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LB 18 – Kolterman – Change licensure and scope of practice for dental assistances and dental hygienists

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

LB 18 establishes new licensure categories for dental assistants, expanded function dental hygienists and expanded function dental assistants. Upon completion of licensure requirements, the Department of Health and Human Services, with the recommendation of the Board of Dentistry, shall issue a permit to practice. Every person who owns, operates, or controls a facility in which an expanded function dental hygienist or an expanded function dental assistant is practicing must display the permit in the facility. The Department, with the recommendation of the Board, is required to adopt and promulgate rules and regulation governing the performance of duties by dental assistants, licensed dental assistants, expanded function dental assistants and expanded function dental hygienists. The rules and regulations shall include the degree of supervision which must be provided by a licensed dentist and proof of competency requirements. A licensed dentist supervising these professions is responsible for the patient care.

A licensed dental hygienist with a public health designation – child may perform interim therapeutic restoration techniques, writing prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products if the individual has completed education and testing approved by the Board. A licensed dental hygienist with a public health designation – adult may perform interim therapeutic restoration techniques, writing prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products, and make minor denture adjustments if the individual has completed education and testing approved by the Board.

Expands scope of practice for licensed dental hygienists to perform interim therapeutic restoration techniques, and write prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products under general supervision of a licensed dentist upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board. Expands scope of practice for licensed dental hygienist to administer and titrate nitrous oxide analgesia under indirect supervision of a licensed dentist upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board.

An expanded function dental hygienist may perform all the procedures authorized by a licensed dental hygienist. Upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board and under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, an expanded function dental hygienist may perform certain functions relating to restoration.

Dental assistants may perform duties delegated by a licensed dentist in assisting the dentist in his or her clinical duties. Under indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, the dental assistant may monitor nitrous oxide or place topical local anesthesia. Upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board, dental assistants may take X-rays under general supervision of a licensed dentist and perform coronal polishing under indirect supervision of a licensed dentist.

Licensed dental assistants may perform all of the procedures authorized by a dental assistant. Upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board and under the indirect supervision of

a licensed dentist, a licensed dental assistant may perform certain techniques for prostheses and restoration.

Expanded function dental assistants may, upon completion of education and testing approved by the Board and under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, perform certain restoration techniques.

The Department is allowed, with the recommendation of the Board and by rule and regulation, to prescribe functions, procedures, and services which may be performed by a licensed dental assistant under the supervision of a licensed dentist when intended to attain or maintain optimal oral health. Any applicant seeking licensure in Nebraska from another state must practice as a licensed dental assistant from that state and must meet standards set by the Board, have been engaged in practice as a licensed dental assistant for at least three years under a license in another state.

LB 18 was amended on General File with AM 24. AM 24 struck “any” on Page 14, line 12 and inserted operative date of January 1, 2018.

LB 19 – Kolterman – Change requirements for the practice of acupuncture

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 19 amends Section 38-2058 to allow licensed acupuncturists to treat patients without a referral from a doctor, osteopath or chiropractor. Mandates acupuncturists to refer patients to the appropriate medical practitioner for any problem outside of their training and abilities to treat.

LB 19 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 46-0-3 and was approved by the Governor on March 29, 2017

LB 33 – Ebke – Change fees for multiple copies of death certificates

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 33 amends Section 71-612 to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to charge applicants a sixteen dollar fee for the first six copies of the same vital record, and a five dollar fee for each additional copy of the same document.

LB 50 – Schumacher – Provide reporting duties relating to behavioral health entities

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 50 amends Section 71-801 to mandate the regional health authorities produce a report to the Division of Behavioral Health. The Division of Behavioral Health must create a summary report of the regional health authorities' reports and provide analysis annually to the Governor and the Legislature.

LB 59 – Murante – Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 59 amends Section 71-401 of the Health Care Facility Licensing Act to mandate the Department of Health and Human Services create a website regarding information about services available to pregnant women and video of ultrasound images of an unborn child in two-week gestational increments. Provides requirements for the functionality of website.

Mandates any health care facility which provides abortions and has a website to place a direct link on its webpage to the Department of Health and Human Services website. Provides requirements on facilities on link to website. Provides a severability clause.

LB 61 – Kolterman – Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 88; indefinitely postponed

LB 61 creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which offers a new, expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states, increasing health care for patients in underserved or rural areas and allowing them to more easily connect with medical experts through the use of telemedicine technologies.

The Compact is based on several key principles, which include: developing a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards; creating another pathway for licensure that does not otherwise change a state's existing medicine and surgery practice act; adopting the prevailing standard for licensure, affirming that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the patient-physician encounter; requiring the physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical board where the patient is located; ensuring that the state medical boards that participate in the compact retain the jurisdiction; and creating the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission.

Provisions of LB 61 was amended into LB 88 by AM 705. LB 88 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 64 – Hansen – Adopt the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis Information and Support Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 64 creates the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis and Information and Support Act and mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information regarding adrenal insufficiency by website and by distribution of printed copies. Adrenal support organizations may request the Department include the organization's informational material on the website.

LB 88 – Blood – Provide for temporary credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act for military spouses

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 88 allows for military spouses to obtain temporary licenses under the Uniform Credentialing Act. The license will be valid for six months, and the temporary license may not be renewed.

As amended by AM 391, provides the definition of "military spouse." Adds clarifying language that military spouse temporary credentialing does not apply to a license or temporary license to practice dentistry. Strikes language pertaining to a six month duration and renewal language and adds language stating "until the application for the regular credential is approved or rejected, not to exceed one year." Amends Section 38-1917 to clarify that temporary medical radiographers licenses are not included in the temporary military spouse license.

As amended by AM 705, LB 88 includes provisions of LB 283, LB 342, and LB 425.

As amended by AM 810, LB 88 includes a portion of LB 343 relating to audiology licenses.

As amended by AM 864, LB 88 was amended to provide that a graduate of a foreign nursing program, in order to practice as a registered nurse in Nebraska, shall pass a board-approved examination, and unless a graduate of a nursing program in Canada, provide a satisfactory evaluation of the education program attended by the applicant from a board-approved foreign credential evaluation service.

LB 88 was approved on Final Reading with an Emergency Clause on a vote of 49-0-0 and was approved by the Governor on April 25, 2017.

LB 91 – Hilkemann – Change provisions relating to infant health screenings

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: July 1, 2018

LB 91 updates the Newborn Screening Program by adding the words “congenital to primary hypothyroidism” and adds the definition of “pharmaceutically manufactured foods.” LB 91 also changes the fee set by the Department of Health and Human Services for the administration of the Newborn Screening Program to no more than \$20.00.

As amended by AM 331, LB 91 incorporated provisions of LB 401.

LB 91 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2017.

LB 117 – Hilkemann – Adopt the Investigational Drug Use Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 117 creates the Investigational Drug Use Act which allows eligible patients to be treated with any drug, biological product or device that has successfully completed Phase One of a clinic trial but has not yet been approved for general use by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

LB 117 was placed on General File with Committee Amendment AM 46. AM 46 strikes the term “certification” and replace it with “enrollment.”

AM 2911 adds health care provider shall not be subject to discipline or an adverse licensure action if recommendation made in good faith. Change to “death likely within six months.”

LB 117 as amended by AM 46 and AM 2911 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 35-13-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 19, 2018.

LB 120 – Schumacher – Provide for Medical Assistance Act coverage for family planning services as prescribed

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 120 amends Section 68-911 to mandate the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a plan amendment for the purpose of providing medical assistance for family planning services for persons whose family earned income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level by September 1, 2017. Provides intent language for Legislature to appropriate \$500,000 annually for the Every Woman Matters Program. Provides that no state funds may be used to pay for elective abortion services. Provides intent language regarding how funds may be used. Includes an emergency clause.

LB 128 – Groene – Change eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 128 amends Section 68-1017.02 to strike ineligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Adds new eligibility requirements to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Requires individuals with one or more felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance or a person with one or two felony convictions involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance shall only be eligible for SNAP benefits if eligibility requirements are met. Requires any person with three or more felonies involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance to be ineligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

LB 166 – Kolterman – Change provisions of Uniformed Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: April 27, 2017

LB 166 amends various provisions of the Pharmacy Practice Act and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to harmonize language and to replace language being repealed by the updating of the pharmacy practice regulations found in 172 NAC 128 and 175 NAC 8.

Amends Section 28-414 to mirror federal law changes pursuant to 21 USC 829 regarding partial fills of controlled substance prescriptions.

Adds language to the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act regarding hospital pharmacy practice, allowing medications to be provided to patients being dismissed from an emergency room to receive small amounts of medications to care for patients when a retail pharmacy is not open during the evening or weekend hours.

As amended by AM 143, LB 166 adds language about emergency situations which mirrors federal law found in 21 CFR 290.10. The amendment adds a definition of “practice agreement” and “written protocol.” It removed the requirement to add the prescribers name to the prescription label and deleted the restrictions on multi-dose and quantity limits for emergency box drugs.

LB 166 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 49-0-0 and was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2017.

LB 179 – Bolz – Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 179 amends Section 29-2260.02 to mandate the Department of Health and Human Services enter into an agreement with the Office of Probation Administration no later than October 1, 2018 to administer the Title IV-E state plan. In coordinating the interagency agreement, the Department and Office of Probation Administration is required to make recommendations to the Legislature for statutory changes to obtain federal funding. Amends Section 43-1311.03 to add youth who were ordered to out-of-home placement has been authorized in the six months prior to juvenile attaining nineteen years of age and court order finds it would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile to remain in or return home shall receive information regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act and the Bridge to Independence Program. The Office of Probation Administration shall identify eligible juveniles. Any party to juvenile court case may motion for a hearing in the six months prior to youth attaining nineteen years of age to have court determine if court ordered out-of-home placement is necessary and is contrary to juvenile's welfare to return to family home. Gives list of factors court may use in determining whether returning youth to family home would be contrary to juvenile's welfare. The court will put finding in a written order. If court finds returning youth to home is contrary to youth's welfare the Office of Probation Administration shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services within ten days of finding. The Department will explain to juvenile the written notice and timeline necessary to avoid lapse in services and support. If a juvenile remains in out-of-home placement upon attaining nineteen pursuant to court order, the Department shall proceed pursuant to Sections 43- 4507 and 43-4508. Amends Section 43-4502 to add other youth exiting state care who are disconnected from family support and are at risk of homelessness. Amends Section 43-4504 to add youth who were ordered to out-of-home placement and placement has been authorized in the six months prior to juvenile attaining nineteen years of age and court order finds it would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile to remain in or return home. Amends Section 43-4505 to add services to bridge to independence program to include medical care for young adults who meet previous section eligibility. Amends Section 43-4510 to add defense counsel to professions appointed to young adult before attaining nineteen years of age.

LB 195 – Craighead – Require notification following mammography as prescribed

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 195 mandates all health care facilities that perform mammographies to include the patient's individual breast tissue classification based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology in the summary of the mammography report. If the health care facility determines the patient has heterogeneously dense or extremely dense breast tissue the summary report mandates a notification to be provided. Notification must be substantially similar to the following:

“Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is a normal finding that is present in about forty percent of women. Dense breast tissue can make it more difficult to detect cancer on a mammogram and may be associated with a slightly increased risk for breast cancer. This information is provided to raise your awareness of the impact of breast density on cancer detection and to encourage you to discuss this issue, as well as other breast cancer risk factors, with your health care provider as you decide together which screening options may be right for you.”

