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LEGISLATIVE BILL 994

Introduced by Johnson, 37.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission;
2 to amend section 71-818, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2006; to change a termination date; to repeal
4 the original section; and to declare an emergency.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-818, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 71-818 (1) The Behavioral Health Oversight Commission
4 of the Legislature is created. The commission shall consist of
5 not more than twenty-five members appointed by the chairperson
6 of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature
7 and confirmed by a majority of members of the committee. Members
8 of the commission shall (a) include, but not be limited to,
9 representatives of the Legislature, consumers and consumer advocacy
10 organizations, behavioral health providers, the communities of
11 Norfolk and Hastings, state employees, regional behavioral health
12 authorities, mental health boards, and law enforcement, (b) possess
13 a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge,
14 experience, or expertise relating to the provision of behavioral
15 health services in the State of Nebraska, and (c) be broadly
16 representative of all the behavioral health regions. Members of the
17 commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed
18 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for their actual and
19 necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

20 (2) The commission, under the direction of and in
21 consultation with the Health and Human Services Committee of
22 the Legislature, shall oversee and support implementation of
23 the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act and shall administer
24 such funds as appropriated by the Legislature from the Nebraska
25 Health Care Cash Fund for such purpose. The commission may employ

1 staff, enter into contracts, establish and utilize task forces and
2 subcommittees, and perform such other activities as necessary and
3 appropriate to carry out its duties under this section.

4 (3) The commission and this section terminate on June 30,
5 ~~2008~~, 2009.

6 Sec. 2. Original section 71-818, Revised Statutes
7 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.

8 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
9 when passed and approved according to law.