AMENDMENTS TO LB 561

Introduced by Ashford

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-726, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 4 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 5 28-726 Except as provided in this section and sections
- 6 28-722 and 81-3126, no person, official, or agency shall have
- 7 access to information in the tracking system of child protection
- 8 cases maintained pursuant to section 28-715 or in records in the
- 9 central register of child protection cases maintained pursuant to
- 10 section 28-718 unless in furtherance of purposes directly connected
- 11 with the administration of the Child Protection Act. Such persons,
- 12 officials, and agencies having access to such information shall
- 13 include, but not be limited to:
- 14 (1) A law enforcement agency investigating a report of
- 15 known or suspected child abuse or neglect;
- 16 (2) A county attorney in preparation of a child abuse or
- 17 neglect petition or termination of parental rights petition;
- 18 (3) A physician who has before him or her a child whom he
- 19 or she reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;
- 20 (4) An agency having the legal responsibility or
- 21 authorization to care for, treat, or supervise an abused or
- 22 neglected child or a parent, a guardian, or other person
- 23 responsible for the abused or neglected child's welfare who is the

- subject of the report of child abuse or neglect;
- 2 (5) Any person engaged in bona fide research or auditing.
- 3 No information identifying the subjects of the report of child
- 4 abuse or neglect shall be made available to the researcher or
- 5 auditor;
- 6 (6) The Foster Care Review Office and the designated
- 7 local foster care review board when the information relates to a
- 8 child in a foster care placement as defined in section 43-1301.
- 9 The information provided to the office and local board shall not
- 10 include the name or identity of any person making a report of
- 11 suspected child abuse or neglect;
- 12 (7) The designated protection and advocacy system
- 13 authorized pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance
- 14 and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. 15001, as the act
- 15 existed on January 1, 2005, and the Protection and Advocacy for
- 16 Mentally Ill Individuals Act, 42 U.S.C. 10801, as the act existed
- 17 on September 1, 2001, acting upon a complaint received from or
- 18 on behalf of a person with developmental disabilities or mental
- 19 illness;
- 20 (8) The person or persons having custody of the abused or
- 21 neglected child in situations of alleged out-of-home child abuse or
- 22 neglect; and
- 23 (9) For purposes of licensing providers of child care
- 24 programs, the Department of Health and Human Services; and-
- 25 (10) A probation officer administering juvenile intake
- 26 services pursuant to section 29-2260.01, conducting court-ordered
- 27 predispositional investigations prior to adjudication, or

- 1 supervising a juvenile upon disposition.
- 2 Sec. 2. Section 29-2204, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 4 29-2204 (1) Except when a term of life imprisonment is
- 5 required by law, in imposing an indeterminate sentence upon an
- 6 offender the court shall:
- 7 (a)(i) Until July 1, 1998, fix the minimum and maximum
- 8 limits of the sentence to be served within the limits provided by
- 9 law, except that when a maximum limit of life is imposed by the
- 10 court for a Class IB felony, the minimum limit may be any term of
- 11 years not less than the statutory mandatory minimum; and
- 12 (ii) Beginning July 1, 1998:
- 13 (A) Fix the minimum and maximum limits of the sentence
- 14 to be served within the limits provided by law for any class of
- 15 felony other than a Class IV felony, except that when a maximum
- 16 limit of life is imposed by the court for a Class IB felony, the
- 17 minimum limit may be any term of years not less than the statutory
- 18 mandatory minimum. If the criminal offense is a Class IV felony,
- 19 the court shall fix the minimum and maximum limits of the sentence,
- 20 but the minimum limit fixed by the court shall not be less than
- 21 the minimum provided by law nor more than one-third of the maximum
- 22 term and the maximum limit shall not be greater than the maximum
- 23 provided by law; or
- 24 (B) Impose a definite term of years, in which event the
- 25 maximum term of the sentence shall be the term imposed by the court
- 26 and the minimum term shall be the minimum sentence provided by law;
- 27 (b) Advise the offender on the record the time the

1 offender will serve on his or her minimum term before attaining

- 2 parole eligibility assuming that no good time for which the
- 3 offender will be eligible is lost; and
- 4 (c) Advise the offender on the record the time the
- 5 offender will serve on his or her maximum term before attaining
- 6 mandatory release assuming that no good time for which the offender
- 7 will be eligible is lost.
- 8 If any discrepancy exists between the statement of
- 9 the minimum limit of the sentence and the statement of parole
- 10 eligibility or between the statement of the maximum limit of the
- 11 sentence and the statement of mandatory release, the statements
- 12 of the minimum limit and the maximum limit shall control the
- 13 calculation of the offender's term. If the court imposes more
- 14 than one sentence upon an offender or imposes a sentence upon
- 15 an offender who is at that time serving another sentence, the
- 16 court shall state whether the sentences are to be concurrent or
- 17 consecutive.
- 18 (2) (a) When the court is of the opinion that imprisonment
- 19 may be appropriate but desires more detailed information as a
- 20 basis for determining the sentence to be imposed than has been
- 21 provided by the presentence report required by section 29-2261, the
- 22 court shall commit an offender to the Department of Correctional
- 23 Services for a period not exceeding ninety days. The department
- 24 shall conduct a complete study of the offender during that time,
- 25 inquiring into such matters as his or her previous delinquency or
- 26 criminal experience, social background, capabilities, and mental,
- 27 emotional, and physical health and the rehabilitative resources

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or programs which may be available to suit his or her needs. By
the expiration of the period of commitment or by the expiration
of such additional time as the court shall grant, not exceeding
a further period of ninety days, the offender shall be returned
to the court for sentencing and the court shall be provided
with a written report of the results of the study, including
whatever recommendations the department believes will be helpful to

8 a proper resolution of the case. After receiving the report and the

9 recommendations, the court shall proceed to sentence the offender

10 in accordance with subsection (1) of this section. The term of the

sentence shall run from the date of original commitment under this

12 subsection.

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(b) In order to encourage the use of this procedure 13 14 in appropriate cases, all costs incurred during the period the 15 defendant is held in a state institution under this subsection shall be a responsibility of the state and the county shall 16 17 be liable only for the cost of delivering the defendant to the 18 institution and the cost of returning him or her to the appropriate 19 court for sentencing or such other disposition as the court may 20 then deem appropriate.

21 (3) Except when a term of life is required by law,
22 whenever the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time
23 he or she committed the crime for which he or she was convicted,
24 the court may, in its discretion, instead of imposing the penalty
25 provided for the crime, make such disposition of the defendant
26 as the court deems proper under the Nebraska Juvenile Code. Prior
27 Until October 1, 2013, prior to making a disposition which commits

1 the juvenile to the Office of Juvenile Services, the court shall

- 2 order the juvenile to be evaluated by the office if the juvenile
- 3 has not had an evaluation within the past twelve months.
- 4 Sec. 3. Section 29-2257, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 5 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 6 29-2257 The Nebraska Probation System is established
- 7 which shall consist of the probation administrator, chief
- 8 probation officers, probation officers, and support staff.
- 9 The system shall be responsible for juvenile intake services,
- 10 preadjudication juvenile supervision services under section 43-254
- 11 beginning October 1, 2013, for presentence and other probation
- 12 investigations, for the direct supervision of persons placed
- 13 on probation, and for non-probation-based programs and services
- 14 authorized by an interlocal agreement pursuant to subdivision (16)
- 15 of section 29-2252. The system shall be sufficient in size to
- 16 assure that no probation officer carries a caseload larger than is
- 17 compatible with adequate probation investigation or supervision.
- 18 Probation officers shall be compensated with salaries substantially
- 19 equal to other state employees who have similar responsibilities.
- 20 This provision for salary equalization shall apply only
- 21 to probation officers and support staff and shall not apply to
- 22 chief probation officers, the probation administrator, the chief
- 23 deputy administrator, the deputy probation administrator, or any
- 24 other similarly established management positions.
- 25 Sec. 4. Section 29-2258, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 26 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 27 29-2258 A district probation officer shall:

1 (1) Conduct juvenile intake interviews and investigations

- 2 in accordance with sections 43-253 and 43-260.01 and, beginning
- 3 October 1, 2013, supervise delivery of preadjudication juvenile
- 4 services under subdivision (6) of section 43-254;
- 5 (2) Make presentence and other investigations, as may be
- 6 required by law or directed by a court in which he or she is
- 7 serving;
- 8 (3) Supervise probationers in accordance with the rules
- 9 and regulations of the office and the directions of the sentencing
- 10 court;
- 11 (4) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with
- 12 the Nebraska Probation Administration Act and such rules and
- 13 regulations of the office, of violations of the conditions of
- 14 probation by individual probationers;
- 15 (5) Advise the sentencing court, in accordance with the
- 16 rules and regulations of the office and the direction of the court,
- 17 when the situation of a probationer may require a modification of
- 18 the conditions of probation or when a probationer's adjustment is
- 19 such as to warrant termination of probation;
- 20 (6) Provide each probationer with a statement of the
- 21 period and conditions of his or her probation;
- 22 (7) Whenever necessary, exercise the power of arrest or
- 23 temporary custody as provided in section 29-2266 or 43-286.01;
- 24 (8) Establish procedures for the direction and guidance
- 25 of deputy probation officers under his or her jurisdiction and
- 26 advise such officers in regard to the most effective performance of
- 27 their duties;

1 (9) Supervise and evaluate deputy probation officers

- 2 under his or her jurisdiction;
- 3 (10) Delegate such duties and responsibilities to a
- 4 deputy probation officer as he or she deems appropriate;
- 5 (11) Make such reports as required by the administrator,
- 6 the judges of the probation district in which he or she serves, or
- 7 the Supreme Court;
- 8 (12) Keep accurate and complete accounts of all money or
- 9 property collected or received from probationers and give receipts
- 10 therefor;
- 11 (13) Cooperate fully with and render all reasonable
- 12 assistance to other probation officers;
- 13 (14) In counties with a population of less than
- 14 twenty-five thousand people, participate in pretrial diversion
- 15 programs established pursuant to sections 29-3601 to 29-3604
- 16 and juvenile pretrial diversion programs established pursuant to
- 17 sections 43-260.02 to 43-260.07 as requested by judges of the
- 18 probation district in which he or she serves or as requested by
- 19 a county attorney and approved by the judges of the probation
- 20 district in which he or she serves, except that participation in
- 21 such programs shall not require appointment of additional personnel
- 22 and shall be consistent with the probation officer's current
- 23 caseload;
- 24 (15) Participate, at the direction of the probation
- 25 administrator pursuant to an interlocal agreement which meets the
- 26 requirements of section 29-2255, in non-probation-based programs
- 27 and services;

1 (16) Perform such other duties not inconsistent with the

- 2 Nebraska Probation Administration Act or the rules and regulations
- 3 of the office as a court may from time to time direct; and
- 4 (17) Exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary
- 5 and proper to carry out his or her responsibilities.
- 6 Sec. 5. Section 42-364, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 7 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

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8 42-364 (1)(a) In an action under Chapter 42 involving 9 child support, child custody, parenting time, visitation, or other 10 access, the parties and their counsel, if represented, shall 11 develop a parenting plan as provided in the Parenting Act. If 12 the parties and counsel do not develop a parenting plan, the complaint shall so indicate as provided in section 42-353 and 13 14 before July 1, 2010, the case may be referred to mediation, 15 specialized alternative dispute resolution, or other alternative 16 dispute resolution process and on or after such date the case 17 shall be referred to mediation or specialized alternative dispute 18 resolution as provided in the Parenting Act. For good cause shown 19 and (i) when both parents agree and such parental agreement is bona fide and not asserted to avoid the purposes of the Parenting 20 21 Act, or (ii) when mediation or specialized alternative dispute 22 resolution is not possible without undue delay or hardship to 23 either parent, the mediation or specialized alternative dispute

resolution requirement may be waived by the court. In such a case

where waiver of the mediation or specialized alternative dispute

resolution is sought, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing

and the burden of proof for the party or parties seeking waiver is

1 by clear and convincing evidence.

- 2 (b) The decree in an action involving the custody of a minor child shall include the determination of legal custody 3 4 and physical custody based upon the best interests of the 5 child, as defined in the Parenting Act, and child support. Such determinations shall be made by incorporation into the decree of 6 (i) a parenting plan developed by the parties, if approved by the 7 8 court, or (ii) a parenting plan developed by the court based upon 9 evidence produced after a hearing in open court if no parenting 10 plan is developed by the parties or the plan developed by the parties is not approved by the court. The decree shall conform to 11 12 the Parenting Act.
- 13 (c) The social security number of each parent and the
 14 minor child shall be furnished to the clerk of the district court
 15 but shall not be disclosed or considered a public record.
- 16 (2) In determining legal custody or physical custody, 17 the court shall not give preference to either parent based on the sex of the parent and, except as provided in section 43-2933, no 18 presumption shall exist that either parent is more fit or suitable 19 20 than the other. Custody shall be determined on the basis of the 21 best interests of the child, as defined in the Parenting Act. 22 Unless parental rights are terminated, both parents shall continue 23 to have the rights stated in section 42-381.
- 24 (3) Custody of a minor child may be placed with both 25 parents on a joint legal custody or joint physical custody basis, 26 or both, (a) when both parents agree to such an arrangement in the 27 parenting plan and the court determines that such an arrangement is

- 1 in the best interests of the child or (b) if the court specifically
- 2 finds, after a hearing in open court, that joint physical custody
- 3 or joint legal custody, or both, is in the best interests of the
- 4 minor child regardless of any parental agreement or consent.
- 5 (4) In determining the amount of child support to be paid by a parent, the court shall consider the earning capacity 6 7 of each parent and the guidelines provided by the Supreme Court 8 pursuant to section 42-364.16 for the establishment of child 9 support obligations. Upon application, hearing, and presentation of 10 evidence of an abusive disregard of the use of child support money or cash medical support paid by one party to the other, the court 11 12 may require the party receiving such payment to file a verified report with the court, as often as the court requires, stating 13 14 the manner in which child support money or cash medical support is 15 used. Child support money or cash medical support paid to the party 16 having physical custody of the minor child shall be the property of such party except as provided in section 43-512.07. The clerk of 17 the district court shall maintain a record, separate from all other 18 19 judgment dockets, of all decrees and orders in which the payment 20 of child support, cash medical support, or spousal support has 21 been ordered, whether ordered by a district court, county court, 22 separate juvenile court, or county court sitting as a juvenile 23 court. Orders for child support or cash medical support in cases in which a party has applied for services under Title IV-D of 24 25 the federal Social Security Act, as amended, shall be reviewed as
- 27 (5) Whenever termination of parental rights is placed

provided in sections 43-512.12 to 43-512.18.

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in issue: (a) The the court shall transfer jurisdiction to a 1 2 juvenile court established pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile Code 3 unless a showing is made that the county court or district court 4 is a more appropriate forum. In making such determination, the 5 court may consider such factors as cost to the parties, undue delay, congestion of dockets, and relative resources available for 6 7 investigative and supervisory assistance. A determination that the 8 county court or district court is a more appropriate forum shall 9 not be a final order for the purpose of enabling an appeal. If 10 no such transfer is made, the court shall appoint an attorney as 11 guardian ad litem to protect the interests of any minor child. 12 The court may terminate the parental rights of one or both parents 13 after notice and hearing when the court finds such action to be in 14 the best interests of the minor child, as defined in the Parenting 15 Act, and it appears by the evidence that one or more of the 16 grounds for termination of parental rights stated in section 43-292 17 exist; and conduct the termination of parental rights proceeding as 18 provided in the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

(b) The court shall inform a parent who does not have legal counsel of the parent's right to retain counsel and of the parent's right to retain legal counsel at county expense if such parent is unable to afford legal counsel. If such parent is unable to afford legal counsel and requests the court to appoint legal counsel, the court shall immediately appoint an attorney to represent the parent in the termination proceedings. The court shall order the county to pay the attorney's fees and all reasonable expenses incurred by the attorney in protecting the

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1 rights of the parent. At such hearing, the guardian ad litem shall

2 take all action necessary to protect the interests of the minor

- 3 child. The court shall fix the fees and expenses of the guardian ad
- 4 litem and tax the same as costs but may order the county to pay on
- 5 finding the responsible party indigent and unable to pay.
- 6 (6) Modification proceedings relating to 7 custody, parenting time, visitation, other access, or removal of 8 children from the jurisdiction of the court shall be commenced 9 by filing a complaint to modify. Modification of a parenting 10 plan is governed by the Parenting Act. Proceedings to modify a 11 parenting plan shall be commenced by filing a complaint to modify. 12 Such actions may be referred to mediation, specialized alternative 13 dispute resolution, or other alternative dispute resolution process 14 before July 1, 2010, and on and after such date shall be referred 15 to mediation or specialized alternative dispute resolution as 16 provided in the Parenting Act. For good cause shown and (a) when 17 both parents agree and such parental agreement is bona fide and 18 not asserted to avoid the purposes of the Parenting Act, or (b) 19 when mediation or specialized alternative dispute resolution is not possible without undue delay or hardship to either parent, the 20 21 mediation or specialized alternative dispute resolution requirement 22 may be waived by the court. In such a case where waiver of the 23 mediation or specialized alternative dispute resolution is sought, 24 the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing and the burden of proof 25 for the party or parties seeking waiver is by clear and convincing 26 evidence. Service of process and other procedure shall comply with

the requirements for a dissolution action.