If a health care facility decides to alter the notification, the facility is required to report the change to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the updated information and review. This mandate on health care facilities does not create a duty of care or legal obligation beyond the duty to provide notice.

As amended by AM 547, the mandate that “a facility shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services each time it makes changes to the notice required by this section and shall provide an updated copy for the department’s information and review” was stricken.

LB 195 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 26, 2017.

LB 223 – Kuehn – Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: May 9, 2017

LB 223 amends the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and adds prescription information to be available to the statewide health information exchange for access for participants as long as there is compliance with privacy and security protections. Adds training requirement before accessing the prescription drug monitoring system. Training will be administered by the public/private statewide health information exchange. Adds prescriber’s designee to definition of “designee.” Adds an employee of the prescriber or dispenser who is not a licensed health care professional but appointed by the prescriber or dispenser pursuant to requirements established by the public-private statewide health information exchange. Adds an emergency clause.

As amended by AM 950, language regarding the statewide health information exchange is harmonized. The amendment adds an exception that if a patient opts out of the statewide health information exchange, the prescription information regarding that patient will not be accessible by the participants in the statewide health information exchange. The amendment changes the date for veterinarian compliance from January 1, 2018 to July 1, 2018 and provides requirements for veterinarian information to be reported. AM 950 adds “confidential” and “privileged” to data and reports obtained by the prescription drug monitoring program, adds no patient-identifying data shall be disclosed except to the statewide health information exchange, its participants, prescribers and dispensers. Adds all other data is for confidential use of the Department, the statewide health information exchange and its participants, and provides requirements for the Department to release data. Adds additional training requirements to use the prescription drug monitoring system and

allows the statewide health information exchange to access the prescription drug monitoring system for training and administrative purposes. Allows individuals already trained prior to effective date to be in compliance with training requirements. Adds designee will be licensed or registered health care professional credentialed under the Uniform Credentialing Act. Strikes employee language as designee, strikes direct supervision for designee and adds definition of participant.

LB 223 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on May 9, 2017.

LB 224 – Crawford – Change asset limitation provisions relating to public assistance

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 224 would modify eligibility for the Aid to Dependent Children and SNAP benefits to be based on net worth eligibility determinants.

LB 225 – Crawford – Change provisions relating to alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: April 27, 2017

LB 225 gives the Department the ability to use Alternative Response statewide. Mandates the Department provide a briefing to the Nebraska Children’s Commission by November 15, 2018. LB 225 extends the Alternative Response pilot program until December 31, 2020. LB 225 requires the independent entity contracted to evaluation the Alternative Response pilot to provide an analysis of the challenges, barriers and opportunities that may occur if the alternative response implementation plan is made permanent. Add child advocacy centers to the mandated list the Department is to provide a copy of all reports relative to a case of suspected child abuse or neglect.

AM 611 incorporates LB 297, as amended by AM 365. AM 365 strikes all provisions of the original bill. The amendment creates the Children and Juvenile Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group. The advisory group will oversee a feasibility study, and the Foster Care Review Office will provide administrative support for the advisory group. Mandates the advisory group to include Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, State Court Administrator, probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration, executive director of Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Commissioner of Education, executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, Chief Information Officer of the office of Chief Information Officer, Chief Executive Officer of Department of Health and Human Services. Mandates the advisory

group meet twice a year, create a Data Steering Subcommittee, create an Information-Sharing Subcommittee, and submit a written report due on October 1 of 2017 and 2018. The feasibility study shall not be binding on any agency. Provides a definition for “independent, external data warehouse.” The pilot project sunsets on December 31, 2019. The amendment adds new section to the Foster Care Review Act and repeals Section 43-1322.

AM 611 also incorporates LB 298 as amended by AM 537. AM 537 Adds dissemination by the Office of Probation Administration shall be authorized by an order of a judge or court. Changes the Normalcy Task Force to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee on July 1, 2017 and update dates. Adds a representative of a juvenile facility to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee. The Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee shall monitor and make recommendations regarding Nebraska's implementation of the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act. Updates member designation and terms. Adds additional intent language regarding parental rights and importance of race, culture and identity for children in out-of-home care. Adds "access to reasonable opportunities" for children in foster families, home or child-care institutions to children to participate in activities. Removes the added juvenile facilities to mandate access to children for activities. Removes Office of Probation and juvenile facility. Shifts burden of creation of normalcy plan to child-care institutions. The normalcy plan will be filed with Department of Health and Human Services or the Office of Probation. A normalcy report regarding implementation of plan will be filed with the Department or State annually by June 30. Provide requirements for normalcy plan. Provides requirements for normalcy report. Provides access to normalcy plans and reports upon request by September 1 each year. Provide youth rehabilitation and treatment centers meet requirements and provide plans and reports annually to Office of Juvenile Services by June 30. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Probation Administration adopt and promulgate rules and regulations before October 15, 2017. Mandates the Department adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding training for foster parents on recognizing human trafficking. Mandate Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Probation establish a procedure for dissemination of a picture or any information about missing child from foster or out-of-home placement. Information is subject to state and federal confidentiality laws. This information shall not include reference that the child is in care, custody or control of Department of Health and Human Services or Office of Probation Administration.

Additionally included into AM 611 is LB 336 as amended by AM 462. AM 462 amends Section 28-718 to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to charge a reasonable fee to cover the expenses to provide central registry checks. The fee shall be at least five dollars and not more than ten dollars. The Department may waive the fee if requesting party shows the fee would be an undue financial hardship. The Department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations. AM 462 exempts child placing agencies for the purpose of a placement of a child in foster care.

AM 731 strikes “a child-placing agency as defined in Section 71-1926 for such purposes of placement of a child in foster care as defined in section 71-1901” and replaces the language with “a requester that is required to request the check according to a statute, a rule or regulation of the department, or a contract with the department.”

As amended by AM 826 adds exception of normalcy plan for child-care institutions located outside the state of Nebraska.

As amended by AM 840 replaces ten dollar fee with not to exceed three.

LB 225 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2017.

LB 227 – Wishart – Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 227 creates the Brain Injury Council and provides duties and responsibilities of the Council. Provides requirements for expenditure from the Brain Injury Trust Fund. Designates the Division of Rehabilitation Services as the lead agency for brain injury. Provides duties and responsibilities for the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Creates the Brain Injury Trust Fund.

LB 255 – Crawford – Adopt the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registration Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: May 10, 2017

LB 255 creates the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registration Act. LB 255 clarifies that dialysis patient care technicians may administer hemodialysis under the authority of a registered nurse licensed pursuant to the Nurse Practice Act.

AM 91 adds an emergency clause to the underlying bill.

LB 255 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on May 10, 2017.

LB 267 – Linehan – Change provisions relating to onsite vaccinations at health care facilities

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 267 amends Section 71-468 of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act to mandate all nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities to offer annual onsite vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease to all employees, residents and inpatients. Annual onsite vaccinations must begin no later than October 1 and ends on April 1. The facilities will act in accordance with recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the recommendations existed on January 1, 2017.

AM 41 removed the pneumococcal vaccination requirement for employees.

LB 267 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2017.

LB 282 – Riepe – Change telehealth provisions relating to children’s behavioral health

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 92; indefinitely postponed

LB 282 removes the Medicaid coverage restriction that if a child has access to comparable services within thirty miles of his or her place of residence, the use of telehealth services are not available.

Provisions of LB 282 were amended into LB 92 by AM 609. LB 92 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 283 – Riepe – Change and eliminate provisions relating to licensed practical nurses

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 88; indefinitely postponed

LB 283 would allow intravenous therapy by licensed practical nurses and eliminates the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act.

A Licensed Practical Nurse may provide intravenous therapy if he/she holds (a) a valid license issued before May 1, 2016, by the department pursuant to the Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified Practice Act as such act existed on such date, (b) graduates from an approved program of practical nursing on or after May 1, 2016, or (c) a valid license as a licensed practical nurse issued on or before May 1, 2016, and completes, within five years after the operative date of this section, (i) an eight-hour didactic course in intravenous therapy which shall include, but not be limited to, peripheral intravenous lines, central lines, and legal aspects of intravenous therapy and (ii) an approved employer-specific intravenous therapy skills course.

LB 283 provides that a Licensed Practical Nurse who is not required to provide intravenous therapy in the course of employment is not required to complete an employer specific intravenous therapy skills course.

Provisions of LB 283 was amended into LB 88 by AM 705. LB 88 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 284 – Riepe – Change criminal history record information checks under the Child Care Licensing Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 284 amends Section 71-1912 of the Child Care Licensing Act by granting the Department of Health and Human Services authority to mandate federal criminal background checks for all licensed child care programs and those child care providers who receive federal subsidy funds at the expense of the applicant or licensee.

LB 285 – Linehan – Change and eliminate provisions relating to human immunodeficiency virus testing

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB285 amends Section 71-502.03 to mandate all physicians or other persons authorized to practice obstetrics, who is attending a pregnant woman, to administer or cause to administer a human immunodeficiency viral blood test on the pregnant woman. The pregnant woman may sign a written informed consent that she does not want to be tested.

LB 285 outright repeals Section 71-531, which provides additional information regarding consent, additional explanatory information about human immunodeficiency virus, and right to remain anonymous. Section 71-531 also provides exceptions to the section.

As amended by AM 423, Section 2 and Section 4 of the original bill and Section 2 is replaced with the following:

Amends Section 71-531 by striking opt-in provision for human immunodeficiency virus testing. Retains section for right to remain anonymous for person seeking a human immunodeficiency virus test. Removes exception language for section 71-531. Strikes language regarding anonymous testing exception for performance by health care provider or health facility, which procures, processes, distributes or uses human body parts under the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act to test for human immunodeficiency virus. Retains section for health care provider or facility to refer an individual testing positive for human immunodeficiency virus to posttest treatment. Retains and clarifies requirements for when a licensed medical personnel of the

Department of Correctional Services performs a human immunodeficiency virus test to provide required notice information. The Department must refer individual an individual testing positive for human immunodeficiency virus to posttest treatment. Strikes exception requirement for home collection kits, human immunodeficiency virus test performed under Section 29-2290, human immunodeficiency virus testing under Section 71-507 through 71-513.

LB 287 – Wishart – Provide duties for the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 506; indefinitely postponed

LB 287 amends Section 71-3407 to eliminate outdated reporting requirements. Allows the Child and Maternal Death Review Team to enter into written agreements with qualified entities to provide storage of electronic data securely, based on information and records collected by the Review Team. The data may include personal or incident identifiers. Mandates agreements provide for the protection of the security and confidentiality of the content of the information and other requirements.

AM 385 strikes the term “qualified,” add a definition of “entity,” and adds confidentiality provisions of Section 71-3411. Mandates an annual report to be provided on or before September 15 of each year.

Provisions of LB 287 were amended into LB 506. LB 506 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 297 – McCollister – Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 225; indefinitely postponed

LB 297 creates the Children and Juvenile Data Pilot Project and the Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project Advisory Group. Mandates the advisory group meet twice a year, create a Data Steering Subcommittee, create an Information-Sharing Subcommittee, and submit a written report. Provides a definition for “independent, external data warehouse.” Pilot project sunsets on December 31, 2019.

