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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1004

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson;
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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Developmental Disabilities Services
- 2 Act; to amend section 83-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2020; to require the Department of Health and Human
- 4 Services to engage a consultant; to repeal the original section; and
- 5 to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 83-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 83-1201 Sections 83-1201 to 83-1227 and section 2 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
6 engage a nationally recognized consultant to provide an evaluation of the
7 state's developmental disabilities system in order to examine how the
8 State of Nebraska can better serve all Nebraskans with a variety of
9 developmental disabilities.

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

12 (a) Direct involvement with public and tribal developmental
13 disabilities agencies;

14 (b) Partnerships with national advocacy organizations, think tanks,
15 or technical assistance providers for persons with developmental
16 disabilities;

17 (c) Collaboration with community agencies for persons with
18 developmental disabilities; and

19 (d) Independent research regarding developmental disabilities.

20 (3) The evaluation shall analyze the array of services and programs
21 existing in Nebraska for persons with developmental disabilities and
22 address potential areas for improvement with an emphasis on maximizing
23 impact, effectiveness, and cost-efficiencies. The evaluation shall
24 consider: (a) Services offered and provided by the state through the
25 medicaid state plan or by current medicaid waivers; (b) services offered
26 by other states through medicaid state plans, medicaid waivers, or other
27 mechanisms; and (c) any other areas which may be beneficial to the state
28 in the assessment of its developmental disabilities services.

29 (4) The Department of Health and Human Services shall electronically
30 deliver a report detailing the findings and recommendations of the
31 consultant to the Governor, chairperson of the Health and Human Services

1 Committee of the Legislature, and the Clerk of the Legislature on or
2 before December 31, 2022.

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

6 Sec. 3. Original section 83-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
7 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.

8 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
9 passed and approved according to law.