## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 658**

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

Read first time January 18, 2017

Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to amend
- 2 section 43-2,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide
- 3 for appointment of expert witnesses as prescribed; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 43-2,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 43-2,129 Sections 43-245 to 43-2,129 <u>and section 2 of this act</u>shall
- 4 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Juvenile Code.
- 5 Sec. 2. (1) During any adjudication or disposition proceeding
- 6 pursuant to the Nebraska Juvenile Code, the parent, guardian, or
- 7 custodian of the juvenile who is the subject of the proceeding has the
- 8 right to have appointed one expert witness. If the parent, guardian, or
- 9 custodian is indigent, the reasonable fees and expenses of such expert
- 10 <u>witness</u>, <u>subject to the review and approval by the juvenile court or</u>
- 11 <u>county court sitting as a juvenile court, shall be paid by the county</u>
- 12 <u>having jurisdiction</u>.
- 13 (2) The report of any evaluation of a juvenile ordered as part of an
- 14 <u>adjudication or disposition proceeding shall be made available to all</u>
- 15 parties at least fifteen days prior to the hearing.
- 16 Sec. 3. Original section 43-2,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, is repealed.