AM 365 strikes all provisions of the original bill. The amendment creates the Children and Juvenile Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group. The advisory group will oversee a feasibility study, and the Foster Care Review Office will provide administrative support for the advisory group. Mandates the advisory group to include Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, State Court Administrator, probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration, executive director of Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Commissioner of Education, executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, Chief Information Officer of

the office of Chief Information Officer, Chief Executive Officer of Department of Health and Human Services. Mandates the advisory group meet twice a year, create a Data Steering Subcommittee, create an Information-Sharing Subcommittee, and submit a written report due on October 1 of 2017 and 2018. The feasibility study shall not be binding on any agency. Provides a definition for “independent, external data warehouse.” The pilot project sunsets on December 31, 2019. The amendment adds new section to the Foster Care Review Act and repeals Section 43-1322.

Provisions of LB 297, as amended by proposed AM 365, was amended into LB 225 by AM 611. LB 225 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 298 – Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 225; indefinitely postponed

LB 298 renames the “Normalcy Taskforce” to the "Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee" under the Nebraska Children's Commission and adds a representative of a juvenile facility to the committee. LB 298 applies provisions of the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act to children placed in juvenile facilities and requires Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Probation to develop a written normalcy plan and annual normalcy report. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding training for foster parents on recognizing human trafficking. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Probation Administration to establish a procedure for the public dissemination of a picture of and information about a child missing from a foster or out-of-home-placement subject to state and federal confidentiality laws.

AM 537 adds dissemination of picture or information of a missing child from foster care or out-of-home placement by the Office of Probation Administration shall be authorized by an order of a judge or court. The amendment would strike “juvenile facility” from definition of “caregiver.” Removes stricken language in child-care institution for residential child caring agency. Strikes definition of “foster care” and “juvenile facility.” Change “office” definition to “probation.” Removes references to juvenile facility. Shifts burden of normalcy plan to child-care institution. Strikes interim-program school from normalcy plan requirement. Adds Office of Probation to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations. Strikes reference to Office of Probation and reports filed pursuant to Section 43-297.01 and strikes original Sections 10, 11, 12 and 13. Moves Section 14 to Section 10 and adds language regarding providing information to third parties.

Provisions of LB 298 was amended into LB 225 by AM 611. LB 225 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 311 – Morfeld – Eliminate an eligibility provision relating to nutrition assistance benefits as prescribed

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 311 amends Section 68-1017.02 to eliminate ineligibility requires for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regarding felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance or sale or distribution of a controlled substance or the intent to sell or distribute a controlled substance.

LB 323 – Kolterman – Adopt the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 323 creates the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information on its website continuing education opportunities for health care professionals, delivery of palliative care in the home, best practices, educational material and referral information for hospice and palliative care.

LB 323 creates the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council. This advisory council will consult with and advise the Department of Health and Human Services on matters relating to palliative care initiatives.

LB 323 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on May 9, 2017.

LB 333 – Riepe (At the request of the Governor) – Eliminate an independent review of denial of aid to the disabled

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: May 23, 2017

LB 333 would amend Section 68-1005 to increase eligibility requirements for individuals determined to be disabled. LB 333 also eliminates the mandate for the Department of Health and Human Services to perform an independent medical review if the Social Security Administration has denied benefits to an individual on the basis of the duration of the individual's disability.

As amended by AM 1022, includes provisions of LB 333, LB 417 and LB 495. AM 1022 is a white copy amendment. Allows county board to provide individual medical services or maintenance support based on ability described in Section 68-1005. Updates the definition of "developmental disability" within the Developmental Disability Court-Ordered Custody Act. Updates the definition of "intellectual disability" within the Development Disability Court-Ordered Custody Act. Adds additional section to the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

Strikes "to maximum extent possible" from intent language. Strikes priorities of the state from intent language. Changes director's requirements from coordinating quality review teams to coordinating the development and implementation of a quality management and improvement plan. Adds representative of a statewide protection and advocacy organization for persons with developmental disabilities and their family, a representative of the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, a representative of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education Research and Service. Mandates at least 51% of the members be persons with developmental disabilities and family members of persons with developmental disabilities. Adds the advisory committee oversee the design and implementation of the quality management and improvement plan. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services inform the advisory committee of proposed systemic changes to services for persons with developmental disabilities at least thirty days prior to implementation of changes. If circumstances do not allow the Director to provide notice, the Director shall notify as soon as possible. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Medicaid home and community-based services waivers upon application approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Adds July 1, 2019 for services for eligible high school graduates in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Services Act. Adds language that services shall be approved by CMS. Strikes intent language regarding services for eligible individuals. Adds intent language to maximize federal funding. Lists priorities of funding for the state under Section 4: The first priority funding is for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities in immediate crisis due to caregiver death, homelessness, or a threat to the life and safety of the person. The second priority funding is for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for persons that have resided in an institutional setting for a period of at least twelve consecutive months and who are requesting community-based services. The third priority funding is for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for serving wards of the department or persons placed under the supervision of the Office of Probation Administration. The fourth priority funding is for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for servicing persons transitioning from the education system upon age twenty-one to maintain skills and receive the day services and support necessary to pursue economic self-sufficiency. The fifth priority funding is for the needs of persons with developmental disabilities shall be for serving all other persons by date of application. Mandates the Department with the assistance and support of the advisory committee develop and implement a quality management and improvement plan. Provides purpose of plan. Mandates the plan reflect national provider best practices. Mandates and provides requirements for qualitative and quantitative assessment for plan. Mandates plan include recommendations for improvements to types and delivery of services. Mandates Department provide plan to Legislature by September 30, 2017. Mandates report on December 30, 2017, March 30, 2018 and every September 30 following.

As amended by AM 1197, strikes county board to provide medical services or maintenance support of AM 1022.

As amended by AM 1410, reinstates the stricken matter on page 7, lines 2 and 3, and on line 26, after "funding", inserts "the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver."

LB 333 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on May 23, 2017.

LB 334 – Riepe (At the request of the Governor) – Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed

LB 334 eliminates the pilot project for locating and engaging family members in the life of a child who is a ward of the state or participating in the Bridge to Independence program.

On March 13, 2017, LB 334 was indefinitely postponed by the Health and Human Services Committee on a vote of 6-0-1.

LB 335 – Riepe (At the request of the Governor) – Change provisions relating to a child care market rate survey

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: May 12, 2017

Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to not adjust rates for child care subsidies based on the market rate survey of 2017.

As amended by AM 703, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017 and on July 1, 2018, such rates may not be less than the fiftieth percentile or the rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

As amended by AM 1357, adds and for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, such rate may not be less than the sixtieth percentile for the last three quarters of the fiscal year or the rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

LB 335 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 42-0-7 and was approved by the Governor on May 12, 2017.

LB 336 – Riepe – Provide a fee for registry checks under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 225; indefinitely postponed

LB 336 amends Section 28-718 to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to charge a reasonable fee to cover the expenses to provide central registry checks. The fee shall not exceed

three dollars. The Department may waive the fee if requesting party shows the fee would be an undue financial hardship. The Department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations.

AM 462 strikes the three dollar fee and replace it with a fee that is at least five dollar and not more than ten dollar fee for a central registry check. The amendment would also exempt child placing agencies for purposes of a placement of child in foster care.

Provisions of LB 336, as amended AM 611, was amended into LB 225 by AM 611. LB 225 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 342 – Erdman – Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and provide for temporary nursing license for military spouses

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 88; indefinitely postponed

The Nurse Licensure Compact allows nurses to have one multistate license, with the ability to practice in both their home state and other compact states. This bill amends the Nurse Practice Act to streamline licensure for military spouses and provide updated language for adoption of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.

AM 542 removes sections regarding temporary nursing licensing for military spouses and adds an emergency clause.

Provisions of LB 342, as amended by proposed AM 542, was amended into LB 88 by AM 705. LB 88 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 343 – Riepe – Change credentialing and regulation of cosmetology, nail technology, audiology, massage therapy, and barbers

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 343 changes licensing requirements, revises and removes outdated requirements for cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, nail technicians, hearing instrument specialists, massage therapy, and barbering licensure.

Removes registration for apprentice for practice of cosmetology. Eliminates cosmetic establishment from the definition of a “cosmetology establishment”. Eliminates reference to registration from the definition of “cosmetology salon”. Eliminates registration from the definition of “esthetics salon”. Amends Section 38-1038 to eliminate reference to registration from the definition of “nail technology salon”. Eliminates reference to registration from the definition of “nonvocational training”. Eliminates reference to registration for engagement in acts without a license under the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art Practice

Act. Eliminates registration under the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art Practice Act.

Reduces licensure hours from 2100 hours to 1500 hours and eliminates 2000 credits requirement for cosmetologist. Eliminates credit requirement for esthetician licensure. Reduces licensure hours from 925 to 600 beyond cosmetology license to be a cosmetology instructor. Further reduces instructor licensure requirements if the instructor has 350 hours of training beyond the program of studies as a cosmetologist and 2 years of experience as a cosmetologist. Eliminates credit requirement for esthetician licensure. Retains 300 hours of training for esthetic instructor and adds an esthetic instructor can also be licensed if he or she has a current license as an esthetician and 2 years of experience as an esthetician immediately prior to application as an instructor. Strikes minimum hour requirement of 150 hours to not more than 200 hours for a nail technician. Strike minimum hour requirement of 150 hours to not more than 200 hours beyond the hours required for a nail technician for licensure as a nail technology instructor. Changes the continuous course of study at a Massage Therapy school from not less than 1,000 hours distributed over a term of not less than nine months to 500 hours. Study to include 100 hours of each of the following: physiology; anatomy; and kinesiology. Strikes 100 hours for each of the following: massage, pathology, hydrotherapy, hygiene and practical demonstration, and health service management; and also removes the remaining 300 hours in subject areas related to the clinical practice of massage therapy. Reduces the number of hours of training required for licensure as a barber from 2,100 to 1,500 hours.

