

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Riepe, 12; at the request of the Governor.

Read first time January 12, 2017

Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to amend section 43-536,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating
- 3 to a rates of reimbursement market survey; to repeal the original
- 4 section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 43-536 In determining the rate of reimbursement for child care, the  
4 Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct a market rate  
5 survey of the child care providers in the state. The department shall  
6 adjust the reimbursement rate for child care every odd-numbered year at a  
7 rate not less than the sixtieth percentile and not to exceed the seventy-  
8 fifth percentile of the current market rate survey, except that (1)  
9 nationally accredited child care providers may be reimbursed at higher  
10 rates, ~~and~~ (2) an applicable child care or early childhood education  
11 program, as defined in section 71-1954, that is participating in the  
12 quality rating and improvement system and has received a rating of step  
13 three or higher under the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act may be  
14 reimbursed at higher rates based upon the program's quality scale rating  
15 under the quality rating and improvement system, and (3) for the fiscal  
16 year beginning on July 1, 2017, such rate may not be less than the  
17 fiftieth percentile or the rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year  
18 and for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, such rate may not be  
19 less than the sixtieth percentile for the last three quarters of the  
20 fiscal year or the rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

21 Sec. 2. Original section 43-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
22 Nebraska, is repealed.

23 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
24 passed and approved according to law.