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LEGISLATIVE BILL 866

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Committee: Health and Human Services

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to adopt the Transition to Adult

2 Living Success Program Act.

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Transition to Adult Living Success Program Act.

3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Transition to Adult Living Success
4 Program Act:

5 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

6 (2) Eligible participant means an individual who was adjudicated to
7 be a juvenile described in subdivision (1), (2), or (3)(b) of section
8 43-247 and upon attaining nineteen years of age was in an out-of-home
9 placement and had been in an out-of-home placement for at least ninety of
10 the one hundred eighty days preceding his or her nineteenth birthday; and

11 (3) Program means the Transition to Adult Living Success Program
12 established pursuant to section 3 of this act.

13 Sec. 3. The department shall establish the Transition to Adult
14 Living Success Program. The program shall provide independent living
15 services to eligible participants, which services shall include, but are
16 not limited to, assessment, securing housing, face-to-face life skills
17 training, and assistance in furthering education or employment. The
18 program shall provide case management for the achievement of the goals in
19 a transition plan developed with the eligible participant as part of the
20 program until he or she reaches twenty-one years of age.

21 Sec. 4. Eligible participants may request funds for critical needs
22 relating to food, shelter, health care, clothing, or other needs as
23 approved by the caseworker, not to exceed one thousand dollars per year
24 per eligible participant. Individuals who are eligible to participate in
25 both the Transition to Adult Living Success Program and the bridge to
26 independence program pursuant to section 43-4504 may choose to
27 participate in either the Transition to Adult Living Success Program and
28 the bridge to independence program but may not participate in both
29 programs.

30 Sec. 5. The department shall collect data regarding the number of
31 participants in the Transition to Adult Living Success Program, the

1 number of critical needs requests approved, and the purposes of the
2 requests. The department shall evaluate the program's overall efficiency
3 in achieving the goals in the eligible participant's independent living
4 transition proposal pursuant to section 43-285 and shall report annually
5 to the Legislature. The report shall be submitted electronically.

6 Sec. 6. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
7 regulations to carry out the Transition to Adult Living Success Program
8 Act. The department may implement the act through a request for proposals
9 process.