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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to infants; to amend section 43-1318, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for and eliminate a data
3 pilot project, an advisory group, subcommittees, and reports; to
4 provide powers and duties; to provide a termination date; to
5 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to
6 outright repeal section 43-1322, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7 Nebraska.
- 8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) A Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project is
2 created. The purpose of the pilot project is to identify how existing
3 state agency data systems currently used to account for the use of all
4 services, programs, and facilities by children and juveniles in the State
5 of Nebraska can be used to establish an independent, external data
6 warehouse.

7 (2)(a) The Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project Advisory Group
8 is created. The advisory group shall oversee the pilot project. The
9 Foster Care Review Office shall provide administrative support for the
10 pilot project and the advisory group.

11 (b) The advisory group shall include the Inspector General of
12 Nebraska Child Welfare or his or her designee, the State Court
13 Administrator or his or her designee, the probation administrator of the
14 Office of Probation Administration or his or her designee, the executive
15 director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal
16 Justice or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or
17 her designee, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office or
18 his or her designee, the director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha,
19 Juvenile Justice Institute or his or her designee, the Chief Information
20 Officer of the office of Chief Information Officer or his or her
21 designee, the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of
22 Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human
23 Services or his or her designee, the Director of Developmental
24 Disabilities of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the
25 Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, the
26 Director of Behavioral Health of the Division of Behavioral Health of the
27 Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, and the
28 Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Division of Medicaid and
29 Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services.

30 (3) The advisory group shall:

31 (a) Meet at least twice a year;

1 (b) Carry out in good faith the duties provided in this subsection;

2 (c) Create a Data Steering Subcommittee. Each member of the advisory
3 group shall designate one representative from his or her agency with
4 specific technical knowledge of the agency's data structure, limitation,
5 and capabilities to serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee shall
6 meet regularly to manage and discuss data-related items, including the
7 technological and system issues of each agency's current data system,
8 specific barriers that impact the implementation of a data warehouse, and
9 steps necessary to establish and sustain a data warehouse. The
10 subcommittee shall report its findings to the advisory group;

11 (d) Create an Information-Sharing Subcommittee. Each member of the
12 advisory group shall designate one representative from his or her agency
13 with specific knowledge of the agency's legal and regulatory
14 responsibilities and restriction related to sharing data to serve on the
15 subcommittee. The subcommittee shall meet regularly to manage and discuss
16 the legal and regulatory barriers to establishing a data warehouse and to
17 identify possible solutions. The subcommittee shall report its findings
18 to the advisory group; and

19 (e) Submit a written report electronically to the Legislature on
20 October 1 of 2017 and 2018, detailing the technical and legal steps
21 necessary to establish the Children and Juveniles Data Warehouse by July
22 1, 2019, including any recommended statutory changes. The October 1,
23 2018, report shall include the advisory group's final recommendations and
24 plan to establish the data warehouse by July 1, 2019.

25 (4) For purposes of this section, independent, external data
26 warehouse means a data system which allows for the collection, storage,
27 and analysis of data from multiple agencies but is not solely controlled
28 by the agencies providing the data.

29 (5) This section terminates on December 31, 2019.

30 Sec. 2. Section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
31 amended to read:

1 43-1318 Sections 43-1301 to 43-1321 and section 1 of this act
2 ~~43-1322~~ shall be known and may be cited as the Foster Care Review Act.
3 Sec. 3. Original section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is repealed.
5 Sec. 4. The following section is outright repealed: Section
6 43-1322, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.