### LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

### FIRST SESSION

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 509**

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

Read first time January 17, 2023

#### Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to child welfare services; to
- 2 provide for a reimbursement rate increase for an increase in rates
- or a decrease in revenue for providers as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Using contracts from fiscal year 2022-23 as the base 2 year, any increased costs or decreased revenue for providers that result 3 from changes to the language in the contracts for child welfare services 4 paid out of Budget Program 354 in the budget for the Department of Health 5 and Human Services shall be funded through a reimbursement rate increase 6 that is in addition to any other rate increase. The amount of the 7 increased costs or decreased revenue shall be determined by a third party 8 to be hired by the Department of Health and Human Services. The child 9 welfare services described in this section include parenting time, supervised visitation, in-home safety, in-home family support, out-of-10 home family support, drug testing, intensive family preservation, 11 intensive family reunification, agency supported foster care, foster 12 parent travel, the qualified residential treatment program, out-of-home 13 14 maintenance, transitional living, training independent skills, and family finding and drive time and mileage for services listed in this section. 15