1 (7) In any proceeding under this section relating to

- 2 custody of a child of school age, certified copies of school
- 3 records relating to attendance and academic progress of such child
- 4 are admissible in evidence.
- 5 Sec. 6. Section 43-245, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 7 43-245 For purposes of the Nebraska Juvenile Code, unless
- 8 the context otherwise requires:
- 9 (1) Age of majority means nineteen years of age;
- 10 (2) Approved center means a center that has applied for
- 11 and received approval from the Director of the Office of Dispute
- 12 Resolution under section 25-2909;
- 13 (3) Civil citation means a noncriminal notice which
- 14 cannot result in a criminal record and is described in section
- 15 43-248.02;
- 16 (4) Cost or costs means (a) the sum or equivalent
- 17 expended, paid, or charged for goods or services, or expenses
- 18 incurred, or (b) the contracted or negotiated price;
- 19 (5) Criminal street gang means a group of three or more
- 20 people with a common identifying name, sign, or symbol whose group
- 21 identity or purposes include engaging in illegal activities;
- 22 (6) Criminal street gang member means a person who
- 23 willingly or voluntarily becomes and remains a member of a criminal
- 24 street gang;
- 25 (7) Custodian means a nonparental caretaker having
- 26 physical custody of the juvenile and includes an appointee
- 27 <u>described in section 43-294;</u>

- 1 (8) Guardian means a person, other than a parent, who
- 2 has qualified by law as the guardian of a juvenile pursuant to
- 3 testamentary or court appointment, but excludes a person who is
- 4 merely a guardian ad litem;
- 5 (7) (9) Juvenile means any person under the age of
- 6 eighteen;
- 7 (8) (10) Juvenile court means the separate juvenile court
- 8 where it has been established pursuant to sections 43-2,111 to
- 9 43-2,127 and the county court sitting as a juvenile court in all
- 10 other counties. Nothing in the Nebraska Juvenile Code shall be
- 11 construed to deprive the district courts of their habeas corpus,
- 12 common-law, or chancery jurisdiction or the county courts and
- 13 district courts of jurisdiction of domestic relations matters as
- 14 defined in section 25-2740;
- 15 (9) (11) Juvenile detention facility has the same meaning
- 16 as in section 83-4,125;
- 17 (12) Legal custody has the same meaning as in section
- 18 43-2922;
- 19 (13) Mediator for juvenile offender and victim
- 20 mediation means a person who (a) has completed at least thirty
- 21 hours of training in conflict resolution techniques, neutrality,
- 22 agreement writing, and ethics set forth in section 25-2913, (b) has
- 23 an additional eight hours of juvenile offender and victim mediation
- 24 training, and (c) meets the apprenticeship requirements set forth
- 25 in section 25-2913;
- 26 (11) (14) Mental health facility means a treatment
- 27 facility as defined in section 71-914 or a government, private, or

- 1 state hospital which treats mental illness;
- 2 (12) (15) Nonoffender means a juvenile who is subject
- 3 to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for reasons other
- 4 than legally prohibited conduct, including, but not limited to,
- 5 juveniles described in subdivision (3) (a) of section 43-247;
- 6 (13) Nonsecure detention means detention
- 7 characterized by the absence of restrictive hardware, construction,
- 8 and procedure. Nonsecure detention services may include a range
- 9 of placement and supervision options, such as home detention,
- 10 electronic monitoring, day reporting, drug court, tracking and
- 11 monitoring supervision, staff secure and temporary holdover
- 12 facilities, and group homes;
- 13 (14) (17) Parent means one or both parents or a
- 14 stepparent stepparents when such the stepparent is married to
- 15 the custodial a parent who has physical custody of the juvenile as
- 16 of the filing of the petition;
- 17 (18) Parties means the juvenile as described in
- 18 section 43-247 and his or her parent, guardian, or custodian;
- 19 (19) Physical custody has the same meaning as in section
- 20 43-2922;
- 21 (16) (20) Except in proceedings under the Nebraska Indian
- 22 Child Welfare Act, relative means father, mother, grandfather,
- 23 grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother,
- 24 stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, or niece;
- 25 (17) (21) Seal a record means that a record shall not be
- 26 available to the public except upon the order of a court upon good
- 27 cause shown;

1 (18) (22) Secure detention means detention in a highly
2 structured, residential, hardware-secured facility designed to
3 restrict a juvenile's movement;
4 (23) Staff secure juvenile facility means a juvenile

4 5 residential facility operated by a political subdivision (a) which 6 does not include construction designed to physically restrict 7 the movements and activities of juveniles who are in custody in 8 the facility, (b) in which physical restriction of movement or 9 activity of juveniles is provided solely through staff, (c) which 10 may establish reasonable rules restricting ingress to and egress from the facility, and (d) in which the movements and activities 11 12 of individual juvenile residents may, for treatment purposes, be 13 restricted or subject to control through the use of intensive staff 14 supervision. Staff secure juvenile facility does not include any 15 institution operated by the department; 16 (19) (24) Status offender means a juvenile who has been

charged with or adjudicated for conduct which would not be a crime if committed by an adult, including, but not limited to, juveniles charged under subdivision (3)(b) of section 43-247 and sections 53-180.01 and 53-180.02; and

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(20) (25) Traffic offense means any nonfelonious act in violation of a law or ordinance regulating vehicular or pedestrian travel, whether designated a misdemeanor or a traffic infraction.

Sec. 7. Section 43-247, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

26 43-247 The juvenile court shall have exclusive original 27 jurisdiction as to any juvenile defined in subdivision (1) of this

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section who is under the age of sixteen, as to any juvenile defined 1 2 in subdivision (3) of this section, and as to the parties and proceedings provided in subdivisions (5), (6), and (8) (7) of this 3 4 section. As used in this section, all references to the juvenile's 5 age shall be the age at the time the act which occasioned the juvenile court action occurred. The juvenile court shall have 6 7 concurrent original jurisdiction with the district court as to any 8 juvenile defined in subdivision (2) of this section. The juvenile 9 court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction with the district 10 court and county court as to any juvenile defined in subdivision 11 (1) of this section who is age sixteen or seventeen, any juvenile 12 defined in subdivision (4) of this section, and any proceeding under subdivision (7) (6) or (11) (10) of this section. The 13 14 juvenile court shall have concurrent original jurisdiction with the 15 county court as to any proceeding under subdivision (9) (8) or (10) 16 (9) of this section. Notwithstanding any disposition entered by 17 the juvenile court under the Nebraska Juvenile Code, the juvenile court's jurisdiction over any individual adjudged to be within 18 19 the provisions of this section shall continue until the individual reaches the age of majority or the court otherwise discharges the 20 21 individual from its jurisdiction.

22 The juvenile court in each county as herein provided shall have jurisdiction of: 23

(1) Any juvenile who has committed an act other than 24 25 a traffic offense which would constitute a misdemeanor or an 26 infraction under the laws of this state, or violation of a city or 27 village ordinance;

1 (2) Any juvenile who has committed an act which would 2 constitute a felony under the laws of this state;

- 3 (3) Any juvenile (a) who is homeless or destitute, or
- 4 without proper support through no fault of his or her parent,
- 5 guardian, or custodian; who is abandoned by his or her parent,
- 6 guardian, or custodian; who lacks proper parental care by reason of
- 7 the fault or habits of his or her parent, guardian, or custodian;
- 8 whose parent, guardian, or custodian neglects or refuses to provide
- 9 proper or necessary subsistence, education, or other care necessary
- 10 for the health, morals, or well-being of such juvenile; whose
- 11 parent, guardian, or custodian is unable to provide or neglects
- 12 or refuses to provide special care made necessary by the mental
- 13 condition of the juvenile; or who is in a situation or engages
- 14 in an occupation dangerous to life or limb or injurious to the
- 15 health or morals of such juvenile, (b) who, by reason of being
- 16 wayward or habitually disobedient, is uncontrolled by his or her
- 17 parent, guardian, or custodian; who deports himself or herself
- 18 so as to injure or endanger seriously the morals or health of
- 19 himself, herself, or others; or who is habitually truant from home
- 20 or school, or (c) who is mentally ill and dangerous as defined in
- 21 section 71-908;
- 22 (4) Any juvenile who has committed an act which would
- 23 constitute a traffic offense as defined in section 43-245;
- 24 (5) The parent, guardian, or custodian of any juvenile
- 25 described in this section;
- 26 (6) The proceedings for termination of parental rights;
- 27 as provided in the Nebraska Juvenile Code;

1 (7) The proceedings for termination of parental rights as

- 2 provided in section 42-364;
- 3 (8) (7) Any juvenile who has been voluntarily
- 4 relinquished, pursuant to section 43-106.01, to the Department of
- 5 Health and Human Services or any child placement agency licensed by
- 6 the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 7 (9) Any juvenile who was a ward of the juvenile court
- 8 at the inception of his or her guardianship and whose guardianship
- 9 has been disrupted or terminated;
- 10 (9) The adoption or guardianship proceedings for a
- 11 child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction under
- 12 another provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code; and
- 13 (11) (10) The paternity or custody determination for a
- 14 child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction.
- 15 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile
- 16 Code, the determination of jurisdiction over any Indian child as
- 17 defined in section 43-1503 shall be subject to the Nebraska Indian
- 18 Child Welfare Act; and the district court shall have exclusive
- 19 jurisdiction in proceedings brought pursuant to section 71-510.
- 20 Sec. 8. Section 43-251, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 22 43-251 (1) When a juvenile is taken into custody pursuant
- 23 to sections 43-248 and 43-250, the court or magistrate may take any
- 24 action for preadjudication placement or detention prescribed in the
- 25 Nebraska Juvenile Code.
- 26 (2) Any juvenile taken into custody under the Nebraska
- 27 Juvenile Code for allegedly being mentally ill and dangerous

1 shall not be placed in a staff secure juvenile facility, jail,

- 2 or detention facility designed for juveniles who are accused of
- 3 criminal acts or for juveniles as described in subdivision (1),
- 4 (2), or (4) of section 43-247 either as a temporary placement by
- 5 a peace officer, as a temporary placement by a court, or as an
- 6 adjudication placement by the court.
- 7 Sec. 9. Section 43-251.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 9 43-251.01 All placements and commitments of juveniles for
- 10 evaluations or as temporary or final dispositions are subject to
- 11 the following:
- 12 (1) No juvenile shall be confined in an adult
- 13 correctional facility as a disposition of the court;
- 14 (2) A juvenile who is found to be a juvenile as described
- 15 in subdivision (3) of section 43-247 shall not be placed in an
- 16 adult correctional facility, the secure youth confinement facility
- 17 operated by the Department of Correctional Services, or a youth
- 18 rehabilitation and treatment center or committed to the Office of
- 19 Juvenile Services;
- 20 (3) A juvenile who is found to be a juvenile as described
- 21 in subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of section 43-247 shall not be
- 22 assigned or transferred to an adult correctional facility or the
- 23 secure youth confinement facility operated by the Department of
- 24 Correctional Services; and
- 25 (4) A juvenile under the age of fourteen years shall not
- 26 be placed with or committed to a youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 27 center; and except as provided in section 43-286.

1 (5) A juvenile shall not be detained in secure detention

- 2 or placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center unless
- 3 detention or placement of such juvenile is a matter of immediate
- 4 and urgent necessity for the protection of such juvenile or the
- 5 person or property of another or if it appears that such juvenile
- 6 is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court.
- 7 Sec. 10. Section 43-254, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

9 43-254 Pending the adjudication of any case, and subject 10 to subdivision (5) of section 43-251.01, if it appears that the 11 need for placement or further detention exists, the juvenile may 12 be (1) placed or detained a reasonable period of time on order of the court in the temporary custody of either the person having 13 14 charge of the juvenile or some other suitable person, (2) kept in 15 some suitable place provided by the city or county authorities, 16 (3) placed in any proper and accredited charitable institution, 17 (4) placed in a state institution, except any adult correctional facility, when proper facilities are available and the only local 18 19 facility is a city or county jail, at the expense of the committing 20 county on a per diem basis as determined from time to time by the head of the particular institution, or (5) placed in the 21 22 temporary care and custody of the Department of Health and Human 23 Services when (a) it does not appear that there is any need for secure detention and (b) beginning October 1, 2013, the juvenile 24 25 is alleged to be a juvenile described in subdivision (3)(a) or 26 (3)(c) of section 43-247, or (6) beginning October 1, 2013, offered 27 supervision options as determined pursuant to section 43-260.01,

1 through the Office of Probation Administration as ordered by the

- 2 court and agreed to in writing by the parties, if the juvenile is
- 3 alleged to be a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b),
- 4 or (4) of section 43-247 and it does not appear that there is any
- 5 need for secure detention. The court may assess the cost of such
- 6 placement or detention in whole or in part to the parent of the
- 7 juvenile as provided in section 43-290.
- 8 If a juvenile has been removed from his or her parent,
- 9 guardian, or custodian pursuant to subdivision (2) of section
- 10 43-248, the court may enter an order continuing detention or
- 11 placement upon a written determination that continuation of the
- 12 juvenile in his or her home would be contrary to the health,
- 13 safety, or welfare of such juvenile and that reasonable efforts
- 14 were made to preserve and reunify the family if required under
- 15 subsections (1) through (4) of section 43-283.01.
- Sec. 11. Section 43-260.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 18 43-260.01 The need for preadjudication placement or
- 19 supervision and the need for detention of a juvenile and whether
- 20 secure or nonsecure detention is indicated shall be subject to
- 21 subdivision (5) of section 43-251.01 and may be determined as
- 22 follows:
- 23 (1) The standardized juvenile detention screening
- 24 instrument shall be used to evaluate the juvenile;
- 25 (2) If the results indicate that secure detention is
- 26 not required, nonsecure detention placement or supervision options
- 27 shall be pursued; and

1 (3) If the results indicate that secure detention is

- 2 required, detention at the secure level as indicated by the
- 3 instrument shall be pursued.
- 4 Sec. 12. Section 43-260.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 5 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 6 43-260.04 A juvenile pretrial diversion program shall:
- 7 (1) Be an option available for the county attorney or
- 8 city attorney based upon his or her determination under this
- 9 subdivision. The county attorney or city attorney may use the
- 10 following information:
- 11 (a) The juvenile's age;
- 12 (b) The nature of the offense and role of the juvenile in
- 13 the offense;
- 14 (c) The number and nature of previous offenses involving
- 15 the juvenile;
- 16 (d) The dangerousness or threat posed by the juvenile to
- 17 persons or property; or
- 18 (e) The recommendations of the referring agency, victim,
- 19 and advocates for the juvenile;
- 20 (2) Permit participation by a juvenile only on a
- 21 voluntary basis and shall include a juvenile diversion agreement
- 22 described in section 43-260.06;
- 23 (3) Allow the juvenile to consult with counsel prior to a
- 24 decision to participate in the program;
- 25 (4) Be offered to the juvenile when practicable prior to
- 26 an adjudication the filing of a juvenile petition or a criminal
- 27 charge but after the arrest of the juvenile or issuance of a

1 citation to the juvenile if after the arrest or citation a decision

- 2 has been made by the county attorney or city attorney that the
- 3 offense will support the filing of a juvenile petition or criminal
- 4 charges;
- 5 (5) Provide screening services for use in creating a
- 6 diversion plan utilizing appropriate services for the juvenile;
- 7 (5) (6) Result in dismissal of the juvenile petition
- 8 or criminal charges if the juvenile successfully completes the
- 9 program;
- 10 (6) (7) Be designed and operated to further the goals
- 11 stated in section 43-260.03 and comply with sections 43-260.04 to
- 12 43-260.07; and
- 13 (8) Require information received by the program
- 14 regarding the juvenile to remain confidential unless a release of
- 15 information is signed upon admission to the program or is otherwise
- 16 authorized by law.
- 17 Sec. 13. Section 43-260.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 19 43-260.05 A juvenile pretrial diversion program may:
- 20 (1) Provide screening services to the court and county
- 21 attorney or city attorney to help identify likely candidates for
- 22 the program;
- 23 (2) Establish goals for diverted juvenile offenders and
- 24 monitor performance of the goals;
- 25 (3) Perform Coordinate chemical dependency assessments
- 26 of diverted juvenile offenders when indicated, make appropriate
- 27 referrals for treatment, and monitor treatment and aftercare;

1 (4) Provide Coordinate individual, group, and family

- 2 counseling services;
- 3 (5) Oversee the payment of victim restitution by diverted
- 4 juvenile offenders;
- 5 (6) Assist diverted juvenile offenders in identifying and
- 6 contacting appropriate community resources;
- 7 (7) Provide Coordinate educational services to diverted
- 8 juvenile offenders to enable them to earn a high school diploma or
- 9 general education development diploma; and
- 10 (8) Provide accurate information on how diverted juvenile
- 11 offenders perform in the program to the juvenile courts, county
- 12 attorneys, city attorneys, defense attorneys, and probation
- 13 officers.
- 14 Sec. 14. Section 43-260.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 16 43-260.07 (1) Beginning December 1, 2003, and every
- 17 December 1 thereafter, On January 30 of each year, every county
- 18 attorney or city attorney of a county or city which has a
- 19 juvenile pretrial diversion program shall report to the Director
- 20 of Juvenile Diversion Programs the information pertaining to the
- 21 program required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated
- 22 by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
- 23 to the commission.
- 24 (2) Juvenile pretrial diversion program data shall be
- 25 maintained and compiled by the Director of Juvenile Diversion
- 26 Programs. the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal
- 27 Justice.