Eliminates reference to registration for requirements in an application for examination. Eliminates electrology establishment from reciprocity requirements. Eliminates requirement that a person must be registered before a person may act as a guest artist, guest body artist, cosmetician, student, apprentice or student instructor. Eliminates registration for temporary license. Eliminates references to an individual who is registered as a temporary practitioner on December 1, 2008 is deemed to be 'licensed' as a temporary practitioner. Removes the expiration dates for registration as a guest artist, cosmetician, student, apprentice, or student instructor. Removes registration requirement on individual who is not credentialed to accept compensation lack of registration. Adds any person applying makeup to list of activities the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act does not apply or restrict. Removes registration requirement on salon's ability to permit an unlicensed person to perform practice of cosmetology. Removes references to clients using, or consuming intoxicating beverages. Retains the salon shall not allow its employees to use or consume alcohol or controlled substances upon the salon premises. Strikes ability to service, possess or distribute intoxicating beverages or controlled substances upon its premises. Eliminates requirement that the enrollment of at least fifteen students must be full-time students. Eliminates requirement to submit the name and qualifications of the school manager, complete student entrance notifications and contracts for all persons proposed as students or student instructors, a completed cosmetology education or esthetics education evaluation scale and a schedule of proposed hours of operation and class and course scheduling within the application for a license to operate a school of cosmetology or school of esthetics. Removes the ratio of students to instructors, remove the square footage requirement and remove a duplicative statement regarding access to salons for an esthetics school. Removes the term guest artist, change the word employ to employment, change the term guest teachers to guest educators, remove the restriction that the guest educator cannot perform any of the practices of

cosmetology or esthetics, removes reference to registration and strike language that at no time shall a school enroll more students than permitted by the act and rules and regulations, removes the requirement that a student shall not receive his or her certificate or diploma of completion from the school unless he or she has satisfied or made an agreement to satisfy all outstanding financial obligations to the school, removes the requirement that no hours or credits shall be allowed for any student unless the student is registered and the hours/credits have been reported by the school. Adds apprentice salon to salons that teach students. Removes proof of age document requirements. Removes classification of students for reporting purposes. Removes reference to tuition obligations. Adds school will provide a transcript which shows the hours earned by the student when student transfers to another school. Removes the liability the manager shares with the owner of a cosmetology or esthetics school. Removes the registration reference for practicing outside a licensed cosmetology establishment. Removes reference to registration. Removes reference to registration for nail technology. Removes reference to an individual who is registered as a temporary practitioner on December 1, 2008 is deemed to be licensed as a temporary practitioner. Removes reference to unregistered persons and reference to registrations. Removes references to clients using, or consuming intoxicating beverages. Retains the nail salon shall not allow its employees to use or consume alcohol or controlled substances upon the salon premises. Strikes ability to service, possess or distribute intoxicating beverages or controlled substances upon its premises. Removes specific square footage requirements for a nail technology school. Adds requires adequate floor space. Removes reference of a prohibition of the same entrance as a salon. Amends Section 38-10,150 to apply for a license to operate a nail technology school. Removes Reference to registration. Removes requirement to provide the name and qualifications of the school manager. Removes requirement for a completed nail technology education evaluation scale. Removes requirement to provide a schedule of proposed hours of operation and class and course scheduling.

Changed guest teachers to guest educators, allows a guest educator to provide nail technology serves during his or her class of instruction, removed references to registrations and registered and removed requirement that a student must satisfy all financial obligations before receiving a certification or diploma. Removes proof of age document requirements. Removes reference to registration regarding unprofessional conduct. Exempts a hearing instrument specialist from a licensed audiologist. Removes requirement for examination to receive hearing instrument license to a licensed audiologist.

LB 344 – Albrecht – Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; Indefinitely postponed

Effective Date:

LB 344 combines the separate Mental Health Center and the Substance Abuse Treatment Center statutes into one health care facility type that can provide both mental health and substance abuse treatment services. Removes requirement to license substance abuse treatment centers that provide inpatient and outpatient services. Removes conflicting provisions regarding rules and regulations for certified alcohol and drug counselors. Allows additional educational degrees as determined by

the Board to be qualified as a licensed mental health practitioner. Adds mental health substance use treatment center to coverage requirements if a health plan provides coverage for serious mental illness. Changes eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Provides definition of mental illness and changes definition of substance abuse treatment center to substance use disorder. Provides for requirements to be licensed as a mental health substance abuse treatment center. Adds mental health substance use treatment center to definition of long-term care facility within the Emergency Drug Box Act. Adds mental health substance use treatment center to definition of long-term care facility within the Automated Medication System Act. Adds sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on mental health substance use treatment center under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. Strikes substance abuse treatment center licensure from exemption from sales and use taxes.

AM 1453 amends Section 44-772 to replace definition from “substance abuse treatment center” with “mental health substance use treatment center.” Strikes reference from 71-430 to 71-423 and supporting language. Retains substance abuse treatment center definition. Amends Section 44-776 to add mental health substance use treatment center to definition for “primary treatment.” Amends Section 44-777 to strike substance abuse treatment center from “outpatient treatment” definition. Amends Section 44-793 to add mental health substance use treatment center to coverage requirements if a health plan provides coverage for serious mental illness. Amends Section 68-1017.02 of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for requirements to be eligible for a person with one or two felony convictions to add since date of conviction and strikes state licensed or nationally accredited. Adds the treatment program must be nationally accredited or provided in a mental health substance use treatment center licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. Strike requirement that provisional practitioner must provide Department with supervisor information within thirty days of employment. Strike definition of “substance use disorder” and replace with new definition of “substance use disorder.” Strikes “only and admit only persons with” and “insert treat persons who primary need is treatment for.”

LB 344, as amended by proposed AM 1453, was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2322. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law by the Governor.

LB 358 – McCollister – Change income eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

LB 358 increases the gross income level for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in two steps. In FY 2017-18, the gross income level is increased to 158% of the Federal Poverty Level and in FY 2018-19 and beyond to 185% of Federal Poverty Level but leaves the net income eligibility level the same.

LB 358 was placed on General File with Committee Amendment AM 493. AM 493 strikes the gross income level 185% increase of the Federal Poverty Level for FY 2018-19 and beyond for gross income eligibility.

On April 11, 2017, LB 358 failed to advance to Select File on a vote of 24-19-6.

LB 360 – Kolterman – Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registry Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB360 creates the Surgical Technologist Registry Act. Provides requirements for registration of surgical technologists. It requires all surgical technologists employed by a licensed health care facility or a physician to register with the Surgical Technologist Registry. Proves for tasks and functions allowed by a registered surgical technologist. Provides the Board of Medicine and Surgery to provide supervision and oversight over the Registry. Creates the Surgical Technologist Registry. Registry to begin January 1, 2018. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and collect fee. Amends Section 38-2025 to add a skilled professional or nonprofessional assistant who is licensed certified or registered who assigns tasks by a qualified physician consisted with accepted medical standards and appropriate to the assistants skills in his or her practice area.

LB 360 advanced to General File on January 30, 2018 with AM 1627. AM 1627 adds a new “Section 12” which would allow the Department of Health and Human Services to deny registrations or refusal to renew for failure to meet standards for violating rules and regulations of the Act, to provide requirements of the Department if the Department chooses to deny, refuse to renew, or remove a registration and provides service requirements regarding denial, refusal to renew or removal of a registration. Provides provisions and requirements to reapply after an individual has been denied, refused to renew or removed from registration. Changes the start date of the Registry from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019 and would renumber the remaining sections.

An attempt to amend LB 360 into LB 731 through AM 2381 was withdrawn prior to a vote being cast and LB 360 was indefinitely postponed sine die.

LB 391 – Watermeier – Provide requirements for the use of injections and surgical procedures by optometrists

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 391 amends Section 38-2604 to add an agent injected into the eyelid for treatment of cysts or infected or inflamed glands of the eyelid to the definition of “pharmaceutical agents.” Expands the scope of practice for optometrists to perform minor surgical procedures required for the treatment of cysts or infected or inflamed glands of the eyelid. Expands scope of practice for optometrists to administer injections of pharmaceutical agents. Provides additional education requirements and clinical training of a licensed optometrist prior to performing the additional scope of practice procedures. Provides requirements for reciprocity of optometrists licensed in other states. After August 1, 2020, only optometrists licensed in the state prior to April 30, 1987 will be allows to practice optometry without meeting the additional requirements prescribed in LB 391.

LB 401 – Hilkemann – Change provisions relating to metabolic screening

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 91; indefinitely postponed

LB 401 adds X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) mucopolysaccharidoses type 1 (MPS-1) and Pompe disease to the required newborn screening program.

Provisions of LB 401 were amended into LB 91 by AM 331. LB 91 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 402 – Hilkemann – Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professionals Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 402 seeks to alter the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act. Provides intent language for review process to be more advisory and less adversarial. Removes process requirements regarding changes in scope of practice. Changes application process for only those health professional groups not currently regulated. Provides new requirements for review of proposed change to a scope of practice. Removes requirement that a member of the Board of Health serve a chair of the technical committee. Removes recommendation requirement of technical committee. Mandates the Director adopt rules and regulations before October 1, 2018 to provide a standard procedure for the technical committee review.

LB 417 – Riepe – Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 417 permits the Department of Health and Human Services to continue using Alternative Response to help families with a low-risk of child abuse and neglect to receive the local services needed to keep children safe. Provides technical changes to the behavioral health peer support program, reporting requirements, Quality Review Team under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act, nursing assistant statutes, vital records and senior companion volunteers.

AM 579 strikes Alternative Response sections and strikes sections to remove the implementation of the quality assurance plan and language regarding quality review teams.

As amended by AM 977, removes reporting requirement of the number of waivers granted by the Department for training for relative care.

LB 417 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2017.

LB 425 – Crawford – Change and eliminate relating to the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 88; indefinitely postponed

LB 425 amends the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act to update education requirements for advance practice registered nurse-nurse practitioners, clarifies the transition-to-practice requirement of new graduates, and amends licensure requirements for experienced advance practice registered nurse-nurse practitioners moving to Nebraska from other states.

AM 92 adds an emergency clause.

Provisions of LB 425 was amended into LB 88 by AM 705. LB 88 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law.

LB 430 – Smith – Change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Radiation Control Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 430 eliminates the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide occupational, public health, safety and environmental inspection services to power plants that have initiated permanent plant decommissioning, initiated permanent defueled emergency plan and notified the Department.

AM 176 strikes the new language in Section 71-3505, strikes “\$53,000” and inserts “\$82,000” for the nuclear power plant fee, strikes “July 1, 1997” and inserts “January 1, 2018” for the indexing of the annual fee, strikes “direct” and strikes Section 8 of LB 430. The amendment also clarifies the fee will not apply to a nuclear power plant that has started permanent plant decommission and no longer requires protective action. The amendment adds if a nuclear power plant is no longer subject to the fee, the fee for the remaining nuclear power plant shall not exceed the lesser of the actual cost of the Department of Health and Human Services activities or \$110,000 annually.

LB 430 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on May 10, 2017.

LB 439 – Wishart – Change licensure and regulation provisions for assisted-living facilities

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 439 updates the Assisted Living Facility Act by making changes to the licensure of assisted living facilities and changes definitions.

As amended by AM 1013, the bill adds language to establish what does not qualify as an “assisted-living facility.” Adds resident assessment for admission and confined stay to definition of “assisted-living services.” Strikes part-time or intermittent basis for “complex nursing intervention” definition. Reduces hours from twenty-eight hours to ten and for a duration less than three weeks for definition of “part-time or intermittent basis.” Strikes a provision regarding operating without a license for assisted-living. Strikes a provision regarding nurses’ assessment for admission, retention, or discharge regarding complex nurse intervention or noncomplex intervention. Strikes provision regarding registered nurse requirements for complex nursing interventions.

As amended by AM 2047, states intent of the fiscal implications of the bill to be paid from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

As amended by AM 2117, eliminates nurse assessments.

LB 439 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on April 17, 2018.

LB 441 – Morfeld – Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 441 amends Section 68-915 to mandate the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the Nebraska Medicaid state plan to cover childless adults ages 19 to 65 with income at 0% to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Mandates benefit package to include full Medicaid benefit coverage including mandatory and optional coverage under Nebraska Medicaid. Mandates any additional wraparound benefits required under federal law. Allows the Department to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations.

