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AMENDMENTS TO LB417

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

Introduced by Riepe, 12.

1   1. Insert the following new section:

2   Sec. 6. Section 43-4406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3   amended to read:

4   43-4406 On or before September 15, 2012, and each September 15

5   thereafter, the department shall report electronically to the Health and

6   Human Services Committee of the Legislature the following information

7   regarding child welfare services, with respect to children served by any

8   lead agency or the pilot project and children served by the department:

9   (1) The percentage of children served and the allocation of the

10   child welfare budget, categorized by service area and by lead agency or

11   the pilot project, including:

12   (a) The percentage of children served, by service area and the

13   corresponding budget allocation; and

14   (b) The percentage of children served who are wards of the state and

15   the corresponding budget allocation;

16   (2) The number of siblings in out-of-home care placed with siblings

17   as of the June 30th immediately preceding the date of the report,

18   categorized by service area and by lead agency or the pilot project;

19   (3) The number of waivers granted under subsection (2) of section

20   71-1904;

21   (4) (3) An update of the information in the report of the Children's

22   Behavioral Health Task Force pursuant to sections 43-4001 to 43-4003,

23   including:

24   (a) The number of children receiving mental health and substance

25   abuse services annually by the Division of Behavioral Health of the

26   department;

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1   (b) The number of children receiving behavioral health services

2   annually at the Hastings Regional Center;

3   (c) The number of state wards receiving behavioral health services

4   as of September 1 immediately preceding the date of the report;

5   (d) Funding sources for children's behavioral health services for

6   the fiscal year ending on the immediately preceding June 30;

7   (e) Expenditures in the immediately preceding fiscal year by the

8   division, categorized by category of behavioral health service and by

9   behavioral health region; and

10   (f) Expenditures in the immediately preceding fiscal year from the

11 medical assistance program and CHIP as defined in section 68-969 for

12 mental health and substance abuse services, for all children and for

13 wards of the state;

14   (5) (4) The following information as obtained for each service area

15 and lead agency or the pilot project:

16   (a) Case manager education, including college degree, major, and

17 level of education beyond a baccalaureate degree;

18   (b) Average caseload per case manager;

19   (c) Average number of case managers per child during the preceding

20 twelve months;

21   (d) Average number of case managers per child for children who have

22 been in the child welfare system for three months, for six months, for

23 twelve months, and for eighteen months and the consecutive yearly average

24 for children until the age of majority or permanency is attained;

25   (e) Monthly case manager turnover;

26   (f) Monthly face-to-face contacts between each case manager and the

27 children on his or her caseload;

28   (g) Monthly face-to-face contacts between each case manager and the

29 parent or parents of the children on his or her caseload;

30   (h) Case documentation of monthly consecutive team meetings per

31 quarter;

1   (i) Case documentation of monthly consecutive parent contacts per

2 quarter;

3   (j) Case documentation of monthly consecutive child contacts with

4 case manager per quarter;

5   (k) Case documentation of monthly consecutive contacts between child

6 welfare service providers and case managers per quarter;

7   (l) Timeliness of court reports; and

8   (m) Non-court-involved children, including the number of children

9 served, the types of services requested, the specific services provided,

10 the cost of the services provided, and the funding source;

11   (6) (5) All placements in residential treatment settings made or

12 paid for by the child welfare system, the Office of Juvenile Services,

13 the State Department of Education or local education agencies, any lead

14 agency or the pilot project through letters of agreement, and the medical

15 assistance program, including, but not limited to:

16   (a) Child variables;

17   (b) Reasons for placement;

18   (c) The percentage of children denied medicaid-reimbursed services

19 and denied the level of placement requested;

20   (d) With respect to each child in a residential treatment setting:

21   (i) If there was a denial of initial placement request, the length

22 and level of each placement subsequent to denial of initial placement

23 request and the status of each child before and immediately after, six

24 months after, and twelve months after placement;

25   (ii) Funds expended and length of placements;

26   (iii) Number and level of placements;

27   (iv) Facility variables; and

28   (v) Identification of specific child welfare services unavailable in

29 the child's community that, if available, could have prevented the need

30 for residential treatment; and

31   (e) Identification of child welfare services unavailable in the

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1 state that, if available, could prevent out-of-state placements;

2 (7) (6) From any lead agency or the pilot project, the percentage of

3 its accounts payable to subcontracted child welfare service providers

4 that are thirty days overdue, sixty days overdue, and ninety days

5 overdue; and

6 (8) (7) For any individual involved in the child welfare system

7 receiving a service or a placement through the department or its agent

8 for which referral is necessary, the date when such referral was made by

9 the department or its agent and the date and the method by which the

10 individual receiving the services was notified of such referral. To the

11 extent the department becomes aware of the date when the individual

12 receiving the referral began receiving such services, the department or

13 its agent shall document such date.

14 2. On page 21, line 17, after the last comma insert "43-4406,".

15 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.