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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1164

Introduced by Wishart, 27. Read first time January 19, 2022

Committee: Appropriations

- 1A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to state intent2regarding an increase in rates for Child Welfare Aid; and to declare
- 3 an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

| 1 | Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that beginning July |
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| 2 | 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services shall implement a |
| 3 | fifteen-percent increase to reimbursement rates for all child welfare |
| 4 | service providers under Agency 25, Department of Health and Human |
| 5 | <u>Services, Program 354, Child Welfare Aid, for fiscal year 2022-23. This</u> |
| 6 | increase is intended to be in addition to any other increase provided by |
| 7 | law. The child welfare service providers receiving the increase include |
| 8 | providers of Group Home Services, Out-of-Home Care Services, Out-of-Home |
| 9 | Maintenance, Agency-Supported Foster Care, Emergency Shelter Center Care, |
| 10 | Agency-Supported Respite Care, Drug Testing, In-Home Family Support, Out- |
| 11 | of-Home Family Support, Supervised Visitation, In-Home Safety, Travel |
| 12 | Time and Distance, Intensive Family Preservation, and Intensive Family |
| 13 | Reunification Service. |
| 14 | Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when |

15 passed and approved according to law.