LB 456 – Briese – Provide for supportive services for disabled parents in family and dependency matters

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 456 sets out findings of the Legislature regarding treatment of individuals' with disabilities ability to parent their children, and provides a statement that opportunities for children to be parented by disabled parents or disabled caretakers have been denied. Provides intent language to protect the best interest of children parented by individuals with disabilities. Provides definitions for "disabled" and "supportive parenting services." Mandates requirements regarding parental rights or potential parental rights of disabled individuals. Provides burden of proof standards for court proceedings.

LB 466 – Brasch – Change credentialing and regulation of nurse-midwives

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 466 amends the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act to remove requirements of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to establish standards for integrated practice agreement between collaborating physicians and certified nurse-midwives. Strikes requirement that collaborative relationship between the physician and nurse-midwife be subject to the control and regulation of the Board. Strikes definition of "practice agreement" and provide definition of "supervising provider." Adds definition for "transition-to-practice agreement." Strikes requirement for certified nurse midwife to refer cases to collaborating licensed practitioner to be specified in practice agreement. Mandates certified nurse-midwife to establish collaborative, consultative, and referral networks with other health care professionals. Mandates a certified nurse-midwife to refer patient to an appropriate health care provider when beyond scope of practice. Mandates certified nurse-midwife cannot attend a home delivery. To practice as a certified nurse-midwife, a licensed individual must provide proof to the Department of a transition-to-practice agreement or evidence of completion of two thousand hours of practice as a certified nurse-midwife completed under a transition-to-practice agreement, under a collaborative agreement, under an integrated practice agreement, through independent practice, or under any combination of such agreements and practice. Strikes requirements for practice agreement to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Strikes requirement that a copy of the agreement be maintained on file with the Board. Provides requirements for transition-to-practice agreement. Strikes mandate that a certified nurse-midwife perform functions detailed in practice agreement only under supervision of license practitioner responsible. Strikes provisions regarding protocol when collaborating licensed practitioner is temporarily unavailable. Strikes settings where certified nurse-midwife may perform authorized medical functions. Strikes mandate for Department to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the Certified Nurse-Midwifery Practice Act. Strikes outdated language regarding temporary certificates. Strikes language that nothing in the Certified Nurse-Midwifery Practice Act shall be interpreted to permit independent practice. Mandates nothing in the Certified Nurse-Midwifery Practice Act shall prohibit a certified nurse-midwife from consulting or collaborating with and referring patients to health care providers not included in the certified nurse-midwife's transition-to-practice agreement.

LB 481 – Kuehn – Provide for drug product selection for interchangeable biological products

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

LB481 allows pharmacists to substitute interchangeable biological products for prescribed biological products. Mandates communication between the pharmacists and prescribers to ensure that the prescribers know exactly what their patients received.

LB 481 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on May 9, 2017.

LB 495 – Riepe – Change provisions relating to developmental disabilities

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 333; indefinitely postponed

LB 495 updates the definitions in the Developmental Disability Court-Ordered Custody Act to harmonize language with the Developmental Disabilities Services Act. Mandates Department to administer the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers upon application approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Eliminates mandated services of high school graduates eligible for specialized services pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Services Act. Eliminates intent language that all individuals eligible for services receive services by July 1, 1990. Change intent language to maximize federal funding and eliminate language regarding entitlements.

Provisions of LB 495 were amended into LB 333 by AM 1022. LB 333 passed on Final Reading and was approved into law. Other provisions of LB 495 were also addressed in LB 793 in 2018.

LB 506 – Albrecht – Adopt the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 506 creates the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act, which mandates a physician diagnosing an unborn child with a lethal fetal anomaly must provide information about perinatal hospice services by offering services or referral. The physician must deliver a written support sheet with information to parents provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services create and organize a list of perinatal hospice programs available in Nebraska and nationally. Mandates the Department post

informational sheet on website. Mandates a website and information sheet be completed and available 90 days after effective date of passage of legislation. Mandates the website and informational sheet include a statement about perinatal hospice and palliative care, description of health care services and contact information. A perinatal hospice program may ask the Department to include information on website and the Department may add information on website.

AM 464 adds nurse practitioners to the bill, strikes “parents” and inserts “the pregnant woman” to section 3, and strikes “palliative care” from Section 4.

AM 851 amends provisions of LB 287 into the bill by amending Section 71-3407 to eliminate outdated reporting requirements. Allows the Child and Maternal Death Review Team to enter into written agreements with qualified entities to provide storage of electronic data securely, based on information and records collected by the Review Team. The data may include personal or incident identifiers. Mandates agreements provide for the protection of the security and confidentiality of the content of the information and other requirements. Strikes the term “qualified,” add a definition of “entity,” and adds confidentiality provisions of Section 71-3411. Mandates an annual report to be provided on or before September 15 of each year.

LB 506 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 49-0-0 and was approved by the Governor on April 26, 2017.

LB 534 – Vargas – Provide for a housing coordinator within the Department of Health and Human Services

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 534 mandates the Director of Behavioral Health within the Division of Behavior Health of Department of Health and Human Services to hire a housing coordinator. Mandates the housing coordinator to work with behavioral health regions to: (1) coordinate efforts of regions relating to system housing goals (2) help find resources for housing assistance for regions (3) share best practices (4) be a leader within the Division to advocate for consumers’ needs regarding housing (5) disburse funds and may allow authority of disbursing funds to be delegated to the regions.

Mandates the Division of Behavioral Health to disburse funds to nonprofit entities and program providing integrated housing services and support for those with serious mental illness. Funds may be issued for drop-in centers, peer-operated supportive housing, and services designed to maintain independence. Funds shall be distributed first to housing coordinator to carry out mandates, then distributed to behavioral health regions competitively for the following purposes: (1) peer support services (2) trauma-informed services (3) assisting individuals transitioning out of civil commitment pursuant to the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act, in patient residential housing, or one at risk of civil commitment (4) housing for individuals with co-occurring disorders (5) housing for individuals with serious mental illness released from jail or prison or placed on probation within preceding 2 years (6) planning (7) evaluation (8) partnership with Department of Correctional Services. Mandates criteria to be used by Division of Behavioral Health regarding disbursement. Allows Director of Behavioral Health to adopt rules and regulations for grant

applications. Provides intent language for Legislature to appropriate \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

LB 537 – Hughes – Provide for drug screening for applicants and recipients of cash assistance

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 537 mandates Department of Health and Human Services to screen any cash assistance applicant or recipient for controlled substances not prescribed to him or her by a licensed health care provider. If results are positive, individual must complete a substance abuse treatment program and job skills program. If applicant or recipient fails or refuses to complete either program the individual will be deemed ineligible for cash assistance for twelve months or until individual has completed both substance abuse treatment program and job skills program. If there is a positive test, applicant or recipient may request an additional test at a different drug testing facility at individual's expense. Mandates if second test is negative, the Department will reimburse the applicant or recipient cost of the additional test.

If ineligible applicant or recipient is a parent or guardian of a minor child, the Department may approve a protective payee to receive payments for the child's benefit. Protective payee will be by recommendation of parent or guardian. If the Department determines there is reasonable likelihood the designated protective payee is using a controlled substance, the designate protective payee shall submit to a screening test. If the test is positive, the Department will select another protective payee.

Mandates the Department refer any applicant or recipient declared ineligible for cash assistance benefits to the Division of Behavioral Health for referral to a substance abuse treatment program.

LB 537 includes an emergency clause.

LB 552 – Walz – Provide for the Children's Connection program

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 552 creates the Children's Connections program in each behavioral health region. Provides intent language regarding children, families, mental health, best practices and Children's Connection Program. Mandates the creation of a Children's Connection Program in each behavioral health region, and will be a partnership between the behavioral health region and the Nebraska schools for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Provides goals of the program. Mandates the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Children's Connection Program, obtain program plans from the behavioral health regions annually, ensure plans meet requirements, identify evidence-based best practices, provide evidence-based training and complete an annual evaluation of the program in each region.

Mandates the Children’s Connection Programs develop formal agreements with specific referral sources, training for referral sources, formal agreements with community mental health providers, implementation of strategies to utilize health insurance and medical assistance program, have at least one mental health coordinator, provide funding for individuals who cannot pay for services, plans for collecting and submitting documentation of outcomes and provide a budget to include a one-quarter local match. Provides intent of Legislature to appropriate \$2 million to distribute to the behavioral health regions to establish a Children’s Connection Program.

LB 578 – McDonnell – Adopt the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: August 24, 2017

LB 578 initiates a state plan amendment to allow for a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate for ground emergency medical transports.

AM 917 strikes the original bill and adds additional sections to the Medical Assistance Act. Creates the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Act. Defines “advanced life support,” “basic life support,” “dry run,” “ground emergency medical transport,” “ground emergency medical transport services,” “limited advanced life support” and “medical transport.” Intent of Legislature that no General Funds will be used to carry out the Act. Mandates eligible providers receive supplemental reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport services pursuant to the Act. Participation in supplemental reimbursement program is voluntary. Provides requirements for eligible provider. Provides requirements for how supplemental reimbursement shall be calculated and distributed. Mandates the Department design and implement an intergovernmental transfer program relating to Medicaid managed care to increase capitation payments to increase reimbursement to eligible providers. Mandates the Department make increased capitation payments to Medicaid managed care plans. Increased capitation payment must be actuarially determined. All funds associated with intergovernmental transfers shall be used to fund additional payments to Medicaid managed care plans. Mandates Medicaid managed care plans enter into contracts regarding disbursement of increase capitation payments. Allows the Department to implement the intergovernmental transfer programs and increase capitation payments retroactive to date the state plan amendment is submitted. Intergovernmental transfers are subject to twenty percent administration fee of nonfederal share paid to the Department and allowed to count as a cost of providing the services. Mandates compliance with data requirements imposed by the Department. Mandates eligible providers enter into an agreement with the Department to implement the Act and reimburse the Department costs of administering the Act. Funds provided by the eligible providers shall be paid from governmental entities and certified by the Department. Provides requirements for governmental entity seeking supplemental reimbursement on behalf of an eligible provider. Mandates the Department submit a state plan amendment on or before January 1, 2018, to provide for a supplemental reimbursement rate pursuant to the Act. Allows Department to limit program to the costs allowable. Stops the implementation of the program if federal financial participation is not available. If the Department’s CEO determines payments do not comply with federal requirements the CEO may return or not accept intergovernmental transfers. Mandates the Department submit claims for

federal financial participation. Mandates the Department submit necessary materials to the federal government annually to provide assurances of claims submissions. Mandates the Department CEO execute a declaration regarding a determination the supplemental reimbursements are inoperative on the date determined, if a final judicial determination or final administrative determination is made which will allow supplemental reimbursement to a provider not described in the section. Adds if federal approval is obtained, increase capitation payments.

AM 1262 provides the definition for “capitation payments.” Provides revenue from the program is to be deposited into the Health and Human Services Cash Fund.

LB 578 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 41-0-8 and was approved by the Governor on May 22, 2017. On May 4, 2018, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services disapproved the State Plan Amendment.

LB 583 – Kuehn – Remove the authority of veterinarians to dispense controlled substances

Final Disposition: Withdrawn January 24, 2017 prior to hearing being scheduled.

LB 586 – Linehan – Change requirements for the prescription drug monitoring program

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 586 amends Section 71-2454 to provide definitions. Allows medical director or designee of a managed care organization contracted with the State of Nebraska access to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Allows medical directors or designee of a managed care organization contracted with the State of Nebraska access to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program at no cost to prescriber or dispenser. Provides requirements for medical director. Strikes definitions for “designee,” “dispenser,” and “prescriber.”

