

AMENDMENTS TO LB1061

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 8. Section 43-4203, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is
3 amended to read:

4 43-4203 ~~(1) The Nebraska Children's Commission shall create a~~
5 ~~committee to examine state policy regarding the prescription of~~
6 ~~psychotropic drugs for children who are wards of the state and the~~
7 ~~administration of such drugs to such children. Such committee shall~~
8 ~~review the policy and procedures for prescribing and administering such~~
9 ~~drugs and make recommendations to the commission for changes in such~~
10 ~~policy and procedures.~~

11 (1) ~~(2)~~ The Nebraska Children's Commission ~~commission~~ shall create a
12 committee to examine the Office of Juvenile Services and the Juvenile
13 Services Division of the Office of Probation Administration. Such
14 committee shall review the role and effectiveness of out-of-home
15 placements utilized in the juvenile justice system, including the youth
16 rehabilitation and treatment centers, and make recommendations to the
17 commission on the juvenile justice continuum of care, including what
18 populations should be served in out-of-home placements and what treatment
19 services should be provided at the centers in order to appropriately
20 serve those populations. Such committee shall also review how mental and
21 behavioral health services are provided to juveniles in residential
22 placements and the need for such services throughout Nebraska and make
23 recommendations to the commission relating to those systems of care in
24 the juvenile justice system. The committee shall collaborate with the
25 Juvenile Justice Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the
26 Center for Health Policy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center,
27 the behavioral health regions as established in section 71-807, and state

1 and national juvenile justice experts to develop recommendations. The
2 recommendations shall include a plan to implement a continuum of care in
3 the juvenile justice system to meet the needs of Nebraska families,
4 including specific recommendations for the rehabilitation and treatment
5 model. The recommendations shall be delivered to the commission and
6 electronically to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature annually by
7 September 1.

8 (2) ~~(3)~~ The commission shall collaborate with juvenile justice
9 specialists of the Office of Probation Administration and county
10 officials with respect to any county-operated practice model
11 participating in the Crossover Youth Program of the Center for Juvenile
12 Justice Reform at Georgetown University.

13 (3) ~~(4)~~ The commission shall analyze case management workforce
14 issues and make recommendations to the Health and Human Services
15 Committee of the Legislature regarding:

16 (a) Salary comparisons with other states and the current pay
17 structure based on job descriptions;

18 (b) Utilization of incentives for persons who work in the area of
19 child welfare;

20 (c) Evidence-based training requirements for persons who work in the
21 area of child welfare and their supervisors; and

22 (d) Collaboration with the University of Nebraska to increase and
23 sustain such workforce.

24 (4) ~~(5)~~ The Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee created
25 pursuant to section 43-4216, the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act
26 Committee created pursuant to section 43-4716, and the Bridge to
27 Independence Advisory Committee created pursuant to section 43-4513 shall
28 be under the jurisdiction of the commission.

29 (5) ~~(6)~~ The commission shall work with the office of the State Court
30 Administrator, as appropriate, and entities which coordinate facilitated
31 conferencing as described in section 43-247.03.

1 (6) ~~(7)~~ The commission shall work with administrators from each of
2 the service areas designated pursuant to section 81-3116, the teams
3 created pursuant to section 28-728, local foster care review boards,
4 child advocacy centers, the teams created pursuant to the Supreme Court's
5 Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, community stakeholders, and
6 advocates for child welfare programs and services to establish networks
7 in each of such service areas. Such networks shall permit collaboration
8 to strengthen the continuum of services available to child welfare
9 agencies and to provide resources for children and juveniles outside the
10 child protection system.

11 (7) ~~(8)~~ The commission may organize subcommittees as it deems
12 necessary. Members of the subcommittees may be members of the commission
13 or may be individuals who have knowledge of the subcommittee's subject
14 matter, professional expertise to assist the subcommittee in completing
15 its assigned responsibilities, or the ability to collaborate within the
16 subcommittee and with the commission to carry out the powers and duties
17 of the commission. A subcommittee shall meet as necessary to complete the
18 work delegated by the commission and shall report its findings to the
19 relevant committee within the commission.

20 (8) ~~(9)~~ No member of any committee or subcommittee created pursuant
21 to this section shall have any private financial interest, profit, or
22 benefit from any work of such committee or subcommittee.

23 2. On page 9, line 12, strike "or"; in line 14 strike the period and
24 insert "; or"; and after line 14 insert the following:

25 "(xi) A history of termination of parental rights.".

26 3. On page 19, line 5, strike the second "and" and insert a comma
27 and after the last comma insert "and 43-4203,".

28 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.