1 Sec. 15. Section 43-272.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 3 43-272.01 (1) A guardian ad litem as provided for in
- 4 subsections (2) and (3) of section 43-272 shall be appointed
- 5 when a child is removed from his or her surroundings pursuant
- 6 to subdivision (2) or (3) of section 43-248, subsection (2) of
- 7 section 43-250, or section 43-251. If removal has not occurred, a
- 8 quardian ad litem shall be appointed at the commencement of all
- 9 cases brought under subdivision (3)(a) or (8) (7) of section 43-247
- 10 and section 28-707.
- 11 (2) In the course of discharging duties as guardian ad
- 12 litem, the person so appointed shall consider, but not be limited
- 13 to, the criteria provided in this subsection. The guardian ad
- 14 litem:
- 15 (a) Is appointed to stand in lieu of a parent for a
- 16 protected juvenile who is the subject of a juvenile court petition,
- 17 shall be present at all hearings before the court in such matter
- 18 unless expressly excused by the court, and may enter into such
- 19 stipulations and agreements concerning adjudication and disposition
- 20 deemed by him or her to be in the juvenile's best interests;
- 21 (b) Is not appointed to defend the parents or other
- 22 custodian of the protected juvenile but shall defend the legal
- 23 and social interests of such juvenile. Social interests shall
- 24 be defined generally as the usual and reasonable expectations of
- 25 society for the appropriate parental custody and protection and
- 26 quality of life for juveniles without regard to the socioeconomic
- 27 status of the parents or other custodians of the juvenile;

1 (c) May at any time after the filing of the petition

- 2 move the court of jurisdiction to provide medical or psychological
- 3 treatment or evaluation as set out in section 43-258. The guardian
- 4 ad litem shall have access to all reports resulting from any
- 5 examination ordered under section 43-258, and such reports shall be
- 6 used for evaluating the status of the protected juvenile;
- 7 (d) Shall make every reasonable effort to become
- 8 familiar with the needs of the protected juvenile which (i) shall
- 9 include consultation with the juvenile within two weeks after the
- 10 appointment and once every six months thereafter and inquiry of
- 11 the most current caseworker, foster parent, or other custodian
- 12 and (ii) may include inquiry of others directly involved with
- 13 the juvenile or who may have information or knowledge about the
- 14 circumstances which brought the juvenile court action or related
- 15 cases and the development of the juvenile, including biological
- 16 parents, physicians, psychologists, teachers, and clergy members;
- 17 (e) May present evidence and witnesses and cross-examine
- 18 witnesses at all evidentiary hearings. In any proceeding under this
- 19 section relating to a child of school age, certified copies of
- 20 school records relating to attendance and academic progress of such
- 21 child are admissible in evidence;
- 22 (f) Shall be responsible for making recommendations to
- 23 the court regarding the temporary and permanent placement of the
- 24 protected juvenile and shall submit a written report to the court
- 25 at every dispositional or review hearing, or in the alternative,
- 26 the court may provide the guardian ad litem with a checklist
- 27 that shall be completed and presented to the court at every

- 1 dispositional or review hearing;
- 2 (g) Shall consider such other information as is warranted
- 3 by the nature and circumstances of a particular case; and
- 4 (h) May file a petition in the juvenile court on behalf
- 5 of the juvenile, including a supplemental petition as provided in
- 6 section 43-291.
- 7 (3) Nothing in this section shall operate to limit the
- 8 discretion of the juvenile court in protecting the best interests
- 9 of a juvenile who is the subject of a juvenile court petition.
- 10 (4) For purposes of subdivision (2)(d) of this section,
- 11 the court may order the expense of such consultation, if any, to be
- 12 paid by the county in which the juvenile court action is brought
- 13 or the court may, after notice and hearing, assess the cost of
- 14 such consultation, if any, in whole or in part to the parents of
- 15 the juvenile. The ability of the parents to pay and the amount
- 16 of the payment shall be determined by the court by appropriate
- 17 examination.
- 18 Sec. 16. Section 43-279.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 19 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 20 43-279.01 (1) When the petition alleges the juvenile
- 21 to be within the provisions of subdivision (3)(a) of section
- 22 43-247 or when termination of parental rights is sought pursuant
- 23 to subdivision (6) ex (7) of section 43-247 and the parent, ex
- 24 custodian, or quardian appears with or without counsel, the court
- 25 shall inform the parties of the:
- 26 (a) Nature of the proceedings and the possible
- 27 consequences or dispositions pursuant to sections 43-284, 43-285,

- 1 and 43-288 to 43-295;
- 2 (b) Right of the parent to engage counsel of their choice
- 3 at their own expense or to have counsel appointed if the parent is
- 4 unable to afford to hire a lawyer;
- 5 (c) Right of a stepparent, custodian, or guardian to
- 6 engage counsel of their choice and, if there are allegations
- 7 against the stepparent, custodian, or guardian or when the petition
- 8 is amended to include such allegations, to have counsel appointed
- 9 if the stepparent, custodian, or guardian is unable to afford to
- 10 hire a lawyer;
- 11 (c) (d) Right to remain silent as to any matter of
- 12 inquiry if the testimony sought to be elicited might tend to prove
- 13 the parent or custodian party guilty of any crime;
- 14 (d) (e) Right to confront and cross-examine witnesses;
- 15 (e) (f) Right to testify and to compel other witnesses to
- 16 attend and testify;
- 17 (f) (g) Right to a speedy adjudication hearing; and
- 18 (g) (h) Right to appeal and have a transcript or record
- 19 of the proceedings for such purpose.
- 20 (2) The court shall have the discretion as to whether
- 21 or not to appoint counsel for a person who is not a party to
- 22 the proceeding. If counsel is appointed, failure of the party to
- 23 maintain contact with their court-appointed counsel or to keep such
- 24 counsel advised of the party's current address can result in the
- 25 counsel being discharged by the court.
- 26 (3) After giving the parties the information
- 27 prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, the court may accept

1 an in-court admission, an answer of no contest, or a denial from

- 2 any parent, or custodian, or guardian as to all or any part of the
- 3 allegations in the petition. The court shall ascertain a factual
- 4 basis for an admission or an answer of no contest.
- 5 (4) In the case of a denial, the court shall allow
- 6 a reasonable time for preparation if needed and then proceed
- 7 to determine the question of whether the juvenile falls under
- 8 the provisions of section 43-247 as alleged. After hearing the
- 9 evidence, the court shall make a finding and adjudication to be
- 10 entered on the records of the court as to whether the allegations
- 11 in the petition have been proven by a preponderance of the evidence
- 12 in cases under subdivision (3)(a) of section 43-247 or by clear and
- 13 convincing evidence in proceedings to terminate parental rights.
- 14 If an Indian child is involved, the standard of proof shall be
- 15 in compliance with the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act, if
- 16 applicable.
- 17 (4) (5) If the court shall find that the allegations
- 18 of the petition or motion have not been proven by the requisite
- 19 standard of proof, it shall dismiss the case or motion. If the
- 20 court sustains the petition or motion, it shall allow a reasonable
- 21 time for preparation if needed and then proceed to inquire into the
- 22 matter of the proper disposition to be made of the juvenile.
- Sec. 17. Section 43-281, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 43-281 (1) This subsection applies until October 1,
- 26 2013. Following an adjudication of jurisdiction and prior to final
- 27 disposition, the court may place the juvenile with the Office of

1 Juvenile Services or the Department of Health and Human Services

- 2 for evaluation. The office or department shall make arrangements
- 3 for an appropriate evaluation.
- 4 (2) (a) This subsection applies beginning October 1, 2013.
- 5 Following an adjudication of jurisdiction and prior to final
- 6 disposition, the court may order an evaluation. The court may
- 7 place the juvenile with the Department of Health and Human Services
- 8 for the evaluation if the juvenile is adjudged to be a juvenile
- 9 described in subdivisions (3)(a) or (3)(c) of section 43-247.
- 10 (b) Any evaluation ordered shall be completed and the
- 11 juvenile shall be returned to the court within twenty-one days
- 12 after the evaluation is ordered. The physician, psychologist,
- 13 licensed mental health practitioner, licensed drug and alcohol
- 14 counselor, or other provider responsible for completing the
- 15 evaluation shall have up to ten days to complete the evaluation
- 16 after receiving the referral authorizing the evaluation.
- 17 (c) When a juvenile receives such an evaluation, the
- 18 juvenile shall not reside in a detention facility at the time of
- 19 the evaluation or while waiting for the completed evaluation to
- 20 be returned to the court unless detention of such juvenile is a
- 21 matter of immediate and urgent necessity for the protection of such
- 22 juvenile or the person or property of another or if it appears that
- 23 <u>such juvenile is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court.</u>
- 24 (d) When a juvenile is adjudged to be under subdivision
- 25 (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, the Office of Probation
- 26 Administration shall provide and pay for any evaluation ordered by
- 27 the court under this section if the office determines that there

1 are no parental funds or private or public insurance available to

- 2 pay for such evaluation.
- 3 Sec. 18. Section 43-284, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 43-284 When any juvenile is adjudged to be under
- 6 subdivision (3), (4), or (9) (8) of section 43-247, the court
- 7 may permit such juvenile to remain in his or her own home subject
- 8 to supervision or may make an order committing the juvenile to (1)
- 9 the care of some suitable institution, (2) inpatient or outpatient
- 10 treatment at a mental health facility or mental health program, (3)
- 11 the care of some reputable citizen of good moral character, (4) the
- 12 care of some association willing to receive the juvenile embracing
- 13 in its objects the purpose of caring for or obtaining homes for
- 14 such juveniles, which association shall have been accredited as
- 15 provided in section 43-296, (5) the care of a suitable family, or
- 16 (6) the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human
- 17 Services, except, beginning October 1, 2013, when a juvenile is
- 18 adjudicated to be a juvenile described in subdivision (3)(b) or (4)
- 19 of section 43-247.
- 20 Under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this
- 21 section, upon a determination by the court that there are no
- 22 parental, private, or other public funds available for the care,
- 23 custody, education, and maintenance of a juvenile, the court may
- 24 order a reasonable sum for the care, custody, education, and
- 25 maintenance of the juvenile to be paid out of a fund which shall
- 26 be appropriated annually by the county where the petition is filed
- 27 until suitable provisions may be made for the juvenile without such

- 1 payment.
- 2 The amount to be paid by a county for education pursuant
- 3 to this section shall not exceed the average cost for education
- 4 of a public school student in the county in which the juvenile is
- 5 placed and shall be paid only for education in kindergarten through
- 6 grade twelve.
- 7 The court may enter a dispositional order removing a
- 8 juvenile from his or her home upon a written determination that
- 9 continuation in the home would be contrary to the health, safety,
- 10 or welfare of such juvenile and that reasonable efforts to preserve
- 11 and reunify the family have been made if required under section
- 12 43-283.01.
- 13 Sec. 19. Section 43-284.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 43-284.01 Any juvenile adjudged to be under subdivision
- 16 $\frac{(8)}{(8)}$ (7) of section 43-247 shall remain in the custody of the
- 17 Department of Health and Human Services or the licensed child
- 18 placement agency to whom the juvenile has been relinquished unless
- 19 the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the best
- 20 interests of the juvenile require that an alternative disposition
- 21 be made. If the court makes such finding, then alternative
- 22 disposition may be made as provided under section 43-284. Such
- 23 alternative disposition shall relieve the department or licensed
- 24 child placement agency of all responsibility with regard to such
- 25 juvenile.
- 26 Sec. 20. Section 43-285, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 27 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

43-285 (1) When the court awards a juvenile to the care 1 2 of the Department of Health and Human Services, an association, or an individual in accordance with the Nebraska Juvenile Code, 3 4 the juvenile shall, unless otherwise ordered, become a ward and 5 be subject to the guardianship of the department, association, or individual to whose care he or she is committed. Any such 6 7 association and the department shall have authority, by and 8 with the assent of the court, to determine the care, placement, 9 medical services, psychiatric services, training, and expenditures 10 on behalf of each juvenile committed to it. Such guardianship shall 11 not include the guardianship of any estate of the juvenile.

12 (2) (a) This subdivision applies until October 1, 2013. 13 Following an adjudication hearing at which a juvenile is adjudged 14 to be under subdivision (3) of section 43-247, the court may 15 order the department to prepare and file with the court a proposed 16 plan for the care, placement, services, and permanency which 17 are to be provided to such juvenile and his or her family. The health and safety of the juvenile shall be the paramount 18 19 concern in the proposed plan. The department shall include in the plan for a juvenile who is sixteen years of age or older and 20 21 subject to the guardianship of the department a written independent 22 living transition proposal which meets the requirements of section 23 43-1311.03. The court may approve the plan, modify the plan, order that an alternative plan be developed, or implement another 24 25 plan that is in the juvenile's best interests. In its order the 26 court shall include a finding regarding the appropriateness of 27 the programs and services described in the proposal designed to

1 assist the juvenile in acquiring independent living skills. Rules

- 2 of evidence shall not apply at the dispositional hearing when the
- 3 court considers the plan that has been presented.
- 4 (b) This subdivision applies beginning October 1, 2013.
- 5 Following an adjudication hearing at which a juvenile is adjudged
- 6 to be under subdivision (3)(a) or (c) of section 43-247, the court
- 7 may order the department to prepare and file with the court a
- 8 proposed plan for the care, placement, services, and permanency
- 9 which are to be provided to such juvenile and his or her family.
- 10 The health and safety of the juvenile shall be the paramount
- 11 concern in the proposed plan. The department shall include in the
- 12 plan for a juvenile who is sixteen years of age or older and
- 13 subject to the guardianship of the department a written independent
- 14 living transition proposal which meets the requirements of section
- 15 43-1311.03. The court may approve the plan, modify the plan,
- 16 order that an alternative plan be developed, or implement another
- 17 plan that is in the juvenile's best interests. In its order the
- 18 court shall include a finding regarding the appropriateness of
- 19 the programs and services described in the proposal designed to
- 20 <u>assist the juvenile in acquiring independent living skills.</u> Rules
- 21 of evidence shall not apply at the dispositional hearing when the
- 22 court considers the plan that has been presented.
- 23 (3) Within thirty days after an order awarding a juvenile
- 24 to the care of the department, an association, or an individual
- 25 and until the juvenile reaches the age of majority, the department,
- 26 association, or individual shall file with the court a report
- 27 stating the location of the juvenile's placement and the needs of

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the juvenile in order to effectuate the purposes of subdivision 1 2 (1) of section 43-246. The department, association, or individual 3 shall file a report with the court once every six months or at 4 shorter intervals if ordered by the court or deemed appropriate 5 by the department, association, or individual. The department, association, or individual shall file a report and notice of 6 7 placement change with the court and shall send copies of the 8 notice to all interested parties at least seven days before the 9 placement of the juvenile is changed from what the court originally 10 considered to be a suitable family home or institution to some 11 other custodial situation in order to effectuate the purposes of 12 subdivision (1) of section 43-246. The court, on its own motion 13 or upon the filing of an objection to the change by an interested 14 party, may order a hearing to review such a change in placement 15 and may order that the change be stayed until the completion of 16 the hearing. Nothing in this section shall prevent the court on 17 an ex parte basis from approving an immediate change in placement upon good cause shown. The department may make an immediate change 18 19 in placement without court approval only if the juvenile is in a 20 harmful or dangerous situation or when the foster parents request 21 that the juvenile be removed from their home. Approval of the court 22 shall be sought within twenty-four hours after making the change in 23 placement or as soon thereafter as possible. The department shall provide the juvenile's guardian ad litem with a copy of any report 24 25 filed with the court by the department pursuant to this subsection. 26 (4) The court shall also hold a permanency hearing if 27 required under section 43-1312.

1 (5) When the court awards a juvenile to the care of the

- 2 department, an association, or an individual, then the department,
- 3 association, or individual shall have standing as a party to file
- 4 any pleading or motion, to be heard by the court with regard to
- 5 such filings, and to be granted any review or relief requested in
- 6 such filings consistent with the Nebraska Juvenile Code.
- 7 (6) Whenever a juvenile is in a foster care placement
- 8 as defined in section 43-1301, the Foster Care Review Office or
- 9 the designated local foster care review board may participate in
- 10 proceedings concerning the juvenile as provided in section 43-1313
- 11 and notice shall be given as provided in section 43-1314.
- 12 (7) Any written findings or recommendations of the Foster
- 13 Care Review Office or the designated local foster care review board
- 14 with regard to a juvenile in a foster care placement submitted to
- 15 a court having jurisdiction over such juvenile shall be admissible
- 16 in any proceeding concerning such juvenile if such findings or
- 17 recommendations have been provided to all other parties of record.
- 18 (8) The executive director and any agent or employee of
- 19 the Foster Care Review Office or any member of any local foster
- 20 care review board participating in an investigation or making any
- 21 report pursuant to the Foster Care Review Act or participating in a
- 22 judicial proceeding pursuant to this section shall be immune from
- 23 any civil liability that would otherwise be incurred except for
- 24 false statements negligently made.
- 25 Sec. 21. Section 43-286, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 26 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 27 43-286 (1) When any juvenile is adjudicated to be a

1 juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), or (4) of section

- 2 43-247:
- 3 (a) The court may continue the dispositional portion of
- 4 the hearing, from time to time upon such terms and conditions as
- 5 the court may prescribe, including an order of restitution of any
- 6 property stolen or damaged or an order requiring the juvenile to
- 7 participate in community service programs, if such order is in
- 8 the interest of the juvenile's reformation or rehabilitation, and,
- 9 subject to the further order of the court, may:
- 10 (i) Place the juvenile on probation subject to the
- 11 supervision of a probation officer;
- 12 (ii) Permit the juvenile to remain in his or her own home
- 13 or be placed in a suitable family home, subject to the supervision
- 14 of the probation officer; or
- 15 (iii) Cause the juvenile to be placed in a suitable
- 16 family home or institution, subject to the supervision of the
- 17 probation officer. If the court has committed the juvenile is
- 18 also found to be a juvenile described in subdivision (3)(a) of
- 19 section 43-247 and the court has committed the juvenile to the
- 20 care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services,
- 21 the department shall pay the costs of the suitable family home or
- 22 institution which are not otherwise paid by the juvenile's parents.
- 23 Under subdivision (1)(a) of this section, upon a
- 24 determination by the court that there are no parental, private, or
- 25 other public funds available for the care, custody, and maintenance
- 26 of a juvenile, the court may order a reasonable sum for the care,
- 27 custody, and maintenance of the juvenile to be paid out of a

1 fund which shall be appropriated annually by the county where the

- 2 petition is filed until a suitable provision may be made for the
- 3 juvenile without such payment; or
- 4 (b) (i) This subdivision applies to all juvenile petitions
- 5 filed prior to July 1, 2013. The court may commit such juvenile to
- 6 the Office of Juvenile Services, but a juvenile under the age of
- 7 fourteen years shall not be placed at the Youth Rehabilitation and
- 8 Treatment Center-Geneva or the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment
- 9 Center-Kearney unless he or she has violated the terms of probation
- 10 or has committed an additional offense and the court finds that the
- 11 interests of the juvenile and the welfare of the community demand
- 12 his or her commitment. This minimum age provision shall not apply
- if the act in question is murder or manslaughter.
- 14 (b) The (ii) This subdivision applies to all juvenile
- 15 petitions filed on or after July 1, 2013. Unless prohibited by
- 16 <u>section 43-251.01, the court may commit such juvenile to the Office</u>
- 17 of Juvenile Services for placement at a youth rehabilitation and
- 18 treatment center as a condition of an order of intensive supervised
- 19 probation if all levels of probation supervision and options for
- 20 community-based services have been exhausted and placement of
- 21 such juvenile is a matter of immediate and urgent necessity for
- 22 the protection of such juvenile or the person or property of
- 23 another or if it appears that such juvenile is likely to flee
- 24 the jurisdiction of the court. Intensive supervised probation for
- 25 purposes of this subdivision means that the Office of Juvenile
- 26 Services shall be responsible for the care and custody of the
- 27 juvenile until the Office of Juvenile Services discharges the

juvenile. Upon discharge of the juvenile, the court shall hold 1 2 a review hearing on the conditions of probation and enter any 3 order allowed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section. The Office 4 of Juvenile Services shall work in collaboration with the Office 5 of Probation Administration in developing individualized reentry plans as created in section 53 of this act and shall notify the 6 7 committing court at least sixty days prior to discharge. The Office 8 of Juvenile Services shall pay the cost of the care and custody of 9 the juvenile from the time of commitment until discharge from the 10 Office of Juvenile Services; or 7 but a juvenile under the age of 11 fourteen years shall not be placed at the Youth Rehabilitation and 12 Treatment Center-Geneva or the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment 13 Center-Kearney unless he or she has violated the terms of probation 14 or has committed an additional offense and the court finds that the 15 interests of the juvenile and the welfare of the community demand his or her commitment. This minimum age provision shall not apply 16

18 <u>(c) Beginning July 1, 2013, and until October 1, 2013,</u>

19 <u>the court may commit such juvenile to the Office of Juvenile</u>

20 Services for community supervision.

if the act in question is murder or manslaughter.

