

AMENDMENTS TO LB207

Introduced by Krist, 10.

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 4. Section 43-4325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 43-4325 (1) Reports of investigations conducted by the office shall
5 not be distributed beyond the entity that is the subject of the report
6 without the consent of the Inspector General.

7 (2) Except when a report is provided to a guardian ad litem or an
8 attorney in the juvenile court pursuant to subsection (2) of section
9 43-4327, the office shall redact confidential information before
10 distributing a report of an investigation. The office may disclose
11 confidential information to the chairperson of the Health and Human
12 Services Committee of the Legislature or the chairperson of the Judiciary
13 Committee of the Legislature when such disclosure is, in the judgment of
14 the Public Counsel, desirable to keep the chairperson informed of
15 important events, issues, and developments in the Nebraska child welfare
16 system.

17 (3)(a) A summarized final report based on an investigation may be
18 publicly released in order to bring awareness to systemic issues.

19 (b) Such report shall be released only:

20 (i) After a disclosure is made to the appropriate chairperson or
21 chairpersons pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and

22 (ii) If a determination is made by the Inspector General with the
23 appropriate chairperson that doing so would be in the best interest of
24 the public.

25 (c) If there is disagreement about whether releasing the report
26 would be in the best interest of the public, the chairperson of the
27 Executive Board of the Legislative Council may be asked to make the final

1 decision.

2 ~~(4)~~ (3) Records and documents, regardless of physical form, that are
3 obtained or produced by the office in the course of an investigation are
4 not public records for purposes of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09. Reports
5 of investigations conducted by the office are not public records for
6 purposes of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09.

7 ~~(5)~~ (4) The office may withhold the identity of sources of
8 information to protect from retaliation any person who files a complaint
9 or provides information in good faith pursuant to the Office of Inspector
10 General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act.

11 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
12 amend the repealer accordingly.