

AMENDMENTS TO LB376

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1307)

Introduced by Arch, 14.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 5. If the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
3 denies the 1915(c) waiver required to be submitted in section 2 of this
4 act, the family support program outlined in sections 2 to 4 of this act
5 shall not be implemented until such waiver or other mechanism authorizing
6 the program is approved. The Department of Health and Human Services
7 shall submit a new waiver application or seek other mechanisms for
8 approval if such application is denied.

9 Sec. 7. Section 83-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
10 2020, is amended to read:

11 83-1201 Sections 83-1201 to 83-1227 and section 8 of this act shall
12 be known and may be cited as the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

13 Sec. 8. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
14 engage a nationally recognized consultant to provide an evaluation of the
15 state's developmental disabilities system in order to examine how the
16 State of Nebraska can better serve all Nebraskans with a variety of
17 developmental disabilities.

18 (2) The consultant shall be independent of the Department of Health
19 and Human Services and be a national entity that can demonstrate:

20 (a) Direct involvement with public and tribal developmental
21 disabilities agencies;

22 (b) Partnerships with national advocacy organizations, think tanks,
23 or technical assistance providers for persons with developmental
24 disabilities;

25 (c) Collaboration with community agencies for persons with
26 developmental disabilities; and

1 (d) Independent research regarding developmental disabilities.

2 (3) The evaluation shall analyze the array of services and programs
3 existing in Nebraska for persons with developmental disabilities and
4 address potential areas for improvement with an emphasis on maximizing
5 impact, effectiveness, and cost-efficiencies. The evaluation shall
6 consider: (a) Services offered and provided by the state through the
7 medicaid state plan or by current medicaid waivers; (b) services offered
8 by other states through medicaid state plans, medicaid waivers, or other
9 mechanisms; and (c) any other areas which may be beneficial to the state
10 in the assessment of its developmental disabilities services.

11 (4) The Department of Health and Human Services shall electronically
12 deliver a report detailing the findings and recommendations of the
13 consultant to the Governor, the chairperson of the Health and Human
14 Services Committee of the Legislature, and the Clerk of the Legislature
15 on or before December 31, 2023.

16 (5) Engagement of the consultant described in this section shall not
17 be subject to competitive bidding requirements under sections 73-501 to
18 73-510.

19 2. On page 3, line 25, after "method" insert ", as provided in
20 section 4 of this act,".

21 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
22 accordingly.