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- 21 (2) When any juvenile is found by the court to be a
 22 juvenile described in subdivision (3)(b) of section 43-247, the
 23 court may enter such order as it is empowered to enter under
 24 subdivision (1)(a) of this section or until October 1, 2013, enter
 25 an order committing or placing the juvenile to the care and custody
 26 of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 27 (3) When any juvenile is adjudicated to be a juvenile

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- 1 described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247
- 2 because of a nonviolent act or acts and the juvenile has not
- 3 previously been adjudicated to be such a juvenile because of a
- 4 violent act or acts, the court may, with the agreement of the
- 5 victim, order the juvenile to attend juvenile offender and victim
- 6 mediation with a mediator or at an approved center selected from
- 7 the roster made available pursuant to section 25-2908.
- 8 (4) When a juvenile is placed on probation and a
- 9 probation officer has reasonable cause to believe that such
- 10 juvenile has committed or is about to commit a substance abuse
- 11 violation, a noncriminal violation, or a violation of a condition
- 12 of his or her probation, the probation officer shall take
- 13 appropriate measures as provided in section 43-286.01.
- 14 (5)(a) When a juvenile is placed on probation or under
- 15 the supervision of the court and it is alleged that the juvenile is
- again a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4)
- 17 of section 43-247, a petition may be filed and the same procedure
- 18 followed and rights given at a hearing on the original petition. If
- 19 an adjudication is made that the allegations of the petition are
- 20 true, the court may make any disposition authorized by this section
- 21 for such adjudications.
- 22 (b) When a juvenile is placed on probation or under
- 23 the supervision of the court for conduct under subdivision (1),
- 24 (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247 and it is alleged that the
- 25 juvenile has violated a term of probation or supervision or that
- 26 the juvenile has violated an order of the court, a motion to revoke
- 27 probation or supervision or to change the disposition may be filed

1 and proceedings held as follows:

2 (i) The motion shall set forth specific factual

3 allegations of the alleged violations and a copy of such motion

4 shall be served on all persons required to be served by sections

5 43-262 to 43-267;

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6 (ii) The juvenile shall be entitled to a hearing before

the court to determine the validity of the allegations. At such

8 hearing the juvenile shall be entitled to those rights relating

9 to counsel provided by section 43-272 and those rights relating

10 to detention provided by sections 43-254 to 43-256. The juvenile

11 shall also be entitled to speak and present documents, witnesses,

12 or other evidence on his or her own behalf. He or she may confront

13 persons who have given adverse information concerning the alleged

violations, may cross-examine such persons, and may show that he

15 or she did not violate the conditions of his or her probation

or supervision or an order of the court or, if he or she did,

17 that mitigating circumstances suggest that the violation does not

18 warrant revocation of probation or supervision or a change of

disposition. The hearing shall be held within a reasonable time

20 after the juvenile is taken into custody;

21 (iii) The hearing shall be conducted in an informal

22 manner and shall be flexible enough to consider evidence, including

letters, affidavits, and other material, that would not be

24 admissible in an adversarial criminal trial;

25 (iv) The juvenile shall be given a preliminary hearing

26 in all cases when the juvenile is confined, detained, or otherwise

27 significantly deprived of his or her liberty as a result of his

- 1 or her alleged violation of probation, supervision, or court order.
- 2 Such preliminary hearing shall be held before an impartial person
- 3 other than his or her probation officer or any person directly
- 4 involved with the case. If, as a result of such preliminary
- 5 hearing, probable cause is found to exist, the juvenile shall be
- 6 entitled to a hearing before the court in accordance with this
- 7 subsection;
- 8 (v) If the juvenile is found by the court to have
- 9 violated the terms of his or her probation or supervision or an
- 10 order of the court, the court may modify the terms and conditions
- 11 of the probation, supervision, or other court order, extend the
- 12 period of probation, supervision, or other court order, or enter
- 13 any order of disposition that could have been made at the time the
- 14 original order was entered; and
- 15 (vi) In cases when the court revokes probation,
- 16 supervision, or other court order, it shall enter a written
- 17 statement as to the evidence relied on and the reasons for
- 18 revocation.
- 19 Sec. 22. Section 43-2,108.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 20 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 21 43-2,108.05 (1) If the court orders the record of a
- 22 juvenile sealed pursuant to section 43-2,108.04, the court shall:
- 23 (a) Order that all records, including any information
- 24 or other data concerning any proceedings relating to the offense,
- 25 including the arrest, taking into custody, petition, complaint,
- 26 indictment, information, trial, hearing, adjudication, correctional
- 27 supervision, dismissal, or other disposition or sentence, be deemed

1 never to have occurred;

2 (b) Send notice of the order to seal the record (i) to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 3 4 (ii) if the record includes impoundment or prohibition to obtain 5 a license or permit pursuant to section 43-287, to the Department of Motor Vehicles, (iii) if the juvenile whose record has been 6 7 ordered sealed was a ward of the state at the time the proceeding was initiated or if the Department of Health and Human Services 8 was a party in the proceeding, to such department, and (iv) to 9 10 law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, and city attorneys 11 referenced in the court record;

- 12 (c) Order all notified under subdivision (1)(b) of this
 13 section to seal all records pertaining to the offense;
- (d) If the case was transferred from district court to juvenile court or was transferred under section 43-282, send notice of the order to seal the record to the transferring court; and
- (e) Explain to the juvenile what sealing the record means
 verbally if the juvenile is present in the court at the time the
 court issues the sealing order or by written notice sent by regular
 mail to the juvenile's last-known address if the juvenile is not
 present in the court at the time the court issues the sealing
 order.
- (2) The effect of having a record sealed under section 43-2,108.04 is that thereafter no person is allowed to release any information concerning such record, except as provided by this section. After a record is sealed, the person whose record was sealed can respond to any public inquiry as if the offense

1 resulting in such record never occurred. A government agency and

- 2 any other public office or agency shall reply to any public
- 3 inquiry that no information exists regarding a sealed record.
- 4 Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an order
- 5 to seal the record applies to every government agency and any
- 6 other public office or agency that has a record relating to the
- 7 offense, regardless of whether it receives notice of the hearing
- 8 on the sealing of the record or a copy of the order. Upon the
- 9 written request of a person whose record has been sealed and the
- 10 presentation of a copy of such order, a government agency or any
- 11 other public office or agency shall seal all records pertaining to
- 12 the offense.
- 13 (3) A sealed record is accessible to law enforcement
- 14 officers, county attorneys, and city attorneys in the
- 15 investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of crimes, to the
- 16 sentencing judge in the sentencing of criminal defendants, and
- 17 to any attorney representing the subject of the sealed record.
- 18 Inspection of records that have been ordered sealed under section
- 19 43-2,108.04 may be made by the following persons or for the
- 20 following purposes:
- 21 (a) By the court or by any person allowed to inspect such
- 22 records by an order of the court for good cause shown;
- 23 (b) By the court, city attorney, or county attorney
- 24 for purposes of collection of any remaining parental support or
- 25 obligation balances under section 43-290;
- 26 (c) By the Nebraska Probation System for purposes of
- 27 juvenile intake services, for presentence and other probation

1 investigations, and for the direct supervision of persons placed

- 2 on probation and by the Department of Correctional Services,
- 3 the Office of Juvenile Services, a juvenile assessment center, a
- 4 criminal detention facility, ex a juvenile detention facility, or a
- 5 staff secure juvenile facility, for an individual committed to it,
- 6 placed with it, or under its care;
- 7 (d) By the Department of Health and Human Services for
- 8 purposes of juvenile intake services, the preparation of case
- 9 plans and reports, the preparation of evaluations, compliance with
- 10 federal reporting requirements, or the supervision and protection
- 11 of persons placed with the department or for licensing or
- 12 certification purposes under sections 71-1901 to 71-1906.01 or
- 13 the Child Care Licensing Act;
- (e) Upon application, by the person who is the subject of
- 15 the sealed record and by persons authorized by the person who is
- 16 the subject of the sealed record who are named in that application;
- 17 (f) At the request of a party in a civil action that is
- 18 based on a case that has a sealed record, as needed for the civil
- 19 action. The party also may copy the sealed record as needed for the
- 20 civil action. The sealed record shall be used solely in the civil
- 21 action and is otherwise confidential and subject to this section;
- 22 (g) By persons engaged in bona fide research, with
- 23 the permission of the court, only if the research results
- 24 in no disclosure of the person's identity and protects the
- 25 confidentiality of the sealed record; or
- 26 (h) By a law enforcement agency if a person whose record
- 27 has been sealed applies for employment with the law enforcement

- 1 agency.
- 2 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits the Department of
- 3 Health and Human Services from releasing information from sealed
- 4 records in the performance of its duties with respect to the
- 5 supervision and protection of persons served by the department.
- 6 (5) In any application for employment, bonding, license,
- 7 education, or other right or privilege, any appearance as a
- 8 witness, or any other public inquiry, a person cannot be questioned
- 9 with respect to any offense for which the record is sealed. If
- 10 an inquiry is made in violation of this subsection, the person
- 11 may respond as if the offense never occurred. Applications for
- 12 employment shall contain specific language that states that the
- 13 applicant is not obligated to disclose a sealed record. Employers
- 14 shall not ask if an applicant has had a record sealed. The
- 15 Department of Labor shall develop a link on the department's web
- 16 site to inform employers that employers cannot ask if an applicant
- 17 had a record sealed and that an application for employment shall
- 18 contain specific language that states that the applicant is not
- 19 obligated to disclose a sealed record.
- 20 (6) Any person who violates this section may be held in
- 21 contempt of court.
- Sec. 23. Section 43-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 43-404 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 25 There is created within the Department of Health and Human
- 26 Services the Office of Juvenile Services. The office shall have
- 27 oversight and control of state juvenile correctional facilities and

1 programs other than the secure youth confinement facility which is

- 2 under the control of the Department of Correctional Services. The
- 3 Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services shall be appointed
- 4 by the chief executive officer of the department or his or her
- 5 designee and shall be responsible for the administration of the
- 6 facilities and programs of the office. The department may contract
- 7 with a state agency or private provider to operate any facilities
- 8 and programs of the Office of Juvenile Services.
- 9 (2) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014. There
- 10 is created within the Department of Health and Human Services the
- 11 Office of Juvenile Services. The office shall have oversight and
- 12 control of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers. The
- 13 Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services shall be appointed
- 14 by the chief executive officer of the department or his or her
- 15 <u>designee</u> and shall be responsible for the administration of the
- 16 <u>facilities and programs of the office. The department may contract</u>
- 17 with a state agency or private provider to operate any facilities
- 18 and programs of the Office of Juvenile Services.
- 19 Sec. 24. Section 43-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 20 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 21 43-405 The administrative duties of the Office of
- 22 Juvenile Services are to:
- 23 (1) Manage, establish policies for, and administer the
- 24 office, including all facilities and programs operated by the
- 25 office or provided through the office by contract with a provider;
- 26 (2) Supervise employees of the office, including
- 27 employees of the facilities and programs operated by the office;

1 (3) Have separate budgeting procedures and develop and

- 2 report budget information separately from the Department of Health
- 3 and Human Services;
- 4 (4) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for
- 5 the levels of treatment and for management, control, screening,
- 6 evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, parole, transfer, and
- 7 discharge of, until October 1, 2013, evaluation of juveniles placed
- 8 with or committed to the Office of Juvenile Services, and, until
- 9 July 1, 2014, parole of, juveniles placed with or committed to the
- 10 Office of Juvenile Services;
- 11 (5) Ensure that statistical information concerning
- 12 juveniles placed with or committed to facilities or programs of
- 13 the office is collected, developed, and maintained for purposes of
- 14 research and the development of treatment programs;
- 15 (6) Monitor commitments, placements, and evaluations at
- 16 facilities and programs operated by the office or through contracts
- 17 with providers and submit electronically an annual report of
- 18 its findings to the Legislature. For 2012, 2013, and 2014, the
- 19 office shall also provide the report to the Health and Human
- 20 Services Committee of the Legislature on or before September
- 21 15. The report shall include an assessment of the administrative
- 22 costs of operating the facilities, the cost of programming, the
- 23 savings realized through reductions in commitments, placements, and
- 24 evaluations, and information regarding the collaboration required
- 25 by section 83-101;
- 26 (7) Coordinate the programs and services of the juvenile
- 27 justice system with other governmental agencies and political

- 1 subdivisions;
- 2 (8) Coordinate educational, vocational, and social
- 3 counseling;
- 4 (9) Coordinate Until July 1, 2014, coordinate
- 5 community-based services for juveniles and their families;
- 6 (10) Supervise Until July 1, 2014, supervise and
- 7 coordinate juvenile parole and aftercare services; and
- 8 (11) Exercise all powers and perform all duties necessary
- 9 to carry out its responsibilities under the Health and Human
- 10 Services, Office of Juvenile Services Act.
- 11 Sec. 25. Section 43-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13 43-406 The Office of Juvenile Services shall utilize:
- 14 (1) Risk and needs assessment instruments for use in
- 15 determining the level of treatment for the juvenile;
- 16 (2) A case classification process to include levels of
- 17 treatment defined by rules and regulations and case management
- 18 standards for each level of treatment. The process shall provide
- 19 for a balance of accountability, public safety, and treatment;
- 20 (3) Case management for all juveniles committed to the
- 21 office;
- 22 (4) A Until July 1, 2014, a purchase-of-care system which
- 23 will facilitate the development of a statewide community-based
- 24 array of care with the involvement of the private sector and the
- 25 local public sector. Care services may be purchased from private
- 26 providers to provide a wider diversity of services. This system
- 27 shall include accessing existing Title IV-E funds of the federal

1 Social Security Act, as amended, medicaid funds, and other funding

- 2 sources to support eligible community-based services. Such services
- 3 developed and purchased shall include, but not be limited to,
- 4 evaluation services. Services shall be offered and delivered on a
- 5 regional basis;
- 6 (5) Community-based Until October 1, 2013,
- 7 community-based evaluation programs, supplemented by one or more
- 8 residential evaluation programs. A residential evaluation program
- 9 shall be provided in a county containing a city of the metropolitan
- 10 class. Community-based evaluation services shall replace the
- 11 residential evaluation services available at the Youth Diagnostic
- 12 and Rehabilitation Center by December 31, 1999; and
- 13 (6) A management information system. The system shall
- 14 be a unified, interdepartmental client information system which
- 15 supports the management function as well as the service function.
- 16 Sec. 26. Section 43-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 18 43-407 (1) This subsection applies to all juvenile
- 19 petitions filed prior to July 1, 2013. The Office of
- 20 Juvenile Services shall design and make available programs
- 21 and treatment services through the Youth Rehabilitation and
- 22 Treatment Center-Kearney and Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment
- 23 Center-Geneva. The programs and treatment services shall be based
- 24 upon the individual or family evaluation process and treatment
- 25 plan. The treatment plan shall be developed within fourteen days
- 26 after admission. If a juvenile placed at the Youth Rehabilitation
- 27 and Treatment Center-Kearney or Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment

Center-Geneva is assessed as needing inpatient or subacute 1 2 substance abuse or behavioral health residential treatment, the juvenile may be transferred to a program or facility if the 3 treatment and security needs of the juvenile can be met. The 4 5 assessment process shall include involvement of both private and public sector behavioral health providers. The selection of the 6 7 treatment venue for each juvenile shall include individualized 8 case planning and incorporate the goals of the juvenile justice 9 system pursuant to section 43-402. Juveniles committed to the Youth 10 Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney or Youth Rehabilitation 11 and Treatment Center-Geneva who are transferred to alternative 12 settings for treatment remain committed to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services until 13 14 discharged from such custody. Programs and treatment services shall 15 address: 16 (1) (a) Behavioral impairments, severe emotional

