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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1018

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to adopt the Children's
2 Behavioral Health Transformation and Prioritization
3 Appropriations Act; and to provide for appropriations.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known
2 and may be cited as the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation
3 and Prioritization Appropriations Act. The purpose of the act is to
4 provide for General Fund appropriations to enhance and expedite the
5 strategic efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services to
6 create change and provide hope for Nebraska children. Funding under
7 the act is intended to assist in transforming and prioritizing the
8 response to the behavioral health needs of Nebraska children.

9 Funds appropriated under the act shall be utilized in
10 consultation with the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force. The
11 Legislature recognizes that children's behavioral health needs are
12 optimally met when local communities invest in the outcomes of
13 their children. Accordingly, it is the intent of the Legislature
14 that funds under the act be leveraged, used collaboratively and
15 in conjunction with private sector initiatives and other public
16 resources to assist with promoting evidence-based initiatives in
17 local communities.

18 Sec. 2. The Legislature shall appropriate \$XXX from
19 the General Fund for FY2008-09 to the Department of Health
20 and Human Services, for Program 38. No funds appropriated under
21 the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation and Prioritization
22 Appropriations Act may be used for the operation of centralized
23 state-operated juvenile services. No expenditures for permanent and
24 temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made
25 from funds appropriated under this section.

1 Funds appropriated under the act shall be used by the
2 department, in consultation with the Children's Behavioral Health
3 Task Force for:

4 (1) Facilitating and developing public-private
5 partnerships in local communities to significantly enhance
6 the reach and depth of evidence-based children's behavioral health
7 services;

8 (2) The development of a balanced array of services
9 throughout Nebraska communities, in collaboration with local
10 community private-sector initiatives; and

11 (3) The development of partnerships with the private
12 sector and other public resources for construction, rehabilitation,
13 or acquisition of buildings that support capacity expansion of
14 community-based juvenile residential treatment services, except
15 that funds appropriated under the act shall not be used to initiate
16 centralized state-operated juvenile residential treatment services.

17 Funds appropriated under this section which are unspent
18 as of June 30, 2009, shall not revert to the General Fund but shall
19 carry over and may be expended in ensuing fiscal years for the
20 purposes listed in this section.