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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1019

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile services; to establish the family
- 2 resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
2 establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program
3 for cities of the metropolitan class and provide funds for services at
4 such centers twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week.

5 (2) The goals of the pilot program are to (a) provide resources to
6 at-risk youth to prevent incarceration and (b) minimize individual and
7 community harm by keeping youths from becoming more involved in the
8 juvenile justice system, social services, family services, and the adult
9 criminal justice system.

10 (3) Family resource and juvenile assessment centers shall: (a) House
11 multiple community providers under one roof and provide assessments and
12 services to youth and families to address their immediate and ongoing
13 needs; (b) provide assessments to youth at no charge to families; and (c)
14 maintain membership in the National Assessment Center Association.

15 (4) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) give juveniles and
16 families the opportunity to provide a comprehensive description of their
17 unique family structure and (b) identify the presenting issue's origin
18 and provide service referrals in the following areas:

19 (a) Tutoring;

20 (b) Mentoring;

21 (c) Drug and substance abuse education and intervention;

22 (d) Conflict resolution;

23 (e) Mental health services and support;

24 (f) Anger management;

25 (g) Social skills training;

26 (h) Job skills development;

27 (i) Financial literacy;

28 (j) Individual and family therapy sessions;

29 (k) Cognitive behavioral therapy;

30 (l) Truancy prevention;

31 (m) Food and clothing assistance; and

1 (n) Referrals to court diversion programs.