- 17 disturbances, sex offender behaviors, and other mental health or
 18 psychiatric disorders;
- 19 (b) Drug and alcohol addiction;
- 20 (3) (c) Health and medical needs;
- 21 (4) (d) Education, special education, and related 22 services;
- 23 (5) (e) Individual, group, and family counseling services
 24 as appropriate with any treatment plan related to subdivisions (1)
 25 (a) through (4) (d) of this section. Services shall
 26 also be made available for juveniles who have been physically or
 27 sexually abused;

(6) (f) A case management and coordination process, 1 2 designed to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to 3 his or her family, school, and community. This process shall follow individualized planning which shall begin at intake and 4 5 evaluation. Structured programming shall be scheduled for all juveniles. This programming shall include a strong academic program 6 7 as well as classes in health education, living skills, vocational 8 training, behavior management and modification, money management, family and parent responsibilities, substance abuse awareness, 9 10 physical education, job skills training, and job placement 11 assistance. Participation shall be required of all juveniles if 12 such programming is determined to be age and developmentally appropriate. The goal of such structured programming shall be to 13 14 provide the academic and life skills necessary for a juvenile to 15 successfully return to his or her home and community upon release; 16 and 17 (7) (g) The design and delivery of treatment programs through the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers as well as 18 19 any licensing or certification requirements, and the office shall 20 follow the requirements as stated within Title XIX and Title IV-E 21 of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on May 25, 22 2007, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines as 23 appropriate. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funding 24 sources shall be utilized to support service needs of eligible 25 juveniles. 26 (2) This subsection applies to all juvenile petitions 27 filed on or after July 1, 2013. The Office of Juvenile Services

1 shall design and make available programs and treatment services 2 through the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and 3 Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva. The programs and treatment services shall be based upon the individual or family 4 5 evaluation process and treatment plan. The treatment plan shall 6 be developed within fourteen days after admission. If a juvenile 7 placed at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney 8 or Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva is assessed as 9 needing inpatient or subacute substance abuse or behavioral health 10 residential treatment, the Office of Juvenile Services may arrange 11 for such treatment to be provided at the Hastings Regional Center 12 or may transition the juvenile to another inpatient or subacute 13 residential treatment facility in the State of Nebraska. Except in 14 a case requiring emergency admission to an inpatient facility, the 15 juvenile shall not be discharged by the Office of Juvenile Services 16 until the juvenile has been returned to the court for a review 17 of his or her conditions of probation and the juvenile has been 18 transitioned to the clinically appropriate level of care. Programs 19 and treatment services shall address: 20 Behavioral impairments, severe emotional (a) 21 disturbances, sex offender behaviors, and other mental health or 22 psychiatric disorders; 23 (b) Drug and alcohol addiction; 24 (c) Health and medical needs; 25 (d) Education, special education, and related services; (e) Individual, group, and family counseling services 26

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2 available for juveniles who have been physically or sexually

3 abused;

4 (f) A case management and coordination process, designed

5 to assure appropriate reintegration of the juvenile to his or

6 her family, school, and community. This process shall follow

7 individualized planning which shall begin at intake and evaluation.

8 Structured programming shall be scheduled for all juveniles.

9 This programming shall include a strong academic program as

10 well as classes in health education, living skills, vocational

11 training, behavior management and modification, money management,

12 family and parent responsibilities, substance abuse awareness,

13 physical education, job skills training, and job placement

14 assistance. Participation shall be required of all juveniles if

15 such programming is determined to be age and developmentally

appropriate. The goal of such structured programming shall be to

17 provide the academic and life skills necessary for a juvenile to

18 successfully return to his or her home and community upon release;

19 and

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20 (g) The design and delivery of treatment programs through

21 the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers as well as any

22 licensing or certification requirements, and the office shall

23 follow the requirements as stated within Title XIX and Title IV-E

24 of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on January

25 1, 2013, the Special Education Act, or other funding guidelines as

26 appropriate. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funding

27 sources shall be utilized to support service needs of eligible

1 juveniles.

Sec. 27. Section 43-408, Reissue Revised Statutes of

3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 $43-408 ext{ (1)}$ (1) (a) This subsection applies to all juvenile 5 petitions filed prior to July 1, 2013. Whenever any juvenile is committed under any provision of law to the Office of Juvenile 6 7 Services, to any facility operated by the Office of Juvenile 8 Services, or to the custody of the Administrator of the Office 9 of Juvenile Services, a superintendent of a facility, or an 10 administrator of a program, the juvenile is deemed committed to the 11 Office of Juvenile Services. Juveniles committed to the Office of 12 Juvenile Services shall also be considered committed to the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services for the 13 14 purpose of obtaining health care and treatment services.

15 (2) (b) The committing court shall order the initial 16 level of treatment for a juvenile committed to the Office of 17 Juvenile Services. Prior to determining the initial level of treatment for a juvenile, the court may solicit a recommendation 18 19 regarding the initial level of treatment from the Office of 20 Juvenile Services. Under this section, subsection, the committing 21 court shall not order a specific placement for a juvenile. The 22 court shall continue to maintain jurisdiction over any juvenile 23 committed to the Office of Juvenile Services until such time that 24 the juvenile is discharged from the Office of Juvenile Services. 25 The court shall conduct review hearings every six months, or at the 26 request of the juvenile, for any juvenile committed to the Office 27 of Juvenile Services who is placed outside his or her home, except

1 for a juvenile residing at a youth rehabilitation and treatment

- 2 center. The court shall determine whether an out-of-home placement
- 3 made by the Office of Juvenile Services is in the best interests
- 4 of the juvenile, with due consideration being given by the court
- 5 to public safety. If the court determines that the out-of-home
- 6 placement is not in the best interests of the juvenile, the court
- 7 may order other treatment services for the juvenile.
- 8 (3) (c) After the initial level of treatment is ordered
- 9 by the committing court, the Office of Juvenile Services shall
- 10 provide treatment services which conform to the court's level
- 11 of treatment determination. Within thirty days after making an
- 12 actual placement, the Office of Juvenile Services shall provide the
- 13 committing court with written notification of where the juvenile
- 14 has been placed. At least once every six months thereafter, until
- 15 the juvenile is discharged from the care and custody of the Office
- 16 of Juvenile Services, the office shall provide the committing court
- 17 with written notification of the juvenile's actual placement and
- 18 the level of treatment that the juvenile is receiving.
- 19 (4) (d) For transfer hearings, the burden of proof to
- 20 justify the transfer is on the Office of Juvenile Services, the
- 21 standard of proof is clear and convincing evidence, and the strict
- 22 rules of evidence do not apply. Transfers of juveniles from one
- 23 place of treatment to another are subject to section 43-251.01 and
- 24 to the following:
- 25 (a) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (b) (d)(ii) of
- 26 this subsection, if the Office of Juvenile Services proposes to
- 27 transfer the juvenile from a less restrictive to a more restrictive

AM1327 AM1327 LB561 LB561 NPN-05/13/2013 NPN-05/13/2013 place of treatment, a plan outlining the proposed change and the 1 2 reasons for the proposed change shall be presented to the court which committed the juvenile. Such change shall occur only after a 3 4 hearing and a finding by the committing court that the change is 5 in the best interests of the juvenile, with due consideration being given by the court to public safety. At the hearing, the juvenile 6 7 has the right to be represented by counsel; 8 (b) (ii) The Office of Juvenile Services may make an 9 immediate temporary change without prior approval by the committing 10 court only if the juvenile is in a harmful or dangerous situation, 11 is suffering a medical emergency, is exhibiting behavior which 12 warrants temporary removal, or has been placed in a non-state-owned facility and such facility has requested that the juvenile be 13 14 removed. Approval of the committing court shall be sought within

removed. Approval of the committing court shall be sought within
fifteen days of making an immediate temporary change, at which time
a hearing shall occur before the court. The court shall determine
whether it is in the best interests of the juvenile to remain in

18 the new place of treatment, with due consideration being given by

19 the court to public safety. At the hearing, the juvenile has the

20 right to be represented by counsel; and

22 juvenile from a more restrictive to a less restrictive place
23 of treatment or to transfer the juvenile from the juvenile's
24 current place of treatment to another which has the same level
25 of restriction as the current place of treatment, the Office
26 of Juvenile Services shall notify the juvenile, the juvenile's
27 parents, custodian, or legal guardian, the committing court, the

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NPN-05/13/2013 county attorney, the counsel for the juvenile, and the guardian 1 2 ad litem of the proposed change. The juvenile has fifteen days after the date of the notice to request an administrative hearing 3 4 with the Office of Juvenile Services, at which time the Office 5 of Juvenile Services shall determine whether it is in the best interests of the juvenile for the proposed change to occur, with 6 7 due consideration being given by the office to public safety. 8 The juvenile may be represented by counsel at the juvenile's 9 own expense. If the juvenile is aggrieved by the administrative 10 decision of the Office of Juvenile Services, the juvenile may appeal that decision to the committing court within fifteen days 11 12 after the Office of Juvenile Services' decision. At the hearing before the committing court, the juvenile has the right to be 13

(5) (e) If a juvenile is placed in detention after the initial level of treatment is determined by the committing court, the committing court shall hold a hearing every fourteen days to review the status of the juvenile. Placement of a juvenile in detention shall not be considered as a treatment service.

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represented by counsel.

20 (6) (f) The committing court's review of a change of
21 place of treatment pursuant to this section subsection does not
22 apply to parole revocation hearings.

23 (2) (a) This subsection applies to all juvenile petitions
24 filed on or after July 1, 2013. Whenever any juvenile is committed
25 to the Office of Juvenile Services, the juvenile shall also be
26 considered committed to the care and custody of the Department of
27 Health and Human Services for the purpose of obtaining health care

- 1 and treatment services.
- 2 (b) The committing court shall order placement at a youth
- 3 rehabilitation and treatment center for a juvenile committed to the
- 4 Office of Juvenile Services. The court shall continue to maintain
- 5 jurisdiction over any juvenile committed to the Office of Juvenile
- 6 Services for the purpose of reviewing the juvenile's probation upon
- 7 discharge from the care and custody of the Office of Juvenile
- 8 Services.
- 9 (c) If a juvenile is placed in detention while awaiting
- 10 placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center and the
- 11 placement has not occurred within fourteen days, the committing
- 12 court shall hold a hearing every fourteen days to review the status
- 13 of the juvenile. Placement of a juvenile in detention shall not be
- 14 <u>considered a treatment service.</u>
- 15 Sec. 28. Section 43-409, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 16 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 17 43-409 (1) This subsection applies to all juvenile
- 18 petitions filed prior to July 1, 2013. The Office of Juvenile
- 19 Services shall have access to and may obtain copies of all records
- 20 pertaining to a juvenile committed to it or placed with it,
- 21 including, but not limited to, school records, medical records,
- 22 juvenile court records, probation records, test results, treatment
- 23 records, evaluations, and examination reports. Any person who, in
- 24 good faith, furnishes any records or information to the Office
- 25 of Juvenile Services shall be immune from any liability, civil
- 26 or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. The
- 27 owners, officers, directors, employees, or agents of such medical

1 office, school, court, office, corporation, partnership, or other

- 2 such entity shall not be liable for furnishing such records or
- 3 information.
- 4 (2) This subsection applies to all juvenile petitions
- 5 filed on or after July 1, 2013. The Office of Juvenile Services
- 6 shall have access to and may obtain copies of all records
- 7 pertaining to a juvenile committed to a youth rehabilitation and
- 8 treatment center, including, but not limited to, school records,
- 9 medical records, juvenile court records, probation records, test
- 10 results, treatment records, evaluations, and examination reports.
- 11 Any person who, in good faith, furnishes any records or information
- 12 to the Office of Juvenile Services shall be immune from any
- 13 liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred
- 14 or imposed. The owners, officers, directors, employees, or agents
- 15 of such medical office, school, court, office, corporation,
- 16 partnership, or other such entity shall not be liable for
- 17 furnishing such records or information.
- 18 Sec. 29. Section 43-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 19 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 20 43-410 (1) This subsection applies until July 1, 2014.
- 21 Any peace officer, juvenile parole officer, or direct care staff
- 22 member of the Office of Juvenile Services has the authority to
- 23 apprehend and detain a juvenile who has absconded or is attempting
- 24 to abscond from a placement for evaluation or commitment to the
- 25 Office of Juvenile Services and shall cause the juvenile to be
- 26 returned to the facility or program or an appropriate juvenile
- 27 detention facility or staff secure juvenile facility. For purposes

1 of this section, direct care staff member means any

- 2 staff member charged with the day-to-day care and supervision of
- 3 juveniles housed at a facility or program operated directly by the
- 4 office or security staff who has received training in apprehension
- 5 techniques and procedures.
- 6 (2)(a) This subsection applies beginning July 1, 2014.
- 7 Any peace officer or direct care staff member of the Office
- 8 of Juvenile Services has the authority to apprehend and detain
- 9 a juvenile who has absconded or is attempting to abscond from
- 10 commitment to the Office of Juvenile Services and shall cause the
- 11 juvenile to be returned to the youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 12 center or an appropriate juvenile detention facility or staff
- 13 secure juvenile facility.
- 14 (b) For purposes of this subsection, direct care staff
- 15 member means any staff member charged with the day-to-day care and
- 16 supervision of juveniles at a youth rehabilitation and treatment
- 17 center or security staff who has received training in apprehension
- 18 techniques and procedures.
- 19 Sec. 30. Section 43-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 20 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 21 43-412 (1) Every juvenile committed to the Office of
- 22 Juvenile Services pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile Code or
- 23 pursuant to subsection (3) of section 29-2204 shall remain
- 24 committed until he or she attains the age of nineteen or is
- 25 legally discharged.
- 26 (2) The Upon attainment of the age of nineteen or absent
- 27 a continuing order of intensive supervised probation, discharge of

1 any juvenile pursuant to the rules and regulations or upon his or

- 2 her attainment of the age of nineteen shall be a complete release
- 3 from all penalties incurred by conviction or adjudication of the
- 4 offense for which he or she was committed.
- 5 (3) The Office of Juvenile Services shall provide the
- 6 committing court, Office of Probation Administration, county
- 7 attorney, defense attorney, if any, and guardian ad litem, if any,
- 8 with written notification of the juvenile's discharge within thirty
- 9 days of prior to a juvenile being discharged from the care and
- 10 custody of the office.
- 11 Sec. 31. Section 43-413, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13 43-413 (1) This section applies to all juvenile petitions
- 14 <u>filed prior to October 1, 2013.</u> A court may, pursuant to section
- 15 43-281, place a juvenile with the Office of Juvenile Services or
- 16 the Department of Health and Human Services for an evaluation to
- 17 aid the court in the disposition.
- 18 (2) A juvenile convicted as an adult shall be placed with
- 19 the Office of Juvenile Services for evaluation prior to sentencing
- 20 as provided by subsection (3) of section 29-2204.
- 21 (3) All juveniles shall be evaluated prior to commitment
- 22 to the Office of Juvenile Services unless the court finds that
- 23 (a) there has been a substantially equivalent evaluation within
- 24 the last twelve months that makes reevaluation unnecessary or (b)
- 25 an addendum to a previous evaluation rather than a reevaluation
- 26 would be appropriate. The court shall not commit such juvenile
- 27 to the temporary custody of the Office of Juvenile Services prior

1 to disposition. The office may place a juvenile in residential or

- 2 nonresidential community-based evaluation services for purposes of
- 3 evaluation to assist the court in determining the initial level of
- 4 treatment for the juvenile.
- 5 (4) During any period of detention or evaluation prior to
- 6 disposition:
- 7 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(b) of this
- 8 section, the county in which the case is pending is responsible
- 9 for all detention costs incurred before and after an evaluation
- 10 period prior to disposition, the cost of delivering the juvenile
- 11 to the facility or institution for an evaluation, and the cost of
- 12 returning the juvenile to the court for disposition; and
- 13 (b) The state is responsible for (i) the costs incurred
- 14 during an evaluation unless otherwise ordered by the court pursuant
- 15 to section 43-290 and (ii) the preevaluation detention costs for
- 16 any days over the first ten days from the date the evaluation is
- 17 ordered by the court.
- 18 (5) The Office of Juvenile Services and the Department of
- 19 Health and Human Services are not responsible for predisposition
- 20 costs except as provided in subdivision (4)(b) of this section.
- Sec. 32. Section 43-414, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 22 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 23 43-414 This section applies to all juvenile petitions
- 24 filed prior to October 1, 2013. Each juvenile placed for evaluation
- 25 with the Office of Juvenile Services shall be subjected to medical
- 26 examination and evaluation as directed by the office.
- 27 Sec. 33. Section 43-415, Revised Statutes Cumulative

1 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

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2 43-415 This section applies to all juvenile petitions 3 filed prior to October 1, 2013. A juvenile placed for evaluation 4 with the Office of Juvenile Services shall be returned to the court 5 upon the completion of the evaluation or at the end of thirty days, whichever comes first. When the office finds that an extension of 6 7 the thirty-day period is necessary to complete the evaluation, the 8 court may order an extension not to exceed an additional thirty 9 days. The court shall hold a hearing within ten days after the

11 Sec. 34. Section 43-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative 12 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

evaluation is completed and returned to the court by the office.

