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LEGISLATIVE BILL 800

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; to amend section
- 2 81-6,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide
- 3 and change requirements for a comprehensive strategic plan; to
- 4 provide for a consultant; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-6,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2016, is amended to read:

3 81-6,122 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
4 develop a comprehensive strategic plan for providing services to
5 qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-
6 based settings pursuant to the Olmstead decision. The strategic plan
7 shall include, but not be limited to, (a) a reflective analysis of the
8 extent to which the department is providing services to qualified persons
9 with disabilities, (b) concrete and reliable commitments to expand
10 integrated opportunities for services to qualified persons with
11 disabilities, (c) measurable goals with specific and reasonable
12 timeframes for which the department may be held accountable, and (d)
13 funding support.

14 (2) The department shall (a) convene a team consisting of persons
15 from each of the six divisions of the department to assess components of
16 the strategic plan which may be in development; (b) consult with other
17 state agencies that administer programs serving persons with
18 disabilities; (c) appoint and convene a stakeholder advisory committee to
19 assist in the review and development of the strategic plan, such
20 committee members to include a representative from the State Advisory
21 Committee on Mental Health Services, the Advisory Committee on
22 Developmental Disabilities, the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living
23 Council, the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, the
24 Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education,
25 a housing authority in a city of the first or second class and a housing
26 authority in a city of the primary or metropolitan class, the Assistive
27 Technology Partnership, the protection and advocacy system for Nebraska,
28 an assisted-living organization, the behavioral health regions, mental
29 health practitioners, developmental disability service providers, an
30 organization that advocates for persons with developmental disabilities,
31 an organization that advocates for persons with mental illness, an

1 organization that advocates for persons with brain injuries, and an area
2 agency on aging, and including two persons with disabilities representing
3 self-advocacy organizations, and, at the department's discretion, other
4 persons with expertise in programs serving persons with disabilities; (d)
5 ~~hire~~ ~~determine the need for~~ a consultant to assist with the development
6 of the strategic plan; (e) provide a preliminary progress report to the
7 Legislature and the Governor by December 15, 2016, which includes, but is
8 not limited to, (i) the components of the strategic plan which may be in
9 development and (ii) the department's recommendation on hiring a
10 consultant; (f) provide a second progress report to the Legislature and
11 the Governor by December 15, 2017; and (g) provide the completed
12 strategic plan to the Legislature and the Governor by December 15, 2019
13 ~~2018~~. The reports and completed plan shall be submitted electronically to
14 the Legislature.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 81-6,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative
16 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.