

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB247**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 28, 2009  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Dubas  
**One Liner:** Require accreditation of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Howard

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**Proponents:**

Senator Annette Dubas  
Sarah Helvey  
Georgie Scurfield  
C.J. Johnson  
Kathy Bigsby Moore  
Keith Block

Topher Hansen  
Scott Dugan

**Opponents:**

Todd Landry

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Sarpy County CASA Program  
Region V Systems  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Nebraska Chapter, National Association of Social Workers  
CenterPointe, NABHO  
Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare

**Representing:**

Department of Health and Human Services

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 247 requires that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (division) be accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. no later than December 1, 2010. The bill provides legislative findings. The bill requires the division, by December 1, 2009, to develop a plan to achieve such accreditation. Contents of the plan are prescribed. The plan must be submitted to the Governor; the Speaker of the Legislature; and the chairpersons of the Revenue, Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Judiciary committees of the Legislature; and placed on file with the Clerk of the Legislature. The bill requires the Legislature to appropriate funds necessary to develop the plan and achieve such accreditation.

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