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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1003

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care licensure; to amend section
- 2 71-1914, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a
- 3 requirement for cities, villages, or counties; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-1914, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-1914 (1) The department shall be the state's coordinating agency
4 for licensure and regulation of programs in this state in order to (a)
5 provide efficient services pursuant to the Child Care Licensing Act, (b)
6 avoid duplication of services, and (c) prevent an unnecessary number of
7 inspections of any program. The department may request cooperation and
8 assistance from local and state agencies and such agencies shall promptly
9 respond. The extent of an agency's cooperation may be included in the
10 report to the Legislature pursuant to section 43-3402.

11 (2) A city, village, or county may adopt rules, regulations, or
12 ordinances establishing physical well-being and safety standards for
13 programs whether or not the persons providing such programs are subject
14 to licensure under section 71-1911. Such rules, regulations, or
15 ordinances shall be as stringent as or more stringent than the
16 department's rules and regulations for licensees pursuant to the Child
17 Care Licensing Act, except for rules and regulations relating to staff-
18 to-child ratios. The city, village, or county adopting such rules,
19 regulations, or ordinances and the department shall coordinate the
20 inspection and supervision of licensees to avoid duplication of
21 inspections. A city, village, or county shall report any violation of
22 such rules, regulations, or ordinances to the department. The city,
23 village, or county may administer and enforce such rules, regulations,
24 and ordinances. Enforcement of provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act
25 or rules or regulations adopted and promulgated under the act shall be by
26 the department pursuant to sections 71-1919 to 71-1923.

27 Sec. 2. Original section 71-1914, Reissue Revised Statutes of
28 Nebraska, is repealed.