LB 588 – Crawford – Exempt reflexology from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 588 excludes individuals engaged in the practice of reflexology as individuals who do not need a license under the Massage Therapy Practice Act.

LB 596 – Groene – Exempt equine, cat and dog massage practice from licensure and regulation

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 596 provides a licensure exemption for equine massage therapy and defines “equine massage therapy.”

AM 621 strikes the term “high performance” from the definition of “equine massage therapy.”

AM 2315 provides definitions for “equine massage practice,” and “equine massage practitioner.” Creates the Equine Massage Practitioner Registry. Provides requirements to be listed on the Registry. Provides requirements for the Department to be listed on the Registry. Provides that any person convicted of violating the Livestock Animal Welfare Act shall be denied registration or renewal of registration and shall be removed from the registry. Provides exception to licensure if an equine massage practitioner engage in equine massage practice.

AM 2523 strikes the original sections of the bill and all amendments. Adds “equine massage practice” to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act. Provides exception to licensure if an equine massage practitioner engage in equine massage practice.

AM 2578 exempts “cat” and “dog” massage therapists from licensure and regulation.

LB 596 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 46-0-3 and was approved by the Governor on April 17, 2018.

LB 605 – Riepe – Change provisions relating to the ICF/DD Reimbursement Protection Fund

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: May 9, 2017

LB 605 amends Section 68-1804 of the ICF/DD Reimbursement Protection Act, by revising the provisions of the Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD) Reimbursement Protection Fund and allowing the State to fully maximize the federal matching funds available for the State’s ICF/DD provider tax.

LB 605 passed on Final Reading with an emergency clause on a vote of 47-0-2 and was approved by the Governor on May 9, 2017.

LB 642 – Krist – Delay prescription drug monitoring requirements for veterinarians

Final Disposition: Withdrawn January 24, 2017 prior to hearing being scheduled.

LB 649 – Pansing Brooks – Prohibit additional services or populations under the Medicaid managed care program

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 649 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services not to add any additional service or population to the Medicaid managed care program until at least January 1, 2019 or until a critical evaluation is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program, and the Department proves the program is successful, whichever is later.

LB 681 – Blood – Adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 681 adopts the Interstate Physical Therapy Compact which allows any physical therapist with a license to practice in his or her home state could travel to a member state of the Compact and practice their trade by using the compact privilege without having to test or obtain licensure in the remote state.

LB 681 was amended into LB 731 through AM 2207. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 685 – Blood – Provide a funding priority for special-needs military dependents under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 685 mandates the fifth priority funding for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers for individuals with developmental disabilities to be dependents of members of the armed forces of the United States who are a legal resident of the state due to the service member's military assignment in Nebraska.

LB 685 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 48-0-1 and was approved by the Governor on April 4, 2018.

LB 686 – Blood – Adopt the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 686 adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state lines in Compact states.

LB 686 was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2208. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 687 – Blood – Adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 687 adopts the Interstate Advanced Registered Nurse Compact which would allow an Advanced Registered Nurse, who receives a multi-state license under the Compact, to travel to a member state and practice without having to test or obtain a separate license in the remote state.

LB 701 – Kolterman – Provide for telehealth practice by physicians and physician assistants

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 701 amends the Uniform Credentialing Act to add definitions of “telehealth” and “telemonitoring.” Allows a physician or physician assistant to establish a provider-patient relationship through telehealth. Allows a licensed physician or licensed physician assistant to prescribe drugs through telehealth if within the scope of practice. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules and regulations.

As amended by AM 1880, removes the mandate on the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules and regulations.

LB 701 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 45-0-4 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 702 – Kolterman – Change provisions relating to children’s health care coverage and Title IV-D child support order modification procedures

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 702 reduces the time an incarcerated individual is considered to have an involuntary reduction of income from one year to one hundred and eighty days. Strikes exception of criminal non-support for voluntary reduction allowances. Strikes the mandate on the Department of Health and Human Services, the county attorney or the authorized attorney to not be responsible for reviewing or filing an application to modify child support for an incarcerated individual.

AM 1887 strikes the original bill. Changes "health care insurance" to "health care coverage" for an order, decree, or judgement for child support. Adds that after the Department of Health and Human Services learns a non-custodial parent shall be incarcerated for more than 180 calendar days, the Department shall send, within 15 business days, notice to both parents informing them of the right to request the State to review and, if appropriate, adjust the order. States incarceration may not be treated as voluntary unemployment in establishing or modifying support orders. Strikes language regarding guidelines for voluntary reduction of net monthly income for an individual incarcerated for a period of one year or more in a county or city jail or a federal or state correctional facility and strikes exception of criminal non-support for voluntary reduction allowances. Strikes mandate on Department, county attorney, or authorized attorney to not be responsible for reviewing or filing an application to modify child support for an incarcerated individual. Strikes "other than public medical assistance programs" from the definition of health care coverage under the Child Support Enforcement Program. Repeals Sections 42-369, 43-512.15, and 44-3,144.

As amended by AM 2244, requires notice to be by first class mail. States notice shall be sent to the incarcerated parent at the address of the facility at which the parent is incarcerated.

LB 701 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 45-0-4 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 703 – Kolterman – Provide a licensure exemption for visiting athletic team physicians as prescribed

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 703 provides an exemption from Nebraska's unlawful practice of medicine statute for physicians of another state who accompany an athletic team or organization into Nebraska for an event. The exemption is limited to treatment provided to such athletic teams or organizations while present in Nebraska.

LB 703 was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2208. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 704 – Kolterman – Change provisions relating to foreign medical graduates

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 704 reduces the requirement of graduate medical education for licensure of physician graduates of foreign medical schools from three years to two years.

LB 704 was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2208. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 705 – Kolterman – Change licensure requirements for estheticians and esthetician instructors

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 705 eliminates the six hundred credit requirement for esthetician licensure. Adds an additional option to become an esthetics instructor by having a current license as an esthetician in Nebraska and two years of experience as an esthetician immediately prior to submitting the instructor application.

LB 706 – Kolterman – Eliminate certain requirements for electrology licensure

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 706 eliminates the six hundred credit requirement for licensure of an electrologist and eliminates the definition of “electrology establishment.”

LB 706 was amended into LB 1107 through AM 2293, which was then amended into LB 731 through AM 2432. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 717 – Howard – Change training requirements under the Quality Child Care Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 717 adds additional training requirements for sudden unexpected infant death syndrome, shaken baby syndrome, and child abuse for pre-service orientation by the Department of Health and Human Services for providers of child care and school age-care programs.

LB 717 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 44-0-5 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 731 – Williams – Change provisions relating to physical therapy, respiratory care, and the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act, provide for mobile salons and remote dispensing pharmacies, and Adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: January 1, 2019 for Sections 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 79, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, and 105. July 19, 2018 for all other sections.

LB 731 provides requirements for remote dispensing to the pharmacist in charge of a supervising pharmacy.

As amended by AM 2352, LB 731 includes provisions of LB 681, LB 788, LB 790 and LB 1107. AM 2352 also added an exception that a pharmacist in charge is not required to work within the physical confines of a remote dispensing pharmacy unless otherwise required by law and mandates a pharmacy shall not be licensed as both a remote dispensing pharmacy and a pharmacy.

AM 2611 reduced the amount of continuing education hours required for opioid prescribing from five hours to three hours.

As amended by AM 2864, provides clarifying language regarding mobile cosmetology, nail technology, and barber units.

LB 731 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 49-0-0 and was approved by the Governor on April 19, 2018.

LB 732 – Riepe – Change reporting dates for the Nebraska Children’s Commission and committees appointed by the commission

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 732 changes the due date of the Nebraska Children’s Commission annual report from “December 1” to “September 1” of each year.

AM 1526 changed the reporting requirements for the subcommittees of the Nebraska Children’s Commission: the Normalcy Task Force, the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee and the Juvenile Services Committee from “December 1” to “September 1.”

LB 732 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 45-0-4 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 770 – McCollister – Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 770 increases the gross income limit for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to 160% of the Federal Poverty Level but leaves the net income eligibility limit the same.

LB 787 – Krist – Change income determination provisions relating to the Medical Assistance Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 787 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to not consider patrimony for determination of the individual's income for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.

LB 788 – Riepe – Require continuing education for health care professionals regarding opiate prescriptions

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 788 requires nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, podiatrists and veterinarians to enroll in at least five hours of continuing education regarding the prescribing and administering of opiates, the risks and indicators regarding development of addiction to opiates and emergency opiate situations every two years. Two of the five hours shall cover the prescription drug monitoring program.

As amended by AM 2184, LB 788 was amended into LB 731 through AM 2184. AM 2184 amends the total hours to three and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program hours to one half hour. Nurse anesthetists were removed from continuing education requirements. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 790 – Ebke – Provide for licensure of mobile cosmetology and nail technology salons

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 790 provides requirements for the establishment and licensure of mobile cosmetology and nail technology salons.

AM 2422 adds requirements for the establishment and licensure of mobile barber shops and provides further clarification to establishment and licensure requirements. LB 790 was amended into LB 731 through AM 2422. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 793 – Riepe – Eliminate provisions relating to aging and disability resource centers and developmental disabilities services and transfer and appropriate funds

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: April 23, 2018 except for Sections 11, 12, 13, and 17, which took effect on July 19, 2018.

LB 793 strikes the moratorium for the State to provide specialized services in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Services Act for high school graduates with developmental disabilities who have reached the age of twenty-one years or are currently receiving services.

As amended by AM 2871, provisions of LB 1004 were amended into LB 793.

As amended by AM 2871, provisions of LB 1004 were amended into LB 793. AM 2871 also adds if the Department does not have enough funds available to provide services for priorities one-through four then the Department shall provide comparable day services to individuals who are transitioning from an educational system on or after September 6, 1993, are at least twenty-one years of age, and are determined by the Department to be otherwise eligible for the day services in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Services Act. No later than September 15th of each year the director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities shall provide notification to the Health and Human Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee with the estimated number of eligible individuals needing services. This provision sunsets on June 30, 2021.

As amended by AM 2906, changes the eligibility date from September 1, 1993 to July 1, 2019.

LB 793 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 46-1-2 and was approved by the Governor on April 23, 2018.

LB 794 – Riepe – Change operating requirements regarding intoxicating beverages in cosmetology, esthetics and nail technology salons

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 794 removes the ban on clients from using or consuming alcohol upon the premises of a salon or nail technology salon. The salon or nail technology salon shall not knowingly permit its

employees or clients to use, consume, serve, possess, or distribute controlled substances upon the premises.

AM 2293 removed language regarding controlled substances. LB 794 was amended into LB 1107 through AM 2293, which was then amended into LB 731 through AM 2432. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 800 – Walz – Provide and change strategic plan requirements for services for qualified persons with disabilities

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 800 provides specific requirements to be included in the strategic plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-based settings pursuant to the Olmstead decision. Mandates the Department hire a consultant to assist with the development of the strategic plan. Changes the date the strategic report is due from December 15, 2018 to December 15, 2019.

