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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1169**

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to create and provide duties for
- 2 the Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body; to create the
- 3 Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System; and to provide for
- 4 reports.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body is  
2 created. The purpose of the governing body is to develop a plan to create  
3 and sustain a unified juvenile justice and child welfare data system in  
4 Nebraska which shall answer key questions about youth in the child  
5 welfare and juvenile justice systems, and guide future investment in  
6 preventing involvement in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

7           Sec. 2. The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body shall  
8 consist of the following members:

9           (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

10          (2) The administrator in the State Department of Education  
11 responsible for data, research, and evaluation or such administrator's  
12 designee;

13          (3) The senior administrator in the State Department of Education  
14 responsible for school attendance or such senior administrator's  
15 designee;

16          (4) The data systems manager in the State Department of Education  
17 responsible for the data system developed pursuant to sections 79-776,  
18 85-110, and 85-309 and subdivision (20) of section 85-1511 or such data  
19 systems manager's designee;

20          (5) The Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare or the Inspector  
21 General's designee;

22          (6) The State Court Administrator or the administrator's designee;

23          (7) The executive director of the Foster Care Review Office or the  
24 executive director's designee;

25          (8) A representative from an association of county officials  
26 appointed by the Governor;

27          (9) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and  
28 Human Services or the chief executive officer's designee;

29          (10) The Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of  
30 Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human  
31 Services or the director's designee;

1       (11) The administrator responsible for data, research, and  
2 evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services or such  
3 administrator's designee;

4       (12) The Director of Public Health of the Division of Public Health  
5 of the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's  
6 designee;

7       (13) The Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
8 Program or the director's designee;

9       (14) The director responsible for systems and research for the  
10 Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or such  
11 director's designee;

12       (15) The director of the Office of Violence Prevention or the  
13 director's designee;

14       (16) The deputy probation administrator or the deputy probation  
15 administrator's designee;

16       (17) The director of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile  
17 Justice Institute, or the director's designee;

18       (18) The director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center on  
19 Children, Families, and the Law, or the director's designee; and

20       (19) A representative from the University of Nebraska at Omaha,  
21 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, appointed by the Chancellor  
22 of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

23       Sec. 3. The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body shall  
24 establish a Prevention and Early Intervention Governing Body, a Juvenile  
25 Justice Systems and Facilities Governing Body, and a Data Sharing  
26 Governing Body to assist with the work of the Nebraska Integrated  
27 Juvenile Data Governing Body and to provide recommendations for the plan  
28 required by section 5 of this act.

29       Sec. 4. The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body may  
30 establish a separate management team and a separate technical assistance  
31 team to support and assist in developing and drafting the plan required

1 by section 5 of this act.

2       Sec. 5. (1) The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body  
3 shall propose a plan to develop a statewide education, juvenile justice,  
4 and child welfare unified data system to be called the Nebraska Juvenile  
5 Justice Information System. The system shall include fully integrated  
6 data from the State Department of Education, the Department of Health and  
7 Human Services, the case management system used by the Community-based  
8 Juvenile Services Aid Program, the juvenile probation system, juvenile  
9 detention centers, the case management system used by the state trial  
10 courts, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Nebraska Commission  
11 on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and relevant data from county  
12 attorney offices to improve the coordination and streamlining of  
13 services, guide resource allocation, and provide greater accountability  
14 for investments in juvenile justice and child welfare services.

15       (2) The plan required under subsection (1) of this section shall  
16 also address the following data and information needs as identified by  
17 the governing body:

18       (a) Prevention and intervention services delivered to children and  
19 juveniles in the areas of mental health, child welfare, and juvenile  
20 justice that are primarily evidence-based or research-based and delivered  
21 in a manner that is culturally competent;

22       (b) Unique identifiers that allow individual youth data to be  
23 matched across systems for the purpose of research and evaluation;

24       (c) Common data definitions and standards and data audits to ensure  
25 the validity of the data;

26       (d) Secure data storage and a process for requesting de-identified  
27 individual youth data for the purposes of research and evaluation;

28       (e) A process for making current aggregate data publicly available  
29 online; and

30       (f) Administrative safeguards to ensure effective and appropriate  
31 use of data by multiple agencies in a manner that ensures professional

1 privacy and privacy for children, families, and programs.

2       Sec. 6. The Nebraska Integrated Juvenile Data Governing Body shall  
3 report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and  
4 the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature on its activities on or before  
5 January 1, 2022, and on or before July 1, 2022. The governing body shall  
6 complete the plan required by section 5 of this act and submit a report  
7 to the Governor and electronically to the Legislature on or before July  
8 1, 2023.

9       Sec. 7. (1) The University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice  
10 Institute, shall manage the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System.  
11 The Juvenile Justice Institute shall maintain current publicly available  
12 data online to allow users to answer basic questions regarding system-  
13 involved youth and various policy initiatives using data and information  
14 from the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Information System. The Juvenile  
15 Justice Institute shall provide training and technical assistance  
16 statewide on data collection.

17       (2) The Juvenile Justice Institute may be directed by the Executive  
18 Board of the Legislative Council to conduct research and evaluation on  
19 relevant policy questions at the request of members of the Legislature.