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FINAL READING

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to foster care; to amend section 43-1318,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require a
3 caregiver information form for foster care proceedings;
4 to provide a duty for the Supreme Court; to harmonize
5 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The court shall provide a caregiver
2 information form to the foster parent, preadoptive parent,
3 guardian, or relative providing care for the child when giving
4 notice of a court review described in section 43-1314. The form is
5 to be dated and signed by the caregiver and shall, at a minimum,
6 request the following:

- 7 (a) The child's name, age, and date of birth;
8 (b) The name of the caregiver, his or her telephone
9 number and address, and whether the caregiver is a foster parent,
10 preadoptive parent, guardian, or relative;
11 (c) How long the child has been in the caregiver's care;
12 (d) A current picture of the child;
13 (e) The current status of the child's medical, dental,
14 and general physical condition;
15 (f) The current status of the child's emotional
16 condition;
17 (g) The current status of the child's education;
18 (h) Whether or not the child is a special education
19 student and the date of the last individualized educational plan;
20 (i) A brief description of the child's social skills and
21 peer relationships;
22 (j) A brief description of the child's special interests
23 and activities;
24 (k) A brief description of the child's reactions before,
25 during, and after visits;

1 (l) Whether or not the child is receiving all necessary
2 services;

3 (m) The date and place of each visit by the caseworker
4 with the child;

5 (n) A description of the method by which the guardian ad
6 litem has acquired information about the child; and

7 (o) Whether or not the caregiver can make a permanent
8 commitment to the child if the child does not return home.

9 (2) A caregiver information form shall be developed by
10 the Supreme Court. Such form shall be made a part of the record in
11 each court that reviews the child's foster care proceedings.

12 Sec. 2. Section 43-1318, Reissue Revised Statutes of
13 Nebraska, is amended to read:

14 43-1318 Sections 43-1301 to 43-1318 and section 1 of this
15 act shall be known and may be cited as the Foster Care Review Act.

16 Sec. 3. Original section 43-1318, Reissue Revised
17 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.