

AMENDMENTS TO LB 346

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

5 71-801 Sections 71-801 to 71-818 and sections 2 to 6 of
6 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Behavioral
7 Health Services Act.

8 Sec. 2. Sections 2 to 6 of this act shall be known and
9 may be cited as the Children and Family Behavioral Health Support
10 Act.

11 Sec. 3. The department shall establish a Children and
12 Family Support Hotline which shall:

13 (1) Be a single point of access for children's behavioral
14 health triage through the operation of a twenty-four-hour-a-day,
15 seven-day-a-week telephone line;

16 (2) Be administered by the division and staffed by
17 trained personnel under the direct supervision of a qualified
18 mental health, behavioral health, or social work professional
19 engaged in activities of mental health treatment;

20 (3) Provide screening and assessment;

21 (4) Provide referral to existing community-based
22 resources; and

23 (5) Be evaluated. The evaluation shall include, but

1 not be limited to, the county of the caller, reliability and
2 consistency of the information given, an analysis of services
3 needed or requested, and degree to which the caller reports
4 satisfaction with the referral service.

5 Sec. 4. The department shall establish a Family Navigator
6 Program to respond to children's behavioral health needs. The
7 program shall be administered by the division and consist of
8 individuals trained and compensated by the department who, at a
9 minimum, will:

10 (1) Provide peer support;

11 (2) Provide connection to existing services, including
12 the identification of community-based services; and

13 (3) Be evaluated by an assessment of the quality
14 of the interactions with the Family Navigator Program and the
15 effectiveness of the program as perceived by the family. Such
16 information shall include, but not be limited to, whether
17 the family followed through with the referral recommendations,
18 availability and accessibility of services, waiting time for
19 services, and cost and distance factors.

20 Sec. 5. The department shall provide post-adoption and
21 post-guardianship case management services for families on a
22 voluntary basis. The department shall notify adoptive parents
23 and guardians of the availability of such services, how to
24 access such services, and that such services are provided on a
25 voluntary basis. Notification shall be in writing and shall be
26 provided at the time of finalization of the adoption agreement or
27 completion of the guardianship and each six months thereafter until

1 termination of the adoption or guardianship. Post-adoption services
2 and post-guardianship case management services under this section
3 shall be administered by the Division of Children and Family
4 Services and shall be evaluated. The evaluation shall include the
5 number and percentage of persons receiving such services and the
6 degree of problem resolution reported by families receiving such
7 services.

8 Sec. 6. The department shall provide an annual report
9 to the Governor and the Legislature on the operation of the
10 Children and Family Support Hotline established under section 3 of
11 this act, the Family Navigator Program established under section
12 4 of this act, and the provision of voluntary post-adoption and
13 post-guardianship case management services under section 5 of this
14 act.

15 Sec. 7. Original section 71-801, Revised Statutes
16 Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.

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