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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to social services; to amend section 68-1206,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
3 provisions relating to child care subsidies; and to
4 repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 68-1206 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services
4 shall administer the program of social services in this state. The
5 department may contract with other social agencies for the purchase
6 of social services at rates not to exceed those prevailing in the
7 state or the cost at which the department could provide those
8 services. The statutory maximum payments for the separate program of
9 aid to dependent children shall apply only to public assistance
10 grants and shall not apply to payments for social services. As part
11 of the provision of social services authorized by section 68-1202,
12 the department shall participate in the federal child care assistance
13 program under section 42 U.S.C. 618, as such section existed on
14 January 1, 2013, and provide child care assistance to families with
15 incomes up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty
16 level.

17 (2) In determining the rate or rates to be paid by the
18 department for child care as defined in section 43-2605, the
19 department shall adopt a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a
20 fixed-rate schedule for an area of the state applicable to each child
21 care program category of provider as defined in section 71-1910 which
22 may claim reimbursement for services provided by the federal Child
23 Care Subsidy program, except that the department shall not pay a rate
24 higher than that charged by an individual provider to that provider's
25 private clients. The schedule may provide separate rates for care for

1 infants, for children with special needs, including disabilities or
2 technological dependence, or for other individual categories of
3 children. The schedule shall be effective on October 1 of every year
4 and shall be revised annually by the department.

5 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1206, Reissue Revised
6 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.