

JSC/NCJJ Legislative Bill Update July 2022

[LB1173](#): Child Welfare Package from the HHS Committee

- 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](#)

- Bill is a recommendation directly 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

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

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

Legislative Resolutions (107th Legislature, 2nd Session)

[LR354](#): Interim study to examine the educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care

[LB386](#): Interim study to examine the Nebraska Juvenile Code

[LR398](#): Interim study to examine issues related to the funding of emergency communications in Nebraska

[LR420](#): Interim study to examine the education process and procedures for serving students with special needs

[LR438](#): Interim study to identify policy changes for improving communication and sharing of case-specific information among state and local government agencies responsible for care, custody, treatment, and rehabilitation of youth

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