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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 425**

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson;  
Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38;  
Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

Read first time January 15, 2021

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human
- 2 Services; to amend section 83-106, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2020; to require completion of a needs assessment and
- 4 cost analysis for an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit as
- 5 prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
- 6 emergency.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 83-106, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 83-106 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
4 contract for the completion of ~~may conduct~~ a needs assessment and cost  
5 analysis for the establishment of an inpatient adolescent psychiatric  
6 unit housed within the Lincoln Regional Center. ~~The~~ If the department  
7 ~~chooses to conduct such needs assessment and cost analysis,~~ the  
8 department shall contract with an outside consultant with expertise in  
9 needs assessment and cost analysis of health care facilities within sixty  
10 days after the effective date of this act for the purpose of conducting  
11 such assessment and analysis.

12 (2) ~~The~~ If a needs assessment and cost analysis is conducted by the  
13 ~~department,~~ the department shall submit a report electronically to the  
14 Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Clerk of  
15 the Legislature on or before December 15, 2021 ~~ninety days after the~~  
16 ~~completion of such needs assessment and cost analysis.~~ Such report shall  
17 contain the following information:

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

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

22 (c) The cost of reopening the facility at the Lincoln Regional  
23 Center, including the costs for necessary construction, upgrades, or  
24 repairs;

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

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

30 (3) For purposes of this section, adolescent means a person under  
31 the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

1           Sec. 2.    Original section 83-106, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.

3           Sec. 3.    Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
4 passed and approved according to law.