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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to social services; to amend section 68-1206,
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change
3 provisions relating to child care subsidies; and to repeal
4 the original section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 68-1206. (1) The Director of Health and Human Services and
4 the Director of Finance and Support shall administer the program of
5 social services in this state. The Department of Health and Human
6 Services and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and
7 Support may contract with other social agencies for the purchase of
8 social services at rates not to exceed those prevailing in the state
9 or the cost at which the departments could provide those services. The
10 statutory maximum payments for the separate program of aid to
11 dependent children shall apply only to public assistance grants and
12 shall not apply to payments for social services.

13 (2) As part of the provision of social services authorized
14 by section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the federal
15 Child Care Subsidy program and provide child care subsidies to
16 families with incomes up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the
17 federal poverty level. In determining the rate or rates to be paid
18 by the Department of Health and Human Services for child care as
19 defined in section 43-2605, the Director of Health and Human Services
20 shall adopt a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a fixed-rate
21 schedule for an area of the state applicable to each child care
22 program category of provider as defined in section 71-1910 which may
23 claim reimbursement for services provided by the federal Child Care
24 Subsidy program, except that the department shall not pay a rate
25 higher than that charged by an individual provider to that provider's
26 private clients. The schedule may provide separate rates for care for
27 infants, for children with special needs, including disabilities or

1 technological dependence, or for other individual categories of
2 children. The schedule shall be effective on October 1 of every year
3 and shall be revised annually by the Director of Health and Human
4 Services.

5 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1206, Revised Statutes
6 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.