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LEGISLATIVE BILL 6

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Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Office of the Inspector General of
- 2 Nebraska Child Welfare Act; to amend section 43-4325, Reissue
- 3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for release of a summarized
- 4 final report as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to
- 5 declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 43-4325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 43-4325 (1) Reports of investigations conducted by the office shall
4 not be distributed beyond the entity that is the subject of the report
5 without the consent of the Inspector General.

6 (2) Except when a report is provided to a guardian ad litem or an
7 attorney in the juvenile court pursuant to subsection (2) of section
8 43-4327, the office shall redact confidential information before
9 distributing a report of an investigation. The office may disclose
10 confidential information to the chairperson of the Health and Human
11 Services Committee of the Legislature or the chairperson of the Judiciary
12 Committee of the Legislature when such disclosure is, in the judgment of
13 the Public Counsel, desirable to keep the chairperson informed of
14 important events, issues, and developments in the Nebraska child welfare
15 system.

16 (3) A summarized final report of an investigation may be publicly
17 released when the Inspector General, with the chairperson of the Health
18 and Human Services Committee of the Legislature or the chairperson of the
19 Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, makes a determination that doing
20 so is in the public's best interest.

21 (4) ~~(3)~~ Records and documents, regardless of physical form, that are
22 obtained or produced by the office in the course of an investigation are
23 not public records for purposes of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09. Reports
24 of investigations conducted by the office are not public records for
25 purposes of sections 84-712 to 84-712.09.

26 (5) ~~(4)~~ The office may withhold the identity of sources of
27 information to protect from retaliation any person who files a complaint
28 or provides information in good faith pursuant to the Office of Inspector
29 General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act.

30 Sec. 2. Original section 43-4325, Reissue Revised Statutes of
31 Nebraska, is repealed.

1 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
2 passed and approved according to law.