LB 834 – Howard – Provide for waiver of certain occupational and licensing fees as prescribed

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 834 waives the first year licensing fees for occupations under the Uniform Credentialing Act for individuals who are identified as low income, part of a military family, or a person between the ages of 18 and 25.

LB 835 – Howard – Provide for independent audits and reviews under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 835 provides for independent audits and reviews under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act for Medicaid Managed Care and Long Term Care.

LB 838 – Wishart – Change provisions relating to the Indoor Tanning Facility Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 838 prohibits an operator, an owner of a tanning facility or a lessee of a tanning facility from allowing any person less than eighteen years of age to use tanning equipment at a tanning facility.

LB 838 advanced to General File and was prioritized, but failed to advance to Select File.

LB 840 – Riepe – Change reporting requirements for the Foster Care Review Office

Final Disposition: Enacted
Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 840 requires the Foster Care Review Office to submit a report electronically on “May 1,” “June 1,” “September 1,” and “December 1.” The “September 1” report is designated as the Foster Care Review Office’s annual report. The executive director of the Foster Care Review Office shall provide additional reports, at the request of the Health and Human Services Committee, if additional issues, policy concerns or problems come to the attention of the Foster Care Review Office.

AM 1596 adds the term “juvenile justice” to the Foster Care Review Office reporting requirements.

LB 840 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 43-0-6 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 862 – Howard – Adopt the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 862 adopts the Prescription Drug Transparency Act. The Prescription Drug Transparency Act would require a manufacturer of a prescription drug notify certain parties in the event a cost increase on prescription drugs with a wholesale cost of forty dollars for one course of therapy increases more than sixteen percent. LB 862 adopts reporting requirements and mandates the Department of Administrative Services publish the cost increases.

LB 866 – Crawford – Change provisions relating to rules, regulations, and waivers under the Medical Assistance Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 866 mandates the Health and Human Services Committee hold a public hearing within ten days after release of the annual Medicaid Report. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services be represented at the hearing. Mandates the Department to provide public notice and comment prior to submission of an application for, extension of, or elimination of a waiver.

Mandates the Department to provide notice. Mandates a proposed application for, extension of, or elimination of a waiver or eligibility requirements to not become effective until the conclusion of the earliest session of the Legislature.

LB 867 – Crawford – Change provisions relating to rules, regulations, and waivers under the Medical Assistance Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 867 mandates the Department to report the number and type of contract violations which are subject to sanctions every fiscal year for each managed care company. The report is to be delivered to the Health and Human Services Committee by November 1 each year. Mandates the Department to renegotiate an amendment to the managed care contract to require a 95 percent clean-claims rate. Provides a definition of “clean claim.” Mandates clean claim definition does not apply to claims from a provider under investigation for fraud or abuse or under review for medical necessity.

LB 891 – Pansing Brooks – Prohibit discrimination in the provision of services as prescribed under the Psychology Practice Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 891 mandates a psychologist shall not discriminate against a client, patient, or prospective client or patient on the basis of age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or socioeconomic status. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to not promulgate any rules and regulations or approve, implement, or enforce any policies, practices, or protocols which contradict, contravene, negate, or violate the code of conduct.

LB 894 – Crawford – Adopt the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 894 authorizes Nebraska to become a participating member in the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. Under the supervision of a medical director, licensed Nebraska EMS personnel may practice in member states in certain circumstances and those who are licensed in other compact states will be allowed to provide certain services in Nebraska. All participating states are required to meet certain background checks, education and safety standards to ensure quality care.

LB 894 was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2058, LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 903 – Linehan – Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: April 11, 2018

LB 903 amends the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act to strike the requirement for programs to be approved and administered by the Department, complaints not reportable under the Adult Protective Services Act and strikes requirement of oral consent to be given in the presence of a third party witness. Adds consent to access medical and personal records through the use of auxiliary aids and services. Requires the Department to implement mechanisms to stop and investigate allegations of interference, retaliation, and reprisals, and provide sanctions for interference, retaliation and reprisals.

As amended by AM 2215, strikes the original bill. Strikes "fee" from local source options for designated area agency on aging funding and add sections to the Long-Term Care Ombudsmen Act. Change "department" to "office." Provides definition for "representative of the office." Changes definition of "older individual" to "resident," and provides harmonizing language for "resident." Provides definition for "resident representative." Allows only one person to be appointed as state long-term care ombudsman. Strikes requirement for program to be approved and administered by the Department. Strikes complaints not reportable under the Adult Protective Services Act. Strikes certain requirements to adopt rules and regulations. Changes certain requirements to permissive language for promulgation of rules and regulations. Strikes complaints not reportable under the Adult Protective Services Act. Provides clarifying language when the long-term care ombudsman program makes a referral to Adult Protective Services. Strikes requirement for long-term care ombudsman program to coordinate with adult protective services or law enforcement agency. Adds consent to access to medical and personal records through the use of auxiliary aids and services. Strikes requirement of oral consent to be given in the presence of a third party witness. Provides definition of "representative of the office." Adds option for resident representative to give consent for office to review records. Strike requirements for long-term care ombudsman's office to release records or files to Adult Protective Services. Requires the Department to implement mechanisms to stop and investigate allegations of interference, retaliation, and reprisals. Provides definition of "representative of the office." Mandates the Department to provide sanctions for interference, retaliation, and reprisals.

LB 903 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 46-0-3 and was approved by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

LB 922 – Vargas – Adopt the All Kids Health Care Program Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 922 creates the All Kids Health Care Program, a health insurance program that would cover children under age 19 and up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level who meets all eligibility requirements for Medicaid or Children Health Insurance Program but for his or her immigration status.

LB 924 – Riepe – Change provisions of the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act, the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, and the Uniform Credentialing Act

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 924 removes language regarding “out-of-hospital emergency care.” LB 924 allows internationally-educated individuals to obtain occupational therapy licensure. LB 924 eliminates requirement for signatures on license documents. LB 924 requires criminal background checks for the State to be in compliance with requirements of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.

AM 2181 created a new definition of “paramedic practice out-of-hospital emergency medical care” and provides clarification regarding internationally educated occupational therapists.

LB 924 was amended into LB 1034 through AM 2181. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 956 – Howard – Require application for a demonstration project to allow purchase of Medicaid coverage

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 956 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an application for a waiver or state plan amendment to implement a demonstration project to allow residents of Nebraska to purchase health care coverage through Medicaid. Provides requirements for the demonstration project. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations and mandates the Department of Health and Human Services is not allowed to use federal funds for a purchaser of coverage.

LB 958 – Erdman – Provide for licensure of a vehicle as a massage therapy establishment

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 958 expands the definition of a “massage therapy establishment” to include vehicles or other mobile units.

LB 968 – Wayne – Adopt the Disability Employment and Engagement Program Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 968 increases the allowable income limits and assets for workers with disabilities to allow qualified individuals to retain Medicaid coverage.

LB 979 – Crawford – Authorize physician assistants and nurse practitioners to render expert opinions

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 979 allows physician assistants and nurse practitioners to render expert opinions on matters which fall under their individual scope of practice.

LB 1004 – Bolz – Provide for aging and disability resource centers as prescribed and eliminate references to demonstration projects

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 793; indefinitely postponed

LB 1004 establishes aging and disability resource centers and eliminates references to the previous aging and disability resource center demonstration project.

Provisions of LB 1004 was amended into LB 793. LB 793 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1034 – Riepe – Change credentialing provisions for health care professions and occupations and licensure provisions for health care facilities and services and school-age child care programs and adopt the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 1034 requires the standards for care and protection of children, for school-age child care programs, located within an accredited or approved school are deemed to meet the same standards of an accredited or approved school under the regulations of the State Department of Education.

AM 2322 incorporates provisions of LB 344, LB 686, LB 894, LB 924 and LB 1057. Additionally, AM 2322 created a new section within the Child Care Licensing Act to provide an exception for school-age child care programs regarding fire and health inspections. Provides requirements for licensed school-age child care programs, operating in an accredited or approved school, shall be deemed to meet the standards of the Department of Education for care and protection of children. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to provide inspections for the programs. Provides the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in consultation with the State Department of Education.

AM 2573 allows flexibility for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the necessary inspections and any additional requirements for participation in the Title XX reimbursement for before and after school programs.

AM 2676 amends provisions of LB 703, LB 704 and LB 1035 into LB 1034.

LB 1034 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 49-0-0 and was approved by the Governor on April 23, 2018.

LB 1035 – Riepe – Change provisions relating to the Stroke System of Care Act

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 1035 amends the Stroke System of Care Act to add “endovascular therapy capable stroke centers” to designations allowed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

As amended by AM 1741, LB 1035 was amended into LB 1034. LB 1034 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1040 – Albrecht – Provide for certificates of nonviable birth

Final Disposition: Enacted

Effective Date: July 19, 2018

LB 1040 provides a mandate to a health care practitioner to advise the patient of the option to obtain a nonviable birth certificate after a nonviable birth is diagnosed. Provides mandate for health care practitioner to provide a letter to the patient at the request of the patient certifying a nonviable birth. Mandates the Department of the Health and Human Services to issue a nonviable birth certificate and to charge a fee. Provides requirements for the content of the nonviable certificate. Mandates the Department to not register the birth or use the information to calculate live birth certificates. States the certificate is commemorative in nature and has no legal affect. Mandates the certificate to not be used to establish, bring, or support a civil cause of action seeking damages against any person or entity for bodily injury, personal injury, or wrongful death for a nonviable birth.

AM 1995 provides the definition of “commemorative certificate.” Allows the health care practitioner to delegate the duty of notifying the patient of the ability to request a commemorative certificate. Changes “certifying” to “verifying” for content of the letter issued to the patient. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a form on its website that may be used by a health care practitioner or designee to affirm the nonviable birth.

LB 1040 passed on Final Reading on a vote of 44-1-4 and was approved by the Governor on April 17, 2018.

LB 1041 – Wishart – Require specific training for foster care licensees on sexual abuse

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1041 provides definition of “specific training on sexual abuse” and to mandate the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding specific training on sexual abuse. Disallows the Department to waive training regarding specific training on sexual abuse for a relative home pursuing licensure.

LB 1042 – Howard – Change and eliminate provisions relating to nail technology

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 1042 amends regulations and requirements for licensure for nail technologists under the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art Practice Act.

As amended by AM 1732, LB 1042 was amended into LB 1107, which was then amended into LB 731. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1044 – Krist – Change provisions relating to promoting social services relating to child abuse and neglect investigations

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1044 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide social services as are necessary and appropriate to protect and assist a child and to preserve the family without regard to whether the Department or law enforcement is investigating an allegation of out-of-home child abuse and neglect.

LB 1044 advanced from the Health and Human Services Committee but was not scheduled for debate on General File.

LB 1046 – Bolz – Provide for a caseload ratio emergency declaration relating to Health and Human Services

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1046 establishes requirements for when a caseload ratio emergency exists pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-1207. Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement a corrective action to bring caseloads into compliance pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-1207.

LB 1057 – Kuehn – Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1034; indefinitely postponed

LB 1057 adds a definition of “dispensed prescription” to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and strikes language of what does not qualify as a “dispenser.”

LB 1057 was amended into LB 1034, which passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1060 – Wayne – Adopt the Healthy Kids Act and require tests for lead-based hazards in housing

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1060 adopts the Healthy Kids Act, which requires a lead dust wipe assessment of residential property, before the completion of a real estate sale, on properties built before 1978.