- 13 43-416 This section applies to all juvenile petitions 14 filed prior to July 1, 2013. This shall not apply after June 30, 15 2014. The Office of Juvenile Services shall have administrative 16 authority over the parole function for juveniles committed to a 17 youth rehabilitation and treatment center and may (1) determine the time of release on parole of committed juveniles eligible for 18 19 such release, (2) fix the conditions of parole, revoke parole, 20 issue or authorize the issuance of detainers for the apprehension and detention of parole violators, and impose other sanctions 21 22 short of revocation for violation of conditions of parole, and 23 (3) determine the time of discharge from parole. The office shall provide the committing court with written notification of the 24 25 juvenile's discharge from parole within thirty days of a juvenile 26 being discharged from the supervision of the office.
- 27 Sec. 35. Section 43-417, Reissue Revised Statutes of

1 Nebraska, is amended to read:

2 43-417 (1) This subsection applies to all juvenile petitions filed prior to July 1, 2013. In administering juvenile 3 4 parole, the Office of Juvenile Services shall consider whether (1) 5 (a) the juvenile has completed the goals of his or her individual treatment plan or received maximum benefit from institutional 6 7 treatment, (2) (b) the juvenile would benefit from continued 8 services under community supervision, (3) (c) the juvenile can 9 function in a community setting, (4) (d) there is reason to believe 10 that the juvenile will not commit further violations of law, and 11 (5) (e) there is reason to believe that the juvenile will comply 12 with the conditions of parole. 13 (2) This subsection applies to all juvenile petitions 14 filed on or after July 1, 2013. In determining whether to discharge 15 a juvenile from a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, the 16 Office of Juvenile Services shall consider whether (a) the juvenile 17 has completed the goals of his or her individual treatment plan or received maximum benefit from institutional treatment, (b) the 18 juvenile would benefit from continued services under community 19 20 supervision, (c) the juvenile can function in a community setting, 21 (d) there is reason to believe that the juvenile will not commit 22 further violations of law, and (e) there is reason to believe that 23 the juvenile will comply with the conditions of probation. Sec. 36. Section 43-418, Reissue Revised Statutes of 24 25 Nebraska, is amended to read: 26 43-418 (1) This section applies to all juvenile petitions 27 filed prior to July 1, 2013. Any juvenile parole officer or peace

1 officer may apprehend and detain a juvenile who is on parole

- 2 if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that a juvenile
- 3 has violated or is about to violate a condition of his or her
- 4 parole and that the juvenile will attempt to leave the jurisdiction
- 5 or will place lives or property in danger unless the juvenile
- 6 is detained. A juvenile parole officer may call upon a peace
- 7 officer to assist him or her in apprehending and detaining a
- 8 juvenile pursuant to this section. Such juvenile may be held in an
- 9 appropriate juvenile facility pending hearing on the allegations.
- 10 (2) Juvenile parole officers may search for and seize
- 11 contraband and evidence related to possible parole violations by a
- 12 juvenile.
- 13 (3) Whether or not a juvenile is apprehended and detained
- 14 by a juvenile parole officer or peace officer, if there is reason
- 15 to believe that a juvenile has violated a condition of his or
- 16 her parole, the Office of Juvenile Services may issue the juvenile
- 17 written notice of the alleged parole violations and notice of a
- 18 hearing on the alleged parole violations.
- 19 Sec. 37. Section 43-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 43-419 (1) This section applies to all juvenile petitions
- 22 filed prior to July 1, 2013. When a juvenile is apprehended
- 23 and detained for an alleged violation of juvenile parole, he
- 24 or she shall have a preliminary hearing as soon as practicable
- 25 and no later than within seventy-two hours of being apprehended
- 26 and detained. An impartial hearing officer shall conduct the
- 27 preliminary hearing. The impartial hearing officer shall not be

1 the juvenile parole officer alleging the violation of parole or

- 2 a witness to the alleged violation. The impartial hearing officer
- 3 may be an employee of the Office of Juvenile Services, including
- 4 a supervisor or a juvenile parole officer, other than the parole
- 5 officer filing the allegations.
- 6 (2) The juvenile parolee shall receive notice of the
- 7 preliminary hearing, its purpose, and the alleged violations prior
- 8 to the commencement of the hearing. The juvenile parolee may
- 9 present relevant information, question adverse witnesses, and make
- 10 a statement regarding the alleged parole violations. The rules of
- 11 evidence shall not apply at such hearings and the hearing officer
- 12 may rely upon any available information.
- 13 (3) The hearing officer shall determine whether there is
- 14 probable cause to believe that the juvenile has violated a term or
- 15 condition of his or her parole and shall issue that decision in
- 16 writing. The decision shall either indicate there is not probable
- 17 cause to believe that the juvenile parolee has violated the terms
- 18 of his or her parole and dismiss the allegations and return
- 19 the juvenile to parole supervision, or it shall indicate there
- 20 is probable cause to believe that the juvenile has violated a
- 21 condition of parole and state where the juvenile will be held
- 22 pending the revocation hearing. The preliminary hearing officer
- 23 shall consider the seriousness of the alleged violation, the public
- 24 safety, and the best interests of the juvenile in determining where
- 25 the juvenile shall be held pending the revocation hearing.
- 26 Sec. 38. Section 43-420, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 43-420 This section applies to all juvenile petitions

- 2 <u>filed prior to July 1, 2013.</u> Any hearing required or permitted
- 3 for juveniles in the custody of the Office of Juvenile Services,
- 4 except a preliminary parole revocation hearing, shall be conducted
- 5 by a hearing officer who is an attorney licensed to practice
- 6 law in the State of Nebraska and may be an employee of the
- 7 Department of Health and Human Services or an attorney who is an
- 8 independent contractor. If the hearing officer is an employee of
- 9 the department, he or she shall not be assigned to any duties
- 10 requiring him or her to give ongoing legal advice to any person
- 11 employed by or who is a contractor with the office.
- 12 Sec. 39. Section 43-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 13 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 14 43-421 This section applies to all juvenile petitions
- 15 <u>filed prior to July 1, 2013.</u> When a juvenile is charged with being
- 16 in violation of a condition of his or her parole, the juvenile is
- 17 entitled to:
- 18 (1) Notice of the alleged violations of parole at least
- 19 twenty-four hours prior to a hearing on the allegations. Such
- 20 notice shall contain a concise statement of the purpose of the
- 21 hearing and the factual allegations upon which evidence will be
- 22 offered;
- 23 (2) A prompt hearing, within fourteen days after the
- 24 preliminary hearing, if the juvenile is being held pending the
- 25 hearing;
- 26 (3) Reasonable continuances granted by the hearing
- 27 officer for the juvenile to prepare for the hearing;

1 (4) Have his or her parents notified of the hearing and

- 2 allegations and have his or her parents attend the hearing;
- 3 (5) Be represented by legal counsel at the expense of
- 4 the Department of Health and Human Services unless retained legal
- 5 counsel is available to the juvenile. The department may contract
- 6 with attorneys to provide such representation to juveniles charged
- 7 with parole violations;
- 8 (6) Compel witnesses to attend, testify on his or her own
- 9 behalf, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses against him
- 10 or her; and
- 11 (7) Present a statement on his or her own behalf.
- 12 Sec. 40. Section 43-422, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 13 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 14 43-422 This section applies to all juvenile petitions
- 15 <u>filed prior to July 1, 2013.</u> After receiving notice of the
- 16 allegations of a violation of parole, being notified of the
- 17 possible consequences, being informed of his or her rights
- 18 pertaining to the hearing, and having an opportunity to confer
- 19 with his or her parents or precommitment custodian and legal
- 20 counsel, if desired, the juvenile may waive his or her right to
- 21 a hearing and admit to the allegations. Such waiver and admission
- 22 shall be in writing and submitted, together with a recommended
- 23 disposition by the hearing officer, to the Administrator of the
- 24 Office of Juvenile Services or his or her designee.
- 25 Sec. 41. Section 43-423, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 26 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 27 43-423 This section applies to all juvenile petitions

filed prior to July 1, 2013. At the parole violation hearing, 1 2 the hearing officer shall again advise the juvenile of his or her 3 rights and ensure that the juvenile has received the notice of 4 allegations and the possible consequences. Strict rules of evidence 5 shall not be applied. The hearing officer shall determine whether the detention of the juvenile or other restrictions are necessary 6 7 for the safety of the juvenile or for the public safety and shall 8 indicate to what extent the juvenile will continue to be detained 9 or restricted pending a final decision and administrative appeal. 10 The hearing officer shall issue a written recommended disposition 11 to the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services or his 12 or her designee who shall promptly affirm, modify, or reverse the recommended disposition. The final decision of the administrator or 13 14 his or her designee may be appealed pursuant to the Administrative 15 Procedure Act. The Department of Health and Human Services shall 16 be deemed to have acted within its jurisdiction if its action is 17 in the best interests of the juvenile with due consideration being 18 given to public safety. The appeal shall in all other respects be 19 governed by the Administrative Procedure Act. 20 Sec. 42. Section 43-1411.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read: 21 22 43-1411.01 (1) An action for paternity or parental support under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 may be initiated by 23 filing a complaint with the clerk of the district court as provided 24 25 in section 25-2740. Such proceeding may be heard by the county 26 court or the district court as provided in section 25-2740. A 27 paternity determination under sections 43-1411 to 43-1418 may also

- 1 be decided in a county court or separate juvenile court if the
- 2 county court or separate juvenile court already has jurisdiction
- 3 over the child whose paternity is to be determined.
- 4 (2) Whenever termination of parental rights is placed
- 5 in issue in any case arising under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418,
- 6 subsection (5) of section 42-364 the Nebraska Juvenile Code and the
- 7 Parenting Act shall apply to such proceedings.
- 8 Sec. 43. Section 43-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 9 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 10 43-2402 For purposes of the Juvenile Services Act:
- 11 (1) Coalition means the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile
- 12 Justice established pursuant to section 43-2411;
- 13 (2) Commission means the Nebraska Commission on Law
- 14 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- 15 (3) Commission Grant Program means grants provided to
- 16 eligible applicants under section 43-2406;
- 17 (4) County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program
- 18 means aid to counties and federally recognized or state-recognized
- 19 Indian tribes provided under section 43-2404.02;
- 20 (5) Eligible applicant means a community-based agency or
- 21 organization, political subdivision, school district, federally
- 22 recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe, or state agency
- 23 necessary to comply with the federal act;
- 24 (6) Federal act means the Juvenile Justice and
- 25 Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq., as the
- 26 act existed on July 1, 2001; January 1, 2013;
- 27 (7) Juvenile means a person who is under eighteen years

- 1 of age; and
- 2 (8) Office of Juvenile Services means the Office of
- 3 Juvenile Services created in section 43-404.
- 4 Sec. 44. Section 43-2404, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 5 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 6 43-2404 The coalition shall make award recommendations
- 7 to the commission, at least annually, in accordance with the
- 8 Juvenile Services Act and the federal act for grants made under
- 9 the Commission Grant Program. Such grants shall be used to assist
- 10 communities in the implementation and operation of programs or
- 11 services identified in their the applicable comprehensive juvenile
- 12 services plan, to include: Programs for local planning and service
- 13 coordination; screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion;
- 14 alternatives to detention; family support services; treatment
- 15 services; reentry services; truancy prevention and intervention
- 16 programs; and other services documented by data that will
- 17 positively impact juveniles and families in the juvenile justice
- 18 system. including, but not limited to, programs for assessment
- 19 and evaluation, the prevention of delinquent behavior, diversion,
- 20 detention, shelter care, intensive juvenile probation services,
- 21 restitution, family support services, and community centers for the
- 22 care and treatment of juveniles in need of services.
- Sec. 45. Section 43-2404.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 43-2404.01 (1) To be eligible for participation in
- 26 either the Commission Grant Program or the County Community-based
- 27 Juvenile Services Aid Program, counties shall develop and adopt

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1 a comprehensive juvenile services plan and submit such plan

- 2 shall be developed, adopted, and submitted to the commission in
- 3 accordance with the federal act and rules and regulations adopted
- 4 and promulgated by the commission in consultation with the Office
- 5 of Juvenile Services. Director of the Community-based Juvenile
- 6 Services Aid Program, the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs,
- 7 the Office of Probation Administration, and the University of
- 8 Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute. Such plan may be
- 9 developed by eligible applicants for the Commission Grant Program
- 10 and by individual counties, or by multiple counties, by federally
- 11 recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes, or by any combination
- 12 of the three for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.
- 13 Comprehensive juvenile services plans shall:
- 14 (a) Be developed by a comprehensive community team
- 15 representing juvenile justice system stakeholders;
- (b) Be based on data relevant to juvenile and family
- 17 issues;
- 18 (c) Identify policies and practices that are
- 19 research-based or standardized and reliable and are implemented
- 20 <u>with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate</u>
- 21 positive outcomes;
- 22 (d) Identify clear implementation strategies; and
- 23 (e) Identify how the impact of the program or service
- 24 will be measured.
- 25 (2) Any portion of the comprehensive juvenile services
- 26 plan dealing with administration, procedures, and programs of the
- 27 juvenile court shall not be submitted to the commission without

1 the concurrence of the presiding judge or judges of the court or

- 2 courts having jurisdiction in juvenile cases for the geographic
- 3 area to be served. Programs or services established by such plans
- 4 shall conform to the family policy tenets prescribed in sections
- 5 43-532 to 43-534 and shall include policies and practices that
- 6 are research-based or standardized and reliable and are implemented
- 7 with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate
- 8 positive outcomes.
- 9 (2) (3) The commission, in consultation with the Office
- 10 of Juvenile Services and the coalition, shall develop or University
- 11 of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, shall contract
- 12 for the development and administration of a statewide system
- 13 to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of plans and programs
- 14 receiving funds from+ (a) The the Commission Grant Program and
- 15 (b) the County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program in
- 16 preventing persons from entering the juvenile justice system and in
- 17 rehabilitating juvenile offenders.
- 18 (4) There is established within the commission the
- 19 position of Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services
- 20 Aid Program, appointed by the executive director of the commission.
- 21 The director shall have extensive experience in developing and
- 22 providing community-based services.
- 23 <u>(5) The director shall be supervised by the executive</u>
- 24 director of the commission. The director shall:
- 25 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance for the
- 26 <u>development of comprehensive juvenile services plans;</u>
- 27 (b) Coordinate the review of the Community-based Juvenile

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Services Aid Program application as provided in section 43-2404.02 1 2 and make recommendations for the distribution of funds provided 3 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, giving 4 priority to those grant applications funding programs and services 5 that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact 6 and effectively treat juveniles within the juvenile justice system, 7 and reduce the juvenile detention population or assist juveniles 8 in transitioning from out-of-home placements to in-home treatments. 9 The director shall ensure that no funds appropriated or distributed 10 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program are used 11 for purposes prohibited under subsection (3) of section 43-2404.02; 12 (c) Develop data collection and evaluation protocols, 13 oversee statewide data collection, and generate an annual report on 14 the effectiveness of juvenile services that receive funds from the 15 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; 16 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile 17 justice system stakeholders, provide education and training as 18 necessary, and serve on boards and committees when approved by the 19 commission; 20 (e) Assist juvenile justice system stakeholders in 21 developing policies and practices that are research-based or 22 standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and 23 which have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes; 24 (f) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group as 25 a subcommittee of the coalition to assist in regular strategic 26 planning related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating 27 the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the

- 1 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; and
- 2 (g) Work with the coordinator for the coalition in
- 3 facilitating the coalition's obligations under the Community-based
- 4 Juvenile Services Aid Program.
- 5 Sec. 46. Section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 7 43-2404.02 (1) There is created a separate and distinct
- 8 budgetary program within the commission to be known as the County
- 9 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Funding acquired
- 10 from participation in the federal act, state General Funds, and
- 11 funding acquired from other sources which may be used for purposes
- 12 consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act
- 13 shall be used to aid counties in the establishment and provision
- 14 of community-based services for accused and adjudicated juvenile
- 15 offenders and to increase capacity for community-based services to
- 16 juveniles. juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice
- 17 system.
- 18 (2) The annual General Fund appropriation to the Gounty
- 19 <u>Community-based</u> Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be apportioned
- 20 to the counties as aid in accordance with a formula established in
- 21 rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission.
- 22 The formula shall be based on the total number of residents per
- 23 county and federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe
- 24 who are twelve years of age through eighteen years of age and other
- 25 relevant factors as determined by the commission. The commission
- 26 may require a local match of up to forty percent from counties the
- 27 county, multiple counties, federally recognized or state-recognized

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1 Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of the three which

2 is receiving aid under such program. Any local expenditures for

3 community-based programs for juveniles may be applied toward such

4 match requirement.

5 Funds provided to counties under (3) the County 6 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used 7 exclusively to assist counties the aid recipient in the 8 implementation and operation of programs or the provision of 9 services identified in their the aid recipient's comprehensive 10 juvenile services plan, including, but not limited to, programs 11 assessment and evaluation, prevention of delinquent 12 behavior, diversion, shelter care, intensive juvenile probation 13 services, restitution, family support services, and family group 14 conferencing. local planning and service coordination; screening, 15 assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to detention; 16 family support services; treatment services; reentry services; 17 truancy prevention and intervention programs; and other services that will positively impact juveniles and families in the 18 juvenile justice system. In distributing funds provided under the 19 20 County Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, counties 21 aid recipients shall prioritize programs and services that will 22 reduce the juvenile detention population. divert juveniles from 23 the juvenile justice system, reduce the population of juveniles in juvenile detention and secure confinement, and assist in 24 25 transitioning juveniles from out-of-home placements. No funds 26 appropriated or distributed under the Gounty Community-based 27 Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be used for construction of

secure detention facilities, secure youth treatment facilities,

2 or secure youth confinement facilities. Aid received under this

3 section shall not be used for capital construction or the lease or

4 acquisition of facilities except for additional probation offices

5 associated with carrying out the expanded probation duties in this

6 legislative bill and shall not be used to replace existing funding

for programs or services. Any funds not distributed to counties

8 under this subsection shall be retained by the commission to be

9 distributed on a competitive basis under the County Community-based

10 Juvenile Services Aid Program for a county, multiple counties,

11 federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes, or any

12 combination of the three demonstrating additional need in the

13 funding areas identified in this subsection.

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nonresidential treatment.

