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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101

Introduced by Vargas, 7; Bolz, 29.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to
- 2 provider rates for behavioral health services as prescribed.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) Behavioral health service providers have identified short-term
3 residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and substance use
4 assessment as key services to reduce recidivism or re-offending;

5 (2) It must be a priority of the state to reduce populations in
6 correctional facilities, particularly persons with addiction to alcohol
7 or drugs;

8 (3) Facilities providing the services described in subdivision (1)
9 of this section have been at or over capacity for some time with interim
10 and short-term residential facilities at or above one hundred percent of
11 capacity for the three years preceding the effective date of this act;

12 (4) Assessments for services are not completed prior to release
13 which leads to additional financial and time burdens being placed upon
14 providers to adequately follow standardized models of assessment and
15 care;

16 (5) A study by the National Reentry Resource Center of the Council
17 of State Governments Justice Center of various states and their
18 implementation of similar programs found that treatment programs lead to
19 reductions in recidivism by nearly twenty percent and reductions in those
20 on probation from returning to prison by as much as fifty percent over a
21 short time period; and

22 (6) By investing in the services described in subdivision (1) of
23 this section, the State of Nebraska can ensure that treatment is
24 available in Nebraska communities.

25 Sec. 2. There is included in the appropriation to Agency No. 25,
26 for Program No. 348, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 to provide for a
27 provider rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term
28 residential treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services,
29 and substance use assessment services.

30 Sec. 3. There is included in the appropriation to Agency No. 5, for
31 Program No. 67, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 to provide for a provider

1 rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term residential
2 treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services, and
3 substance use assessment services.

4 Sec. 4. There is included in the appropriation to Agency No. 25,
5 for Program No. 38, \$XX General Funds for FY2018-19 to provide for a
6 provider rate increase of five percent for providers of short-term
7 residential treatment services, intensive outpatient treatment services,
8 and substance use assessment services.