LB 1073 – Crawford – Provide for additional information relating to foster care placements as prescribed

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 1078; indefinitely postponed

LB 1073 amends the Foster Care Review Act to add relative placement or kinship placement, whether a foster care placement is licensed, and whether the foster care placement has received a waiver pursuant to Section 71-1904 for reports provided for the Foster Care Review Office.

Provisions of LB 1073 were amended into LB 1078. LB 1078 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1079 – Howard – Change report provisions relating to the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1079 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to review alleged violations of the Children’s Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act within five working days to determine whether to conduct an investigation. LB 1079 mandates the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a report within thirty days after an investigation was conducted.

LB 1093 – Walz – Create the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Public Health

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1093 creates the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Public Health to conduct investigations, audits, inspections, and other reviews of state-owned facilities providing health care and state licensed health care facilities.

LB 1107 – Linehan – Change provisions relating to barber licensing and the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act

Final Disposition: Provisions amended into LB 731; indefinitely postponed

LB 1107 provides updates to the Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology Act and reduces hours for licensure for barbers, cosmetologists, estheticians and nail technologists.

LB 1107, after being amended by LB 794 and LB 1042, was amended into LB 731. LB 731 passed on Final Reading and was signed into law.

LB 1127 – Kolterman – Provide additional fees for certain credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act and create the Patient Safety Cash Fund

Final Disposition: Indefinitely postponed sine die

LB 1127 mandates an additional patient safety fee for physicians, osteopathic physicians, physician assistants, nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and physical therapists to be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Patient Safety Cash Fund and creates the Patient Safety Cash Fund.

LB 1127 advanced from the Health and Human Services Committee, but was not scheduled for debate on General File.

REPORT ON THE PRIORITIZING OF INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 3(c)

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

Date: May 23, 2017

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee has prioritized the resolutions in the following order:

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
LR 233	Interim study to review the experiences of Medicaid-eligible populations receiving long-term care services and support and identify the necessary practices and protocols for a managed care program
LR 178	Interim study to examine existing telehealth and telemedicine systems and capabilities in Nebraska and opportunities to expand usage
LR 11	Interim study to assess the Nebraska medical assistance program and the options for health care reform for Nebraska
LR 235	Interim study to examine the internal processes of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts
LR 236	Interim study to examine the workload studies used by the Department of Health and Human Services to understand current staffing needs
LR 187	Interim study to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the five primary service areas of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services
LR 194	Interim study to examine the 407 process as it relates to scope of practice changes for health professions
LR 234	Interim study to examine reports submitted by the Division of Behavioral Health and behavioral health regions
LR 188	Interim study to review policies and procedures relating to sustainability, organization, and best practices for data collection by the Division of Public Health relating to public health, epidemiology, and syndromic surveillance
LR 154	Interim study to examine Nebraska's utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Family funds
LR 232	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an cosmetology license for Nebraska
LR 228	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an massage therapy license for Nebraska

LR 229	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an barbering license for Nebraska
LR 145	Interim study to examine the importance of Title IV-E Funds and the federal adoption assistance program
LR 142	Interim study to review the progress of the aging and disability resource center projects and to consider the long-term role of the projects in Nebraska
LR 140	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Family Finding pilot project
LR 186	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and how providers access prescription drug data
LR 189	Interim study to examine ways in which Nebraska could increase access to health insurance, including Medicaid
LR 147	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of the Nebraska State Immunization Information System and to examine opportunities to increase the rate of immunizations reported to the system across the state
LR 169	Interim study to examine whether the birth defects registry laws of Nebraska should be updated
LR 207	Interim study to examine public health issues related drugs, alcohol, and sexually transmitted diseases in Douglas County
LR 156	Interim study to examine the ongoing implementation of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 and related state law and policy
LR 122	Interim study to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska
LR 167	Interim study to examine ways to improve the coverage of hearing aid costs for Nebraska families
LR 226	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an electrology license for Nebraska
LR 227	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an nail technology license for Nebraska
LR 230	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining an esthetics license for Nebraska
LR 231	Interim study to examine the educational and credentialing requirements and the process of applying for and obtaining a license to practice body art for Nebraska
LR 131	Interim study to examine the distribution and use of federal Title X Program state and federal appropriations
LR 157	Interim study to examine the January 1, 2017, implementation of the managed care delivery system for the State of Nebraska and the impact on the state budget

**REPORT ON THE PRIORITIZING
OF INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS
Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 3(c)**

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

Date: April 6, 2018

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee has prioritized the resolutions in the following order:

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
LR 414	Interim study to examine the overall impact of the area agencies on aging and their interaction with the Aging and Disability Resource Center
LR 420	Interim study to examine possible collaboration between the Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Dept. of Education to address behavioral or mental health issues for Nebraska students
LR 377	Interim study to review procedures and practices at the Youth Rehabilitation Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva with the intent to improve safety and security
LR 422	Interim study to examine the issuance and usage of electronic prescriptions in accordance with regulatory standards
LR 395	Interim study to examine issues to identify the needs of and improve upon the emergency medical services system provided by volunteers in Nebraska
LR 448	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of Nebraska's Medicaid Insurance for Workers with Disabilities eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act
LR 460	Interim study to create legislation to assure no person will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability when he or she is being considered as an adoptive parent in an adoption or obtaining guardianship or foster parenting status or placement
LR 405	Interim study to examine the conditions which lead to the congregation, isolation, and segregation of Nebraskans with mental illness who reside in institutional settings and those at risk of placement in institutional settings due to a lack of community support and services
LR 440	Interim study to examine issues relating to the Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety
LR 436	Interim study to evaluate the effectiveness of occupational licensing processes in accommodating military spouses and transitioning service members
LR 451	Interim study to examine the work of the Nebraska Children's Commission and to evaluate the need for the commission's continuation and any revisions to its structure and purpose

LR 413	Interim study to examine strategies to strengthen Nebraska's workforce and build financial mobility and independence, particularly among working parents with young children
LR 482	Interim study to examine existing barriers that prohibit the establishment of mobile massage establishments
LR 419	Interim study to examine the term "shaken baby syndrome" as it exists within Nebraska statutes

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS 2017-2018

Chief Medical Officer / Director of the Division of Public Health

Dr. Thomas Williams was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve as the Director of the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Chief Medical Officer for State of Nebraska on August 1, 2016. On March 20, 2017, Dr. Williams was confirmed by the Legislature on a 39-2-8 vote.

Director of the Division of Children and Family Services

Matt Wallen was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve as the Director of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services on June 30, 2017. On January 25, 2018, Matt Wallen was confirmed by the Legislature on a 29-0-20 vote.

Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

Dr. Matthew Van Patton was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve as the Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services on February 16, 2018. On March 20, 2018, Dr. Van Patton was confirmed by the Legislature on a 28-0-21 vote.

State Board of Health

Dr. Brian Brightman was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve as the optometrist representative for the State Board of Health on April 6, 2017. On May 16, 2017, The Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Brightman on a vote of 35-0-14.

Dr. Joel Bessmer was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the State Board of Health on April 21, 2017. On May 18, 2017, The Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Brightman on a vote of 40-0-9.

Rural Health Advisory Commission

Dr. Brian Buhlke was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the rural physician representative on February 2, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Dr. Brian Buhlke on a 42-0-7 vote.

Martin Fattig was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the rural hospital administrator representative on February 2, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Martin Fattig on a 42-0-7 vote.

Jessye Goertz was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the rural consumer representative on February 2, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Jessye Goertz on a 42-0-7 vote.

April Dexter was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the rural nurse representative on February 2, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of April Dexter on a 42-0-7 vote.

Benjamin Iske, D.D.S. was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the rural dentist representative on February 2, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Benjamin Iske, D.D.S. on a 42-0-7 vote.

Dr. Kyle Klammer was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Rural Health Advisory Commission as the resident member on April 21, 2017. On May 18, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Kyle Klammer on a 40-0-9 vote.

Board of Emergency Medical Services

Joel Cerny was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Board of Emergency Medical Services on February 23, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Joel Cerny on a 31-0-18 vote.

Dr. Thomas Deegan was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Board of Emergency Medical Services on February 23, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Dr. Deegan on a 31-0-18 vote.

Linda Jensen was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Board of Emergency Medical Services on February 23, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Linda Jensen on a 31-0-18 vote.

Dr. James Smith was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Board of Emergency Medical Services on February 23, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Dr. Smith on a 31-0-18 vote.

Scott Wiebe was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Board of Emergency Medical Services on February 23, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Scott Wiebe on a 31-0-18 vote.

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Frank Turk, Ed.D was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on February 23, 2017. On May 16, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Dr. Turk on a 35-0-14 vote.

Marc Brennan, Ph.D was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on February 23, 2017. On May 16, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Brennan on a 35-0-14 vote.

Candice Arteaga was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on April 05, 2017. On May 16, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Candice Arteaga on a 35-0-14 vote.

Diane Schutt was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on September 7, 2017. On March 20, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Diane Schutt on a 25-0-24 vote.

Jeremy Fitzpatrick was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on February 6, 2018. On March 20, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Jeremy Fitzpatrick on a 25-0-24 vote.

Norman Weverka was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on February 6, 2018. On March 20, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Norman Weverka on a 25-0-24 vote.

Stacie Ray was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on February 6, 2018. On March 20, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Stacie Ray on a 25-0-24 vote.

Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

Lisa Knoche was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board on December 9, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Lisa Knoche on a 41-0-8 vote.

Mary Beth Hanus was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board on December 9, 2017. On March 20, 2017, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Mary Beth Hanus on a 41-0-8 vote.

Paul Nelson was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board on June 30, 2017. On February 27, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Paul Nelson on a 26-0-23 vote.

Roderick Todd Bartee was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board on November 28, 2017. On February 27, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Paul Nelson on a 26-0-23 vote.

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Becky Rieken was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired on December 19, 2017. On February 27, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Becky Rieken on a 27-0-22 vote.

Robert Newman was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired on December 19, 2017. On February 27, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Robert Newman on a 27-0-22 vote.

Foster Care Advisory Committee

Michele Marsh, M.D. was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Foster Care Advisory Committee on June 30, 2017. On February 2, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Marsh on a 34-0-15 vote. On February 6, 2018, Governor Ricketts reappointed Dr. Marsh to the Foster Care Advisory Committee and the reappointment was confirmed by the Legislature on a vote of 32-0-17 on February 13, 2018.

Peggy Snurr was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired on December 19, 2017. On February 27, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the reappointment of Robert Newman on a 27-0-22 vote.

Noelle Petersen was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Foster Care Advisory Committee on February 15, 2018. On March 9, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Noelle Petersen on a 36-0-13 vote.

Michael Aerni was appointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Foster Care Advisory Committee on February 15, 2018. On March 9, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Michael Aerni on a 36-0-13 vote.

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Dr. Dennis Roop was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee on May 8, 2017. On January 25, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Roop on a 33-0-16 vote.

Dr. Rebecca Jane Morris was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee on May 8, 2017. On January 25, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Morris on a 33-0-16 vote.

Dr. Rui Yi was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee on May 8, 2017. On January 25, 2018, the Legislature confirmed the appointment of Dr. Yi on a 33-0-16 vote.