

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB359

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
4 2013, is amended to read:

5           68-1206 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services  
6 shall administer the program of social services in this state.  
7 The department may contract with other social agencies for the  
8 purchase of social services at rates not to exceed those prevailing  
9 in the state or the cost at which the department could provide  
10 those services. The statutory maximum payments for the separate  
11 program of aid to dependent children shall apply only to public  
12 assistance grants and shall not apply to payments for social  
13 services. As part of the provision of social services authorized  
14 by section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the federal  
15 child care assistance program under 42 U.S.C. 618, as such section  
16 existed on January 1, 2013, and provide child care assistance to  
17 families with incomes up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
18 federal poverty level for FY2013-14 and one hundred thirty percent  
19 of the federal poverty level for FY2014-15 and each fiscal year  
20 thereafter.

21           (2) As part of the provision of social services  
22 authorized by this section and section 68-1202, the department  
23 shall participate in the federal Child Care Subsidy program. In

1 determining ongoing eligibility for this program, ten percent of  
2 a household's gross earned income shall be disregarded. Initial  
3 program eligibility standards shall not be impacted by the  
4 provisions of this subsection.

5           ~~(2)~~ (3) In determining the rate or rates to be paid  
6 by the department for child care as defined in section 43-2605,  
7 the department shall adopt a fixed-rate schedule for the state  
8 or a fixed-rate schedule for an area of the state applicable to  
9 each child care program category of provider as defined in section  
10 71-1910 which may claim reimbursement for services provided by  
11 the federal Child Care Subsidy program, except that the department  
12 shall not pay a rate higher than that charged by an individual  
13 provider to that provider's private clients. The schedule may  
14 provide separate rates for care for infants, for children with  
15 special needs, including disabilities or technological dependence,  
16 or for other individual categories of children. The schedule may  
17 also provide tiered rates based upon a quality scale rating of step  
18 three or higher under the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. The  
19 schedule shall be effective on October 1 of every year and shall be  
20 revised annually by the department.

21           Sec. 2. Original section 68-1206, Revised Statutes  
22 Supplement, 2013, is repealed.

23           2. On page 1, line 2, strike "Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska" and insert "Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013".