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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1191

Introduced by Howard, 9; Lathrop, 12.

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Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state employees; to amend section 43-401,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 83-1,135, Revised
3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to require the Department of
4 Health and Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Services, and the
5 Department of Correctional Services to allow employees to speak to
6 members of the Legislature and the Public Counsel as prescribed; to
7 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 43-401 Sections 43-401 to 43-424 and section 2 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Health and Human Services, Office of
5 Juvenile Services Act.

6 Sec. 2. An employee of the Office of Juvenile Services or the
7 Department of Health and Human Services shall be permitted to communicate
8 with members of the Legislature, such members' employees or
9 representatives, the Public Counsel, and the Public Counsel's employees
10 at all reasonable times regarding office and departmental operations,
11 including conditions for juveniles and employees at youth rehabilitation
12 and treatment facilities. An employee of the office or the department
13 shall be permitted to testify at any public hearing regarding such
14 operations and conditions.

15 Sec. 3. An employee of the Department of Correctional Services
16 shall be permitted to communicate with members of the Legislature, such
17 members' employees or representatives, the Public Counsel, and the Public
18 Counsel's employees at all reasonable times regarding departmental
19 operations, including conditions for inmates and department employees. An
20 employee of the department shall be permitted to testify at any public
21 hearing regarding such operations and conditions.

22 Sec. 4. Section 83-1,135, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
23 2018, is amended to read:

24 83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and section 3 of this act
25 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections
26 Act.

27 Sec. 5. Original section 43-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of
28 Nebraska, and section 83-1,135, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2018, are repealed.