

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1141

Approved by the Governor April 1, 1996

Introduced by Bernard-Stevens, 42

AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend section 83-925.07, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995; to change provisions relating to the Youth Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center; to eliminate a termination date; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 83-4,104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Section 1. Section 83-925.07, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995, is amended to read:

83-925.07. In developing its programs, the Office of Juvenile Services shall:

(1) Design the table of organization for the office by designing the functional specifications for the operation of the office and managing the process of change as programs, functions, and services are transferred to the office;

(2) Develop risk and need assessment instruments for use in determining the need for detention or other placement at the time a juvenile enters the system. This shall include validating and pilot testing the instruments in selected jurisdictions;

(3) Develop a case classification process to include the establishment of classification program levels and case management standards for each program level. This shall include pilot testing the classification process with juveniles committed for placement;

(4) Plan for the construction of a secure confinement facility to serve juvenile offenders identified as in need of secure confinement in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class. A secure confinement facility shall mean a physically secure coeducational facility designed to provide secure confinement, education, and treatment for serious and chronic juvenile offenders who have been committed to the Office of Juvenile Services or the Department of Correctional Services for secure care;

(5) Develop a purchase-of-care system which will facilitate the development of a statewide community-based continuum of care with the involvement of the private sector and the local public sector. Care services may be purchased from private providers to provide a wider diversity of services. This system shall include accessing existing Title IV-E funds of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, new medicaid funds, and other funding sources to support eligible community-based services. Such services developed and purchased shall include, but not be limited to, evaluation services which shall be available on a geographically accessible basis across the state. The evaluation services available at the Youth Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center pursuant to sections 83-4,100 to 83-4,104 shall be replaced supplemented with purchased community-based evaluation services. The community-based evaluation services shall replace the evaluation services available at the Youth Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center by December 31, 1999. The replacement shall be completed by December 31, 1996. All costs incurred during the period in which the juvenile is being evaluated shall be the responsibility of the state;

(6) Develop a community-based assessment and evaluation process. A prototype community-based evaluation process shall be developed and pilot-tested in several jurisdictions. A residential evaluation program shall be established in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class;

(7) Develop functional specifications for juvenile service centers and identify several demonstration sites. The risk assessment and community-based assessment and evaluation procedures may be pilot-tested at the juvenile service center demonstration sites; and

(8) Identify and recommend the functional requirements for a management information system. The system shall be a unified, interdepartmental client information system which supports assessment.

Sec. 2. Original section 83-925.07, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995, is repealed.

Sec. 3. The following section is outright repealed: Section 83-4,104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.