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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 199**

Introduced by Howard, 9; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare services; to provide for
- 2 stipends for social work students as prescribed; and to provide
- 3 duties for the Department of Health and Human Services and governing
- 4 boards of Nebraska public colleges and universities.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. To facilitate improved quality in the work of employees  
2 providing child welfare services, the Department of Health and Human  
3 Services, in collaboration with accredited social work education programs  
4 at Nebraska's public colleges and universities, shall establish a program  
5 to provide stipends for undergraduate and graduate social work students  
6 enrolled in such colleges and universities who are committed to working  
7 in the field of child welfare services. Funds available under Title IV-E  
8 of the federal Social Security Act, as such act existed on January 1,  
9 2015, shall be used to pay for such stipends. The department and the  
10 governing boards of such colleges and universities shall develop an  
11 application process for eligible students and, based on the amount of  
12 funds available, shall determine the amount of such stipend to be awarded  
13 to each eligible student. The department and the governing boards may  
14 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.