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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 410**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to welfare services; to amend section 68-1207,  
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change  
3 provisions relating to child caseload standards; and to  
4 repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 68-1207, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3           68-1207 The Director of Health and Human Services shall  
4 supervise all public child welfare services as described by law.  
5 The director shall establish and maintain caseloads to carry out  
6 child welfare services which provide for adequate, timely, and  
7 indepth investigations and services to children and families. In  
8 establishing the standards for such caseloads, the director shall  
9 (1) include the workload factors that may differ due to geographic  
10 responsibilities, office location, and the travel required to  
11 provide a timely response in the investigation of abuse and  
12 neglect, the protection of children, and the provision of services  
13 to children and families in a uniform and consistent statewide  
14 manner and (2) ~~consider~~ not exceed workload standards recommended  
15 by national child welfare organizations, ~~and factors related to the~~  
16 ~~attainment of such standards.~~ The director shall consult with the  
17 appropriate employee representative in establishing such standards.

18           To carry out the provisions of this section, the  
19 Legislature shall provide funds for additional staff.

20           Sec. 2. Original section 68-1207, Revised Statutes  
21 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.