| LB1215 | Hansen | Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact and the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact, change provisions relating to prescriptions, death certificates, credentialing of barbers, nurses, pharmacies, pharmacy professionals, and certain health care facilities and services, treatment of individuals with communicable tuberculosis, and telehealth consultations, and provide for abstracts of death and coverage under the medical assistance program for certain breast pumps and lactation visits | 1/31/2024 | Passed |
| LB1221 | Day | Provide staff training requirements for facilities offering care to persons with | 2/23/2024 | Referral |

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| | | Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related disorders | | |
| LB1237 | Cavanaugh, M. | Require a report regarding the medical assistance program | 2/28/2024 | General File |
| LB1261 | Walz | Adopt the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Respite Services Act | 2/28/2024 | Referral |
| LB1278 | McKinney | Provide for reimbursement of doula and full spectrum doula services under the Medical Assistance Act | 2/14/2024 | Referral |
| LB1280 | McDonnell | Provide eligibility for child care assistance to qualified apprentices and semiconductor workers | 2/28/2024 | Referral |
| LB1283 | Arch | Correct the name of a commission in the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act | 2/29/2024 | Referral |
| LB1320 | Ballard | Require emergency medical services to report patient overdose information as prescribed | 2/8/2024 | Referral |
| LB1325 | Vargas | Allow pharmacists and local public health departments to distribute fentanyl strips as prescribed | 2/7/2024 | Referral |
| LB1350 | DeBoer | Define certain terms under the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act | 2/21/2024 | General File |
| LB1355 | Vargas | Provide for release of certain patient data by an emergency medical service, change provisions of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, and provide for state aid, research, first responder training, and overdose fatality review | 2/7/2024 | Passed |
| LB1373 | Blood | Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact and change provisions relating to criminal background checks | 2/22/2024 | General File |
| LB1381 | Hansen | Provide work requirements for recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | 2/14/2024 | Referral |
| LB1387 | Hansen | Change provisions relating to approval | 2/15/2024 | Referral |

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| | | and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions | | |
| LB1392 | Ballard | Change provisions relating to the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee | 2/29/2024 | Referral |