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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 917**

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend
- 2 section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to provide for a
- 3 diabetes pilot study; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is  
2 amended to read:

3 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-994 and section 2 of this act shall be  
4 known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
6 administer a diabetes pilot study by awarding a competitive grant to a  
7 postsecondary institution having a college of medicine and located in the  
8 State of Nebraska to conduct the pilot study. The pilot study shall  
9 identify ways to reduce the financial costs of diabetes to the medical  
10 assistance program.

11 (2) The grant recipient shall:

12 (a) Test the hypothesis that the integration of technology into the  
13 case management protocol of a patient with diabetes in the medical  
14 assistance program, including use of remotely monitored glucose sensors,  
15 interdisciplinary coaching, and telehealth communication, will lead to  
16 improved health outcomes and decreased health care costs;

17 (b) Use technology-based platforms for the delivery of effective  
18 diabetes self-management education, support, and treatment for up to one  
19 thousand diabetic patients receiving funds under the medical assistance  
20 program;

21 (c) Conduct the study statewide;

22 (d) Compile data on patients described in subdivision (b) of this  
23 subsection and patients receiving standard diabetes care and compare and  
24 analyze the data;

25 (e) Make recommendations to the Legislature on policy changes to  
26 improve population health management for patients with diabetes in the  
27 medical assistance program and reduce costs in such population; and

28 (f) Maintain patient confidentiality.

29 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department  
30 of Administrative Services shall provide necessary data to the grant  
31 recipient to carry out the study.

1           (4) The grant recipient shall submit a report electronically to the  
2 Appropriations Committee of the Legislature and the Health and Human  
3 Services Committee of the Legislature on or before December 1 of each  
4 year beginning in 2021 through 2024 and shall submit a final report  
5 electronically to such committees on or before July 1, 2025.

6           (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million  
7 dollars for each fiscal year for FY2020-21, FY2021-22, FY2022-23,  
8 FY2023-24, and FY2024-25 from the General Fund for the diabetes pilot  
9 study.

10           (6) The diabetes pilot study terminates on July 1, 2025.

11           Sec. 3. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019,  
12 is repealed.