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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1143

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Howard, 9,
Chairperson; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, 6; Hansen, B., 16;
Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human
- 2 Services; to provide for a needs assessment and cost analysis study
- 3 and report on an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit; and to
- 4 declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
2 contract for the completion of a needs assessment and cost analysis for
3 the establishment of an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit housed
4 within the Lincoln Regional Center. The department shall contract with an
5 outside consultant with expertise in cost and needs analysis of health
6 care facilities within sixty days after the effective date of this act
7 for the purpose of conducting such analysis.

8 (2) The department shall submit a report electronically to the
9 Health and Human Service Committee of the Legislature and the Clerk of
10 the Legislature on or before October 15, 2020. Such report shall contain
11 the following information:

12 (a) A needs assessment, including the number of adolescents expected
13 to use such inpatient psychiatric unit;

14 (b) The cost of opening an existing facility at the Lincoln Regional
15 Center for use as an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit;

16 (c) The cost of re-opening the facility at the Lincoln Regional
17 Center, including the costs for necessary construction, upgrades, or
18 repairs;

19 (d) Annual operating costs of such unit, including, but not limited
20 to, any federal funds available to operate the unit in addition to
21 General Fund appropriations; and

22 (e) Cost savings realized by moving adolescents from out-of-state
23 institutions back to Nebraska for treatment at such unit.

24 (3) For purposes of this section, adolescent means a juvenile who
25 could be placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center under
26 sections 43-251.01 and 43-286.

27 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
28 passed and approved according to law.