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34.

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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section
2 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state
3 intent; to provide for a reentry planning pilot program
4 in adult correctional facilities; to change provisions
5 relating to the use of a fund; and to repeal the original
6 section.

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

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

2 (a) Research reveals that children who have parents
3 involved in their lives perform better academically and socially in
4 school, experience fewer mental health and substance abuse issues,
5 and are less likely to commit serious crime;

6 (b) Strategies to address family stability and
7 intergenerational poverty are specifically needed for children with
8 incarcerated parents; and

9 (c) Research reveals that family-based reentry planning,
10 including relationship development and housing and employment
11 strategies, results in lower recidivism and greater family economic
12 stability.

13 (2) The Department of Correctional Services shall
14 establish a two-year pilot program for the purpose of providing in
15 Nebraska adult correctional facilities an evidence-based program of
16 parent education, early literacy, relationship skills development,
17 and reentry planning involving family members of incarcerated parents
18 prior to their release. Incarcerated parents of children between
19 birth and five years of age shall have priority for participation in
20 the program. The department may award a contract to operate the pilot
21 program. Such contract shall be based on competitive bids as provided
22 in sections 73-101 to 73-105. The department shall track data related
23 to program participation and recidivism.

24 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
25 two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the General Fund to the

1 department in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for purposes
2 of funding the pilot program required by this section.

3 Sec. 2. Section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 83-150 All funds received by the Department of
6 Correctional Services under sections 83-144 to 83-152 shall be
7 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Correctional
8 Industries Revolving Fund, which fund is hereby created. The fund
9 shall be administered by the Director of Correctional Services. The
10 fund (1) shall be used to pay all proper expenses incident to the
11 administration of sections 83-144 to 83-152 and (2) may be used to
12 carry out section 1 of this act, except that transfers from the fund
13 to the General Fund may be made at the direction of the Legislature.
14 Any money in the Correctional Industries Revolving Fund available for
15 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
16 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
17 Investment Act.

18 Sec. 3. Original section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes
19 of Nebraska, is repealed.