

December 15th, 2014

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Clerk of the Legislature
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Mr. Clerk & Members of the Legislature,

In compliance with Nebraska Statute 50-424 the Health and Human Services Committee is providing you with the Child Welfare Reports Status report. The HHS Committee utilizes the listed reports to oversee the progress of the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing the recommendations the HHS Committee made in Legislative Resolution 37, One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session, 2011. In addition to the reports provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Child Welfare Reports Status list also includes the status of reports provided to the HHS Committee from the Nebraska Inspector General for Child Welfare, the Foster Care Review Office, the Child Advocacy Centers, the Office of Juvenile Services, the State Child Death Review Team and the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee.

Of note, all required reports for 2014 were completed and submitted by the responsible entity. The HHS Committee continues to monitor the progress of child welfare through a variety of mechanisms including the attached reports, legislative hearings, and briefings. Toward that end, during the 2015 Legislative session the HHS Committee will hold briefings to review various reports, receive updates of current activities, discuss any "red flags", challenges and positive outcomes of the child welfare system, and to be apprised of plans regarding future activities.

Thank you for your continued partnership as all three branches of state government, community officials, providers and stakeholders work together to continue improving the child welfare system and meeting the needs of the children of Nebraska. Please contact us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Senator Kathy Campbell
Cc: HHS Committee members

CHILD WELFARE REPORTS STATUS
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LB/Statute	Report	By	To	Due
LB 821 43-4331	Summary of reports and investigations made under the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act for the preceding year	Inspector General	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee Governor	September 15 annually (Completed 2014)
LB 998 Sec 5(4) 43-1303(4)	Regular updates regarding child welfare data and information at least quarterly and a fourth-quarter report (annual report)	Foster Care Review Office Executive Director	Legislature	March 12, 2014 June 16, 2014 September 15, 2014 November 15, 2104
1160 Sec 6 43-4406	Info regarding child welfare services with respect to children served by any lead agency or the pilot project and children served by the department	DHHS	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) (2014 Completed)
1160 Sec 7(1) 43-4407(1)	Summary of surveys to monitor satisfaction of children, parents, foster parents, judges, guardians ad litem, attorneys representing parents, service providers	DHHS each service area administrator; any lead agency or pilot project	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) (2014 Completed)

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LB/Statute	Report	By	To	Due
1160 Sec 7 (2) 43-4407(2)	Plan for the child and family implemented by the department, lead agency, or the pilot project and the status of compliance by the family with the plan	DHHS Each service area administrator; any lead agency or pilot project Child Advocacy Centers	Child advocacy center that corresponds with the geographic location of the child regarding the services provided when the child is a voluntary or non-court-involved child welfare case Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Monthly September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter or more often if requested) (2014 Completed)
1160 Sec 8 43-4408	The department's monitoring of any lead agencies or the pilot project	DHHS	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2012 (and each Sept. 15 thereafter) (2014 Completed)
LB 1160 Sec 10 LB 1160 Sec 15(5) 71-825	Final Report	The Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature	The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	2013 Completed (Report was Final- no 2014)
LB 1160 Sec 11 43-296	Report association's(s') condition, management, and competency to adequately care for such juveniles as are or may be committed to it and such other facts as the department may require	All associations receiving juveniles under the Nebraska Juvenile Code DHHS should forward the report	The department Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2013 (2014 Completed)

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<p>LB 1160 Sec 12 43-405(6)</p>	<p>Report on monitored commitments, placements, and evaluations at facilities and programs operated by the office or through contracts with providers</p> <p>Plus an assessment of the administrative costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, and the savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, and evaluations</p>	<p>Office of Juvenile Services</p>	<p>Legislature</p> <p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p>	<p>Annually</p> <p>September 15, 2013 (2014 Completed) September 15, 2014</p>
<p>LB 1160 Sec 13 43-534</p>	<p>Every <u>department, agency, institution, committee, and commission of state government</u> responsible for children and families shall submit, as part of the annual budget request, a comprehensive statement of the efforts taken to carry out the policy and principles set for in sections 43-532 and 43-533.</p> <p>For 2012, 2013, and 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a copy of its statement submitted under this section to the Health and Human Services Committee The statement shall include, but not be limited to: a listing of programs; a summary of the expenses; the number of clients served by each program, and data demonstrating the short-term and long-term effectiveness</p>	<p>DHHS</p> <p>DHHS</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p> <p>Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee</p> <p>Health and Human Services Committee</p>	<p>Annually</p> <p>September 15, 2012 (Completed)</p> <p>September 15, 2013 (Completed) September 15, 2014 (Completed)</p>

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LB 1160 Sec 14 68-1207.01	Outline the caseloads of child protective services , the factors considered in their establishment, and the fiscal resources necessary for their maintenance	DHHS	Legislature Governor Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually September 15, 2014 (Completed)
LB 1160 Sec 15 71-825	Report on the operation of the Children and Family Support Hotline, the Family Navigator Program , and the provision of voluntary post-adoption and post-guardianship case management services	DHHS	Governor Legislature Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	September 15, 2014 (Completed)
LB 1160 Sec 17(2) 71-1904	Regarding foster care , report the number of waivers granted under this subsection and the total number of children placed in relative foster homes	DHHS	Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually September 15, 2014 (Completed)
LB 1160 Sec 18 71-3404	Report the team's findings and recommendations for each of its duties	The State Child Death Review Team	Governor Legislature and the public Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Annually September 15, 2014 (Completed)

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LB 949 Sec 1 (1)(b) 81-3133(1)(b)	Expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes relating to such expenditures	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)- Division of Children and Family Services	Legislature's Appropriations Committee Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee	Beginning after the third calendar quarter of 2012, within 30 days (Completed jul. 2014)
LB 1160 Sec 10 50-424	Using reports required by 43-296 43-534 68-1207.01 71-825 71-1904 71-3407 43-405 (6) report on the progress made by the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing the recommendations of the HHS Committee in the LR 37 report	The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature	Legislature; Governor; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	(2013 Completed)

