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LEGISLATIVE BILL 429

Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Arch, 14, Chairperson;
Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; 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 amend section 43-404, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2020; to require notification by the department to the
- 4 Legislature prior to implementation of substantial changes to
- 5 facilities and programs under the Office of Juvenile Services; and
- 6 to repeal the original section.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-404, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 43-404 (1) There is created within the Department of Health and
4 Human Services the Office of Juvenile Services. The office shall have
5 oversight and control of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers.
6 The Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services shall be appointed
7 by the chief executive officer of the department or his or her designee
8 and shall be responsible for the administration of the facilities and
9 programs of the office. The department may subcontract with a state
10 agency or private provider to provide services related to the facilities
11 and programs of the Office of Juvenile Services.

12 (2) Prior to implementing any substantial changes to the facilities
13 and programs under the jurisdiction of the Office of Juvenile Services,
14 the Department of Health and Human Services shall notify the Legislature
15 of such intended substantial changes. The notification shall be submitted
16 electronically. The notification shall include a detailed summary of the
17 proposed changes. No such substantial changes shall be implemented until
18 the conclusion of the earliest regular session of the Legislature in
19 which there has been a reasonable opportunity for legislative
20 consideration of such proposed changes. Legislative consideration
21 includes, but is not limited to, the introduction of a legislative bill,
22 a legislative resolution, or an amendment to pending legislation relating
23 to such facilities or programs.

24 Sec. 2. Original section 43-404, Revised Statutes Cumulative
25 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.