

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 199

Approved by the Governor May 27, 2015

Introduced by Howard, 9; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare services; to provide for stipends for social work students as prescribed; and to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services and governing boards of Nebraska colleges and universities.

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

Section 1. To facilitate improved quality in the work of employees providing child welfare services, the Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with accredited social work education programs at Nebraska's colleges and universities, shall establish a program to provide stipends for undergraduate and graduate social work students enrolled in such colleges and universities who are committed to working in the field of child welfare services. Funds available under Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on January 1, 2015, shall be used to pay for such stipends. The department and the governing boards of such colleges and universities shall develop an application process for eligible students and, based on the amount of funds available, shall determine the amount of such stipend to be awarded to each eligible student. The department and the governing boards may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.