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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to youth rehabilitation and treatment centers; 
2 to provide requirements for youth rehabilitation and treatment 
3 centers; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes. 
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) Youth rehabilitation and treatment centers are facilities operated to provide programming and services to rehabilitate and treat juveniles committed under the Nebraska Juvenile Code. Each youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall be considered a separate placement. Each youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall provide:

(a) Safe and sanitary space for sleeping, hygiene, education, programming, treatment, recreation, and visitation for each juvenile;

(b) Health care and medical services;

(c) Appropriate physical separation and segregation of juveniles based on gender;

(d) Sufficient staffing to comply with state and federal law and protect the safety and security of each juvenile;

(e) Training that is specific to the population being served at the youth rehabilitation and treatment center;

(f) A facility administrator for each youth rehabilitation and treatment center who has the sole responsibility for administration of a single youth rehabilitation and treatment center;

(g) An evaluation process for the development of an individualized treatment plan within fourteen days of admission to the youth rehabilitation and treatment center;

(h) An age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate education program for each juvenile that can award relevant and necessary credits toward high school graduation that will be accepted by the juvenile's home school district;

(i) A case management and coordination process, designed to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to his or her family, school, and community;

(j) Compliance with the requirements stated within Title XIX and Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on January 1, 2020, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines as appropriate:
(k) Research-based or evidence-based programming for all juveniles that includes a strong academic program as well as classes in health education, living skills, vocational training, behavior management and modification, money management, family and parent responsibilities, substance abuse awareness, physical education, job skills training, and job placement assistance; and

(1) Research-based or evidence-based treatment services for behavioral impairments, severe emotional disturbances, sex offender behaviors, other mental health or psychiatric disorders, drug and alcohol addiction, victims of physical or sexual abuse, and any other treatment indicated by the juvenile’s individualized treatment plan.

(2) Each youth rehabilitation and treatment center shall electronically submit a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before July 15 of each year. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) Data on the populations served, including, but not be limited to, admissions, average daily census, average length of stay, and race and ethnicity;

(b) An overview of programming and services; and

(c) An overview of any facility issues or facility improvements.

Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act to Chapter 83, article 1.