(4) Any county receiving recipient of funding under the Gounty Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall file an annual report as required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the type of juvenile service, how the service met the goals of the comprehensive juvenile services plan, demographic information on the total number of juveniles served, the units of service provided, a listing of the county's annual juvenile justice budgeted and actual expenditures, program success rates, the total number of juveniles sent to secure juvenile detention or residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing

(5) The commission shall report annually to the Governor

of the expenditures for detention, residential treatment, and

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and the Legislature on the distribution and use of funds 1

- 2 appropriated under the County Community-based Juvenile Services
- 3 Aid Program. The report shall include, but not be limited to,
- 4 an aggregate report of the use of the Community-based Juvenile
- 5 Services Aid Program funds, including the types of juvenile
- 6 services and programs that were funded, demographic information
- 7 on the total number of juveniles served, program success rates,
- 8 the total number of juveniles sent to secure juvenile detention
- 9 or residential treatment and secure confinement, and a listing
- 10 of the expenditures of all counties and federally recognized
- or state-recognized Indian tribes for detention, residential 11
- treatment, and secure confinement. The report submitted to the 12
- 13 Legislature shall be submitted electronically.
- 14 (6) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 15 regulations to implement this section. for the Community-based
- 16 Juvenile Services Aid Program in consultation with the Director
- 17 of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the
- 18 Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, the Office of Probation
- 19 Administration, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, and
- 20 the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute.
- 21 The rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:
- 22 (a) The required elements of a comprehensive juvenile
- 23 services plan and planning process;
- 24 (b) The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program
- 25 formula, review process, match requirements, and fund distribution.
- 26 The distribution process shall ensure a conflict of interest
- 27 policy;

1 (c) A distribution process for funds retained under

- 2 subsection (3) of this section;
- 3 (d) A plan for evaluating the effectiveness of plans and
- 4 programs receiving funding;
- 5 (e) A reporting process for aid recipients; and
- 6 (f) A reporting process for the commission to the
- 7 Governor and Legislature. The report shall be made electronically
- 8 to the Governor and the Legislature.
- 9 Sec. 47. Section 43-2411, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 10 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 11 43-2411 (1) The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 12 is created. As provided in the federal act, there shall be no
- 13 less than fifteen nor more than thirty-three members of the
- 14 coalition. Coalition members who are members of the judicial branch
- 15 of government shall be nonvoting members of the coalition. The
- 16 coalition members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall
- 17 include:
- 18 (a) The Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services;
- 19 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of
- 20 Health and Human Services or his or her designee;
- 21 (c) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;
- 22 (d) The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on
- 23 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice or his or her designee;
- 24 (e) The Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of
- 25 County Officials or his or her designee;
- 26 (f) The probation administrator of the Office of
- 27 Probation Administration or his or her designee;

1 (g) One county commissioner or supervisor;

- 2 (h) One person with data analysis experience;
- 3 (h) (i) One police chief;
- 4 (i) One sheriff;
- 5 (k) The executive director of the Foster Care Review
- 6 Office;

- 9 (1) (n) One representative of mental health professionals
- 10 who works directly with juveniles;
- 11 (m) (o) Three representatives, one from each
- 12 congressional district, from community-based, private nonprofit
- 13 organizations who work with juvenile offenders and their families;
- 14 (n) (p) One volunteer who works with juvenile offenders
- 15 or potential juvenile offenders;
- 16 (q) One person who works with an alternative to
- 17 incarceration a detention program for juveniles;
- 18 (p) (r) The director or his or her designee from a youth
- 19 rehabilitation and treatment center;
- 20 (q) (s) The director or his or her designee from a secure
- 21 youth confinement juvenile detention facility;
- 22 (r) (t) The director or his or her designee from a staff
- 23 secure youth confinement facility;
- 24 (s) (u) At least five members who are under twenty-four
- 25 years of age when appointed;
- 26 (t) (v) One person who works directly with juveniles who
- 27 have learning or emotional difficulties or are abused or neglected;

1 (u) (w) One member of the Nebraska Commission on Law

- 2 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- 3 (x) One member of a regional behavioral health authority
- 4 established under section 71-808;
- 5 (v) (y) One county attorney; and
- 6 (w) (z) One public defender.
- 7 (2) The terms of members appointed pursuant to
- 8 subdivisions (1)(g) through $\frac{(1)(w)}{(1)(z)}$ of this section shall
- 9 be three years, except that the terms of the initial appointments
- 10 of members of the coalition shall be staggered so that one-third
- 11 of the members are appointed for terms of one year, one-third for
- 12 terms of two years, and one-third for terms of three years, as
- 13 determined by the Governor. A majority of the coalition members,
- 14 including the chairperson, shall not be full-time employees of
- 15 federal, state, or local government. At least one-fifth of the
- 16 coalition members shall be under the age of twenty-four at the
- 17 time of appointment. Any vacancy on the coalition shall be filled
- 18 by appointment by the Governor. The coalition shall select a
- 19 chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and such other officers as it
- 20 deems necessary.
- 21 (3) Members of the coalition shall be reimbursed for
- 22 their actual and necessary expenses pursuant to sections 81-1174 to
- 23 81-1177.
- 24 (4) The coalition may appoint task forces or
- 25 subcommittees to carry out its work. Task force and subcommittee
- 26 members shall have knowledge of, responsibility for, or interest in
- 27 an area related to the duties of the coalition.

1 Sec. 48. Section 43-2412, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 3 43-2412 (1) Consistent with the purposes and objectives
- 4 of the Juvenile Services Act and the federal act, the coalition
- 5 shall:
- 6 (a) Make recommendations to the commission on the
- 7 awarding of grants under the Commission Grant Program to eligible
- 8 applicants;
- 9 (b) Identify juvenile justice issues, share information,
- 10 and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system;
- (c) Recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to
- 12 the Office of Juvenile Services to be used to develop or expand
- 13 local diversion programs for juveniles from the juvenile justice
- 14 system;
- 15 (d) Prepare an annual report to the Governor, the
- 16 Legislature, the Office of Probation Administration, and the Office
- 17 of Juvenile Services including recommendations on administrative
- 18 and legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice
- 19 system. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted
- 20 electronically;
- 21 (e) Ensure widespread citizen involvement in all phases
- 22 of its work; and
- 23 (f) Meet at least four times each year.
- 24 (2) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the
- 25 acts and within the limits of available time and appropriations,
- 26 the coalition may:
- 27 (a) Recommend criteria to the Office of Juvenile Services

1 for administrative procedures, including, but not limited to,

- 2 procedures for intake, detention, petition filing, and probation
- 3 supervision;
- 4 (b) Recommend to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 5 minimum professional standards, including requirements for
- 6 continuing professional training, for employees of community-based,
- 7 youth-serving agencies;
- 8 (c) Recommend to the Office of Juvenile Services
- 9 curricula for and cause to have conducted training sessions for
- 10 juvenile court judges and employees of other community-based,
- 11 youth-serving agencies;
- 12 (d) (a) Assist and advise state and local agencies in the
- 13 establishment of volunteer training programs and the utilization of
- 14 volunteers;
- 15 (e) (b) Apply for and receive funds from federal and
- 16 private sources for carrying out its powers and duties; and
- 17 (c) Provide technical assistance to eligible
- 18 applicants.
- 19 (3) In formulating, adopting, and promulgating the
- 20 standards, recommendations, and guidelines provided for in this
- 21 section, the coalition shall consider the differences among
- 22 counties in population, in geography, and in the availability of
- 23 local resources.
- 24 Sec. 49. Section 43-2930, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 25 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 26 43-2930 (1) Each party to a contested proceeding for
- 27 a temporary order relating to parenting functions or custody,

- 1 parenting time, visitation, or other access shall offer a child
- 2 information affidavit as an exhibit at the hearing before the
- 3 court. The child information affidavit shall be verified to the
- 4 extent known or reasonably discoverable by the filing party or
- 5 parties and may include the following:
- 6 (a) The name, address, and length of residence with any
- 7 adults with whom each child has lived for the preceding twelve
- 8 months; except that the address shall only include the county and
- 9 state for a parent who is living in an undisclosed location because
- 10 of safety concerns;
- 11 (b) The performance by each parent or person acting as
- 12 parent for the preceding twelve months of the parenting functions
- 13 relating to the daily needs of the child;
- 14 (c) A description of the work and child care schedules
- 15 for the preceding twelve months of any person seeking custody,
- 16 parenting time, visitation, or other access and any expected
- 17 changes to these schedules in the near future;
- 18 (d) A description of the current proposed work and child
- 19 care schedules; and
- 20 (e) A description of the child's school and
- 21 extracurricular activities, including who is responsible for
- 22 transportation of the child.
- 23 The child information affidavit may also state any
- 24 circumstances of child abuse or neglect, domestic intimate partner
- 25 abuse, or unresolved parental conflict that are likely to pose a
- 26 risk to the child and that warrant limitation on the award of
- 27 temporary custody, parenting time, visitation, or other access to

1 the child pending entry of a permanent parenting plan, including

- 2 any restraining orders, protection orders, or criminal no-contact
- 3 orders against either parent or a person acting as a parent by case
- 4 number and jurisdiction.
- 5 (2) After a contested hearing by live testimony or
- 6 affidavit, the court shall enter a temporary parenting order that
- 7 includes:
- 8 (a) Provision for temporary legal custody;
- 9 (b) Provisions for temporary physical custody, which
- 10 shall include either:
- (i) A parenting time, visitation, or other access
- 12 schedule that designates in which home each child will reside on
- 13 given days of the year; or
- 14 (ii) A formula or method for determining such a schedule
- 15 in sufficient detail that, if necessary, the schedule can be
- 16 enforced in subsequent proceedings by the court;
- (c) Designation of a temporary residence for the child;
- 18 (d) Reference to any existing restraining orders,
- 19 protection orders, or criminal no-contact orders as well as
- 20 provisions for safety and a transition plan, consistent with any
- 21 court's finding of child abuse or neglect, domestic intimate
- 22 partner abuse, or unresolved parental conflict in order to provide
- 23 for the safety of a child and custodial a parent who has physical
- 24 custody of the child necessary for the best interests of the child;
- 25 and
- 26 (e) If appropriate, a requirement that a parent complete
- 27 a program of intervention for perpetrators of domestic violence, a

1 program for drug or alcohol abuse, or a program designed to correct

- 2 another factor as a condition of parenting time.
- 3 (3) A party may move for an order to show cause, and the
- 4 court may enter a modified temporary parenting order.
- 5 (4) The State Court Administrator's office shall create a
- 6 form that may be used by the parties to create a child information
- 7 affidavit setting forth the elements identified in this section.
- 8 (5) Provisions for temporary support for the child and
- 9 other financial matters may be included in the temporary parenting
- 10 order.
- 11 Sec. 50. Section 43-3503, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13 43-3503 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
- 14 encourage counties to develop a continuum of nonsecure detention
- 15 services for the purpose of enhancing, developing, and expanding
- 16 the availability of such services to juveniles requiring nonsecure
- 17 detention.
- 18 (2) A county may enhance, develop, or expand nonsecure
- 19 detention services as needed with private or public providers.
- 20 Grants from the Commission Grant Program and aid from the County
- 21 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program under the Juvenile
- 22 Services Act and the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
- 23 Prevention Act of 1974 may be used to fund nonsecure detention
- 24 services. Each county shall routinely review services provided by
- 25 contract providers and modify services as needed.
- 26 Sec. 51. (1) There is established within the Nebraska
- 27 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice the position

1 of Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs to be appointed by the

- 2 executive director of the commission.
- 3 (2) The Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs shall be
- 4 supervised by the executive director of the Nebraska Commission
- 5 on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The director shall be
- 6 responsible for fostering, promoting, researching, and assessing
- 7 juvenile pretrial diversion programs and developing new programs
- 8 in collaboration with cities and counties pursuant to sections
- 9 43-260.02 to 43-260.07. The director shall:
- 10 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance to juvenile
- 11 pretrial diversion programs for implementing evidence-based
- 12 strategies or standardized, replicable practices that have been
- 13 researched and have demonstrated positive outcomes;
- 14 (b) Develop a core juvenile pretrial diversion program
- 15 packet for utilization by counties without a juvenile pretrial
- 16 diversion program or counties without a district probation officer
- 17 acting under section 29-2258;
- 18 (c) Establish baseline program guidelines for juvenile
- 19 pretrial diversion programs grounded in best-practice research,
- 20 <u>develop data collection and evaluation protocols, oversee statewide</u>
- 21 data collection, and generate an annual report on juvenile pretrial
- 22 diversion programs;
- 23 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile
- 24 justice stakeholders involved in juvenile pretrial diversion
- 25 programs, provide education and training as necessary, and serve on
- 26 boards and committees when approved by the commission;
- 27 (e) Facilitate consistent communication and

1 information-sharing among juvenile pretrial diversion program

- 2 directors;
- 3 (f) Assist juvenile pretrial diversion program directors,
- 4 county attorneys, district probation officers acting under section
- 5 29-2258, and county boards in developing policies and practices
- 6 that achieve the goals of quality juvenile pretrial diversion
- 7 programs;
- 8 (g) Assist in comprehensive community planning efforts as
- 9 they relate to development of juvenile pretrial diversion programs;
- 10 (h) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group
- 11 as a subcommittee of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- 12 to assist in regular strategic planning related to supporting,
- 13 funding, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of plans and
- 14 programs receiving funds from the Community-based Juvenile Services
- 15 Aid Program; and
- 16 (i) Assist the Director of the Community-based Juvenile
- 17 Services Aid Program created under section 43-2404.01 in the review
- 18 of Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program applications as
- 19 provided in section 43-2404.02.
- 20 Sec. 52. (1) The Community and Family Reentry Process
- 21 is hereby created. This process is created in order to reduce
- 22 recidivism and promote safe and effective reentry for the juvenile
- 23 and his or her family to the community from the juvenile justice
- 24 system. This process applies to all juvenile petitions filed on
- 25 after July 1, 2013.
- 26 (2) While a juvenile is committed to a youth
- 27 rehabilitation and treatment center, family team meetings shall be

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1 conducted in person or via videoconferencing at least once per 2 month with the juvenile's support system to discuss the juvenile's 3 transition back to the community. A juvenile's support system 4 should be made up of any of the following: The juvenile himself 5 or herself, any immediate family members or guardians, informal 6 and formal supports, the juvenile's probation officer, Office of 7 Juvenile Services personnel employed by the facility, and any 8 additional personnel as appropriate. Once developed, individualized 9 reentry plans should be discussed at the family team meetings 10 with the juvenile and other members of the juvenile's support 11 system and shall include discussions on the juvenile's placement after leaving the facility. The probation officer and the Office 12 13 of Juvenile Services personnel should discuss progress and needs 14 of the juvenile and should help the juvenile follow his or her 15 individual reentry plan to help with his or her transition back 16 to the community. 17 (3) Within sixty days prior to discharge from a youth 18 rehabilitation and treatment center, or as soon as possible if the 19 juvenile's remaining time at the youth rehabilitation and treatment 20 center is less than sixty days, an evidence-based risk screening 21 and needs assessment should be conducted on the juvenile in order 22 to determine the juvenile's risk of reoffending and the juvenile's 23 individual needs upon reentering the community. 24 (4) Individualized reentry plans shall be developed 25 with input from the juvenile and his or her support system in conjunction with a risk assessment process. Individualized 26 27 reentry plans shall be finalized thirty days prior to the AM1327 LB561 NPN-05/13/2013

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juvenile leaving the youth rehabilitation and treatment center 1 2 or as soon as possible if the juvenile's remaining time at the center is less than thirty days. Individualized reentry plans 3 4 should include specifics about the juvenile's placement upon return 5 to the community, an education transition plan, a treatment plan 6 with any necessary appointments being set prior to the juvenile 7 leaving the center, and any other formal and information supports 8 for the juvenile and his or her family. The district probation 9 officer and Office of Juvenile Services personnel shall review the 10 individualized reentry plan and the expected outcomes as a result 11 of the plan with the juvenile and his or her support system within 12 thirty days prior to the juvenile's discharge from the center. 13 (5) The probation officer shall have contact with the 14 juvenile and the juvenile's support system within forty-eight hours 15 after the juvenile returns to the community, and continue to assist 16 the juvenile and the juvenile's support system in implementing 17 and following the individualized reentry plan and monitoring the 18 juvenile's risk through ongoing assessment updates. 19 (6) The Office of Probation Administration shall 20 establish an evidence-based reentry process that utilizes risk 21 assessment to determine the juvenile's supervision level upon 22 return to the community. They shall establish supervision 23 strategies based on risk levels of the juvenile and supervise 24 accordingly, with ongoing reassessment to assist in determining 25 eliqibility for release from probation. The Office of Probation 26 Administration shall develop a formal matrix of graduated sanctions

to be utilized prior to requesting the county attorney to file

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for probation revocation. The Office of Probation Administration 1

- 2 shall provide training to its workers on risk-based supervision
- 3 strategies, motivational interviewing, family engagement, community
- 4 based resources, and other evidence-based reentry strategies.
- 5 Sec. 53. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that
- 6 the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project, established as a
- 7 pilot program under section 43-4101 within the Office of Probation
- 8 Administration, be expanded statewide in a three-step, phase-in
- 9 process beginning July 1, 2013, with full implementation by
- 10 July 1, 2014. The expansion of the project will result in the
- 11 Office of Probation Administration taking over the duties of the
- 12 Office of Juvenile Services with respect to its previous functions
- 13 of community supervision and parole of juvenile law violators
- 14 and of evaluations for such juveniles. The Office of Juvenile
- 15 Services shall continue for the purpose of operating the youth
- rehabilitation and treatment centers and the care and custody of 16
- 17 the juveniles placed at such centers. Expansion of the project
- 18 shall be funded by the transfer of funds from the Department of
- 19 Health and Human Services and the Office of Juvenile Services used
- 20 to fully fund community-based services and juvenile parole to the
- Office of Probation Administration. 21
- 22 (2) There shall be established through the use of
- 23 technology an information-sharing process to support and enhance
- the exchange of information between the Department of Health 24
- 25 and Human Services, Office of Probation Administration, and the
- 26 Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. It
- 27 is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two hundred fifty

