

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1158

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 19, 2020
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Provide information on job-skills programs to applicants for medical assistance

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Arch
John Albin
Jeremy Brunssen
Larry Storer

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Labor
Department of Health and Human Services
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1158 would amend the Medical Assistance Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-901) to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to inform each applicant for medical assistance about job-skills programs and connect applicants to such programs, beginning October 1, 2021. It would require a quarterly report for 2022 and 2023 to the Clerk of the Legislature on the total number of referred applicants and services received, beginning February 1, 2022. It would also require the Department of Labor to report statistics regarding those referrals to DHHS quarterly from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. It would also require the Department of Labor and DHHS administer above provisions. (Green Copy, Section 2, p. 2).

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment AM 2851 replaces the green copy of the bill and contains the amended provisions of LB 1158 and the amended provisions of LB 836.

The amended provisions of LB 1158 may be found in Section 4 of AM 2851, on page 3.

AM 2851 amends the original provisions of LB 1158 by adding clarifying language stating that the job-skills programs may be utilized on a voluntary basis and do not affect the receipt of Medicaid services. (AM 2851, Section 8, p. 3).

LB 836

The amended provisions of LB 836 may be found in Sections 1 through 3, and Section 5 of AM 2851, pages 1-4.

LB 836, as amended, would mandate the return of any remittance if the contractor does not meet the medical loss ratio, any unearned incentive funds, and any other funds in excess of the contractor limitations to the State Treasurer for credit to the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. (AM 2851, Section 2, p. 2).

It would also create the Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. The Fund is used first to offset any losses that might be incurred by the contracted provider; and then provide for services addressing health needs of adults and children under Medicaid. (AM 2851, Section 3, p. 2).

Motion to include LB 836, as amended, into the committee amendment AM 2851:

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Voting Aye: Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, B. Hansen, Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Present Not Voting: None

Public Hearing (1-22-20) testifiers

Proponents:

Senator John Arch - Introducer

Topher Hansen - Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations

Opponents:

Nate Watson - Department of Health and Human Services

Neutral: None

Sara Howard, Chairperson