

JSC/NCJJ Legislative Bill Update 2022

[LB1173](#): Child Welfare Package from the HHS Committee (Presented to the Governor April 13th)

- Creates a strategic workgroup for child welfare system reform
- Purpose is to establish an intersectional child welfare practice and finance model
- DHHS to contract with an outside consultant by end of 2022
- Group terminates at the end of 2023

AM1959 added several other bills to LB1173:

LB541

- Requires DHHS to implement additional tiers of foster care by October 1, 2022
- Requires Medicaid to implement Treatment Foster Care by October 1, 2023

LB854

- Requires DCFS to notify DPH of receipt of a report of out-of-home child abuse or neglect by a childcare provider or childcare staff
- DCFS must notify DPH of an investigation of the report (law enforcement or department)

LB491:

- Eliminates ESA lead agency “pilot program” in statute
- DHHS is no longer able to contract with a private agency for case management duties

AM2597 added parts of [LB932](#) to [LB1173](#):

- Requires DHHS to notify child and GAL when they are receiving social security benefits on behalf of a state ward
- Requires notice to court at every review hearing after January 2023

[LB1037](#) (Presented to the Governor on April 12th)

- Recommendation from [ESA Special Committee Report](#) in 2021
- Requires DAS contract for evaluation of state procurement practices (by November 15, 2022)
- Must include input from DHHS and other agencies deemed appropriate by DAS

[LB1014 \(ARPA\)](#) (Approved by the Governor April 13th)

- Includes language from [LB1254](#) (pg. 14)
 - Provides \$1 million to DHHS to provide grants to assist eligible programs that prepare youth who have aged out of the foster care system to enter the workforce
 - Funds can be used for: facility upgrades, building maintenance, transportation, and construction training for youth who have aged out of the foster care system
- Child Welfare Provider rate increases (temporary)
 - 3 Million for FY2021-2022
 - 6 Million for FY2022-2023 and 6 Million for FY2023-2024

[LB202](#) (Did not advance)

- Expands b2i eligibility to a select population of Probation youth

[LB568](#) (Placed on Select File, did not pass)

- Removes truancy as a status offense filing
- Changes language to “chronic absenteeism”
- Establishes goals for pre-trial diversion program
- Shifts funds from Probation to Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program
- Senator worked on a compromise between 2021 and 2022 sessions
- On Select File, a cloture vote failed and the bill did not advance

LB792 (Included in [LB1011](#) and approved by Governor)

- Appropriates \$15 million to DHHS for a new construction, renovation, and equipment at YRTC-K

[LB810](#) (Placed on General file, did not advance)

- Changes room confinement reporting requirements for juveniles in a juvenile facility
- Requires reports, summary of data provided to the OIG

*Additional Bills related to Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare can be found on the [NCC website](#).