1 thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Office of Probation

- 2 Administration to facilitate the information-sharing process.
- 3 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that detention
- 4 costs for a juvenile shall be paid by the county containing the
- 5 court which issued the order to detain in the following situations:
- 6 (a) A juvenile who has no prior contact with the juvenile
- 7 justice system and is placed in predisposition detention; or
- 8 (b) A juvenile who is placed in predisposition detention
- 9 for a new violation of law while under the supervision of the
- 10 Office of Probation Administration.
- 11 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that detention
- 12 costs for a juvenile shall be paid by the Office of Probation
- 13 Administration in the following situations:
- 14 (a) A juvenile is placed in detention as the result of an
- 15 alleged violation of probation; or
- 16 (b) A juvenile is placed in post-disposition detention
- 17 under the supervision of the Office of Probation Administration
- 18 while awaiting placement.
- 19 <u>(5) For purposes of this section, detention means secure</u>
- 20 juvenile detention facility or staff secure juvenile facility.
- 21 Sec. 54. Section 43-4203, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 22 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 23 43-4203 (1) The Nebraska Children's Commission shall work
- 24 with administrators from each of the service areas designated
- 25 pursuant to section 81-3116, the teams created pursuant to section
- 26 28-728, local foster care review boards, child advocacy centers,
- 27 the teams created pursuant to the Supreme Court's Through the Eyes

- 1 of the Child Initiative, community stakeholders, and advocates for
- 2 child welfare programs and services to establish networks in each
- 3 of such service areas. Such networks shall permit collaboration
- 4 to strengthen the continuum of services available to child welfare
- 5 agencies and to provide resources for children and juveniles
- 6 outside the child protection system. Each service area shall
- 7 develop its own unique strategies to be included in the statewide
- 8 strategic plan. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
- 9 assist in identifying the needs of each service area.
- 10 (2)(a) The commission shall create a committee to examine
- 11 state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for
- 12 children who are wards of the state and the administration of such
- 13 drugs to such children. Such committee shall review the policy and
- 14 procedures for prescribing and administering such drugs and make
- 15 recommendations to the commission for changes in such policy and
- 16 procedures.
- 17 (b) The commission shall create a committee to examine
- 18 the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile
- 19 Services as they exist on April 12, 2012. Such committee shall
- 20 review the role and effectiveness of the youth rehabilitation
- 21 and treatment centers in the juvenile justice system and make
- 22 recommendations to the commission on the future role of the
- 23 youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in the juvenile justice
- 24 continuum of care, including what populations they should serve
- 25 and what treatment services should be provided at the centers
- 26 in order to appropriately serve those populations. Such committee
- 27 shall also review how mental and behavioral health services are

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1 provided to juveniles in secure residential placements and the need

2 for such services throughout Nebraska and make recommendations to

3 the commission relating to those systems of care in the juvenile

justice system. The committee shall collaborate with the University

of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, the University of

6 Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Health Policy, the behavioral

health regions as established in section 71-807, and state and

8 national juvenile justice experts to develop recommendations.

9 If the committee's recommendations include maintaining the Youth

10 Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney, the recommendation

11 shall include a plan to implement a rehabilitation and treatment

12 model by upgrading the center's physical structure, staff, and

13 staff training and the incorporation of evidence-based treatments

14 and programs. The recommendations shall be delivered to the

15 commission and electronically to the Judiciary Committee of the

16 Legislature by December 1, 2013. Such committee shall also review

17 the responsibilities of the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile

18 Services, including oversight of the youth rehabilitation and

treatment centers and juvenile parole, and make recommendations

to the commission relating to the future responsibilities of the

21 administrator.

(c) The commission may organize committees as it

23 deems necessary. Members of the committees may be members of

24 the commission or may be appointed, with the approval of the

25 majority of the commission, from individuals with knowledge of

26 the committee's subject matter, professional expertise to assist

27 the committee in completing its assigned responsibilities, and the

1 ability to collaborate within the committee and with the commission

- 2 to carry out the powers and duties of the commission.
- 3 (d) If the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second
- 4 Session, 2012, creates the The Title IV-E Demonstration Project
- 5 Committee or and the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, or
- 6 both, such committees shall be are under the jurisdiction of the
- 7 commission.
- 8 (3) The commission shall work with the office of the
- 9 State Court Administrator, as appropriate, and entities which
- 10 coordinate facilitated conferencing as described in section
- 11 43-247.01. Facilitated conferencing shall be included in statewide
- 12 strategic plan discussions by the commission. Facilitated
- 13 conferencing shall continue to be utilized and maximized, as
- 14 determined by the court of jurisdiction, during the development
- 15 of the statewide strategic plan. Funding and contracting of
- 16 facilitated conferencing entities shall continue to be provided by
- 17 the Department of Health and Human Services to at least the same
- 18 extent as such funding and contracting are being provided on April
- 19 12, 2012.
- 20 (4) The commission shall gather information and
- 21 communicate with juvenile justice specialists of the Office of
- 22 Probation Administration and county officials with respect to any
- 23 county-operated practice model participating in the Crossover Youth
- 24 Program of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown
- 25 University.
- 26 (5) If the Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project
- 27 is enacted by the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session,

1 2012, the commission shall coordinate and gather information about

- 2 the progress and outcomes of the project.
- 3 Sec. 55. Section 81-1417, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 81-1417 (1) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement
- 6 and Criminal Justice shall consist of eighteen nineteen members.
- 7 The membership shall include the Governor, the Attorney General,
- 8 the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, the
- 9 Director of Correctional Services, the chief of police or director
- 10 of public safety of a city of more than two hundred thousand
- 11 population, the chief of police or director of public safety of
- 12 a city of less than two hundred thousand population or less,
- 13 a county sheriff, a county attorney, a county commissioner, a
- 14 mayor or city manager, a person involved with the control or
- 15 prevention of juvenile delinquency, the chairperson of the Nebraska
- 16 Police Standards Advisory Council, the chairperson of the Nebraska
- 17 Coalition for Juvenile Justice, and six members, at least one of
- 18 whom shall be a woman, from the public at large. The seven members
- 19 of the council shall also be considered members of the commission
- 20 acting as a special committee of the commission with limited powers
- 21 and duties. A member of the commission may serve concurrently as a
- 22 member of the council. The term of the district court judge serving
- 23 on July 20, 2002, terminates on such date.
- 24 (2) The Governor may increase the membership of the
- 25 commission at any time if such increase is necessary to comply
- 26 with the provisions of any federal act providing funds for law
- 27 enforcement or delinquency prevention purposes. Such members of the

1 commission appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of six

- 2 years from January 1 next succeeding their appointments.
- 3 (3) Except for the Governor, the Attorney General, the
- 4 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and the
- 5 Director of Correctional Services, the chairperson of the Nebraska
- 6 Police Standards Advisory Council, and the chairperson of the
- 7 Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice, the members of the
- 8 commission shall be appointed by the Governor. The membership
- 9 of the commission shall represent varying geographic areas and
- 10 large and small governmental subdivisions.
- 11 Sec. 56. Section 83-4,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13 83-4,124 (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy
- 14 of the State of Nebraska that all criminal detention facilities
- 15 and juvenile detention facilities in the this state shall conform
- 16 to certain minimum standards of construction, maintenance, and
- 17 operation and that all juvenile detention facilities and staff
- 18 secure juvenile facilities in this state shall conform to certain
- 19 minimum standards relating to the operation and physical structure
- 20 of such facilities and the care of, programs for, and discipline of
- 21 juveniles at such facilities.
- 22 (2) To further such policy, the Jail Standards Board
- 23 is hereby created. For administrative and budgetary purposes such
- 24 board shall be within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement
- 25 and Criminal Justice. The board shall consist of the Director of
- 26 Correctional Services or, if the Director of Correctional Services
- 27 chooses not to serve on the board, a person appointed by the

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director to serve in lieu of the director, the State Fire Marshal 1 2 or his or her designee, and nine ten appointive members, three of whom shall be from each of the three congressional districts, 3 4 to be appointed by the Governor. The appointive members of the 5 board shall be appointed from recommendation lists containing at least three names submitted by the Nebraska Association of County 6 7 Officials, the Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, the Nebraska 8 State Bar Association, and the Police Officers Association of 9 Nebraska. The appointive members of the board shall consist of: (1) 10 (a) Two county commissioners or supervisors; $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ (b) one county 11 sheriff; (3) (c) one municipal police chief; (4) (d) one member of 12 the Nebraska State Bar Association; (5) (e) two lay people; (6) (f) 13 one person who at the time of his or her appointment is serving as 14 an administrator responsible for the operation and maintenance of a 15 juvenile detention facility; (g) one person who at the time of his or her appointment is serving as an administrator responsible for 16 17 the operation and maintenance of a staff secure juvenile facility; and (7) (h) one person who at the time of his or her appointment is 18 19 serving as an administrator or jailer responsible for the operation 20 and maintenance of a criminal detention facility having an average 21 daily population of greater than fifty persons. The term of the 22 district judge serving on July 20, 2002, terminates on such date. 23 (3) The terms of office for all members initially appointed shall be three years. Upon completion of the initial 24 25 term of the board, the Governor shall appoint one member from 26 each congressional district for a term of one year, one member 27 from each congressional district for a term of two years, and

1 one member from each congressional district for a term of three

- 2 years. Succeeding appointees shall be representative of the same
- 3 congressional district and shall be appointed for terms of three
- 4 years. An appointee to a vacancy occurring from an unexpired term
- 5 shall serve out the term of his or her predecessor. Members whose
- 6 terms have expired shall continue to serve until their successors
- 7 have been appointed. The member authorized by this legislative bill
- 8 shall be appointed by the Governor within ninety days after the
- 9 effective date of this act.
- 10 (4) The members of the board shall serve without
- 11 compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual
- 12 expenses while engaged in the performance of their official duties
- 13 as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 14 Sec. 57. Section 83-4,125, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 16 83-4,125 For purposes of sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134:
- 17 (1) Criminal detention facility shall mean means any
- 18 institution operated by a political subdivision or a combination
- 19 of political subdivisions for the careful keeping or rehabilitative
- 20 needs of adult or juvenile criminal offenders or those persons
- 21 being detained while awaiting disposition of charges against them.
- 22 Criminal detention facility shall does not include any institution
- 23 operated by the Department of Correctional Services. Criminal
- 24 detention facilities shall be classified as follows:
- 25 (a) Type I Facilities shall mean means criminal detention
- 26 facilities used for the detention of persons for not more than
- 27 twenty-four hours, excluding nonjudicial days;

1 (b) Type II Facilities shall mean means criminal

- 2 detention facilities used for the detention of persons for not more
- 3 than ninety-six hours, excluding nonjudicial days; and
- 4 (c) Type III Facilities shall mean means criminal
- 5 detention facilities used for the detention of persons beyond
- 6 ninety-six hours; and
- 7 (2) Juvenile detention facility shall mean means an
- 8 institution operated by a political subdivision or political
- 9 subdivisions for the secure detention and treatment of persons
- 10 younger than eighteen years of age, including persons under the
- 11 jurisdiction of a juvenile court, who are serving a sentence
- 12 pursuant to a conviction in a county or district court or who
- 13 are detained while waiting disposition of charges against them.
- 14 Juvenile detention facility shall does not include any institution
- 15 operated by the department; and-
- 16 (3) Staff secure juvenile facility means a juvenile
- 17 residential facility operated by a political subdivision (a) which
- 18 does not include construction designed to physically restrict
- 19 the movements and activities of juveniles who are in custody in
- 20 the facility, (b) in which physical restriction of movement or
- 21 activity of juveniles is provided solely through staff, (c) which
- 22 may establish reasonable rules restricting ingress to and egress
- 23 from the facility, and (d) in which the movements and activities
- 24 of individual juvenile residents may, for treatment purposes, be
- 25 restricted or subject to control through the use of intensive staff
- 26 supervision. Staff secure juvenile facility does not include any
- 27 <u>institution operated by the department.</u>

1 Sec. 58. Section 83-4,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 3 83-4,126 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
- 4 section, the Jail Standards Board shall have the authority and
- 5 responsibility:
- 6 (a) To develop minimum standards for the construction,
- 7 maintenance, and operation of criminal detention facilities;
- 8 (b) To perform such other duties as may be necessary to
- 9 carry out the policy of the state regarding such criminal detention
- 10 facilities, and juvenile detention facilities, and staff secure
- 11 juvenile facilities as stated in sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134; and
- 12 (c) Consistent with the purposes and objectives of the
- 13 Juvenile Services Act, to develop standards for juvenile detention
- 14 facilities and staff secure juvenile facilities, including, but not
- 15 limited to, standards for physical facilities, care, programs, and
- 16 disciplinary procedures, and to develop guidelines pertaining to
- 17 the operation of such facilities.
- 18 (2) The Jail Standards Board shall not have authority
- 19 over or responsibility for correctional facilities that are
- 20 accredited by a nationally recognized correctional association. A
- 21 correctional facility that is accredited by a nationally recognized
- 22 correctional association shall show proof of accreditation annually
- 23 to the Jail Standards Board. For purposes of this subsection,
- 24 nationally recognized correctional association includes, but is not
- 25 limited to, the American Correctional Association or its successor.
- 26 Sec. 59. Section 83-4,131, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 27 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

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2 Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall visit and inspect each criminal detention facility, and juvenile detention facility, and 3 4 staff secure juvenile facility in the state, except correctional 5 facilities accredited by a nationally recognized correctional association pursuant to subsection (2) of section 83-4,126, for the 6 7 purpose of determining the conditions of confinement, the treatment of persons confined in the facilities, and whether such facilities 8 9 comply with the minimum standards established by the Jail Standards 10 Board. A written report of each inspection shall be made within 11 thirty days following such inspection to the appropriate governing 12 body responsible for the criminal detention facility, or juvenile detention facility, or staff secure juvenile facility involved. The 13 14 report shall specify those areas in which the facility does not 15 comply with the required minimum standards. 16 Sec. 60. Section 83-4,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of 17 Nebraska, is amended to read: 83-4,132 If an inspection under sections 83-4,124 to 18 19 83-4,134 discloses that the criminal detention facility $_L$ $_{\odot}$ juvenile detention facility, or staff secure juvenile facility 20 21 does not meet the minimum standards established by the Jail 22 Standards Board, the board shall send notice, together with the 23 inspection report, to the governing body responsible for the 24 facility. The appropriate governing body shall promptly meet to 25 consider the inspection report, and the inspection personnel shall 26 appear before the governing body to advise and consult concerning

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appropriate corrective action. The governing body shall then

1 initiate appropriate corrective action within six months of after

- 2 the receipt of such inspection report or may voluntarily close the
- 3 facility or the objectionable portion thereof.
- 4 Sec. 61. Section 83-4,133, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 5 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 6 83-4,133 If the governing body of the juvenile detention
- 7 facility, or criminal detention facility, or staff secure juvenile
- 8 facility fails to initiate corrective action within six months
- 9 after the receipt of such inspection report, fails to correct the
- 10 disclosed conditions, or fails to close the criminal detention
- 11 facility, or juvenile detention facility, or staff secure juvenile
- 12 facility or the objectionable portion thereof, the Jail Standards
- 13 Board may petition the district court within the judicial district
- 14 in which such facility is located to close the facility. Such
- 15 petition shall include the inspection report regarding such
- 16 facility. The local governing body shall then have thirty days to
- 17 respond to such petition and shall serve a copy of the response
- 18 on the Jail Standards Board by certified mail, return receipt
- 19 requested. Thereafter, a hearing shall be held on the petition
- 20 before the district court, and an order shall be rendered by such
- 21 court which either:
- 22 (1) Dismisses the petition of the Jail Standards Board;
- 23 (2) Directs that corrective action be initiated in some
- 24 form by the local governing body of the facility in question; or
- 25 (3) Directs that the facility be closed. An appeal from
- 26 the decision of the district court may be taken to the Court of
- 27 Appeals.

Sec. 62. Section 83-4,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of 1 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

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83-4,134 Sections 83-4,124 to 83-4,134 3 shall 4 implemented upon completion of the development of minimum standards 5 by the Jail Standards Board. Thereafter, inspections shall begin, but no criminal detention facility, or juvenile detention facility, 6 7 or staff secure juvenile facility shall be closed within one year 8 of the date of first filing of the minimum standards in the office 9 of the Secretary of State. After one year from the date of first 10 filing of the minimum standards, a facility may be closed for any 11 violation of the minimum standards. Those standards relating to the 12 construction of the facility itself and its plumbing, heating, and wiring systems shall not be enforced so as to require the closing 13 14 of any facility for a period of two years from the date of the 15 first filing of the minimum standards unless such violations are 16 of immediate danger to the safety of the persons confined in the 17 facility or facility personnel, in which case such period shall be 18 one year.

20 43-260.01, 43-260.04, 43-260.05, 43-260.07, 43-279.01, 43-281, 43-284, 43-284.01, 43-404, 43-406, 43-407, 43-408, 43-409, 43-410, 21 22 43-413, 43-414, 43-417, 43-418, 43-419, 43-420, 43-421, 43-422, 23 43-423, 43-1411.01, 43-2402, 43-2404, 43-2404.01, 43-2411, 43-2930, 43-3503, 81-1417, 83-4,124, 83-4,125, 83-4,132, and 83-4,134, 24 25 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-726, 29-2204,

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Sec. 63. Original sections 29-2257, 43-247, 43-251,

29-2258, 42-364, 43-245, 43-251.01, 43-254, 43-272.01, 43-285,

- 1 43-2412, 43-4203, 83-4,126, 83-4,131, and 83-4,133, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.
- 3 Sec. 64. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
- 4 when passed and approved according to law.