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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; and to
- 2 require an upgrade of an electronic data collection
- 3 system as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
2 appropriate \$XXX to:

3 (a) Improve the data information and management system in
4 the child welfare system by incorporating web-based technologies and
5 eliminating dependence on mainframe computers, the CA Gen development
6 platform, and CA-Aion Business Rules software;

7 (b) Retain system integration between child welfare
8 services and other economic assistance programs; and

9 (c) Address child welfare reporting requirements.

10 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
11 upgrade the N-FOCUS system as defined in section 43-4401 by migrating
12 the system to open systems standards and platforms. The department
13 shall ensure that the upgrade keeps the N-FOCUS system qualified for
14 federal funding as a statewide automated child welfare information
15 system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 1355.50 through 1355.57, implementing
16 section 474(a)(3)(C) and (D) of Title IV-E of the federal Social
17 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 674(a)(3)(C) and (D), as such regulations and
18 section existed on January 1, 2013, and shall migrate the N-FOCUS
19 system to a web-based, open-systems technology.

20 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services and the
21 office of the Chief Information Officer shall adopt, with guidance
22 from the report completed pursuant to section 43-4405, a strategic
23 plan and schedule for the upgrade required by this section. The
24 department shall develop and file federal Planning Advance Planning
25 Documents to request federal funding for the statewide automated

1 child welfare information system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 1355.50
2 through 1355.57, implementing section 474(a)(3)(C) and (D) of Title
3 IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 674(a)(3)(C) and
4 (D), as such regulations and section existed on January 1, 2013. The
5 planning advance planning document shall describe the proposed plan
6 for managing the design, development, and operation of a statewide
7 automated child welfare information system that meets such federal
8 requirements and the state's needs in an efficient, comprehensive,
9 and cost-effective manner. The strategic plan shall comply with the
10 requirements of the Administration for Children and Families of the
11 United States Department of Health and Human Services that the N-
12 FOCUS and the Children Have a Right to Support systems have increased
13 information interface and that all child welfare service provider
14 payments be made on the N-FOCUS system.

15 (4) On or before December 31, 2013, the Department of
16 Health and Human Services and the Department of Administrative
17 Services shall develop a request for proposals and award the contract
18 for the first stages of the upgrade of the N-FOCUS system and file
19 the required federal Implementation Advance Planning Document for
20 each participating federal agency.