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Committee: Health and Human Services

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to adopt the

2 Family Home Visitation Act.

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

1 **Section 1.** Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Family Home Visitation Act.

3 **Sec. 2.** For purposes of the Family Home Visitation Act:

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

6 (2) Home visitation program means a voluntary program carried out in
7 relevant settings, primarily in the homes of families with one or more
8 children, five years of age or younger, or pregnant persons.

9 **Sec. 3.** (1) The department shall only fund a home visitation
10 program that includes periodic home visits to improve the health, well-
11 being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children.

12 (2) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall
13 provide visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and
14 health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers.

15 (3) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall
16 accomplish one or more of the following:

17 (a) Improve maternal, infant, or child health outcomes including
18 reducing preterm births;

19 (b) Promote positive parenting practices;

20 (c) Build healthy parent and child relationships;

21 (d) Enhance social and emotional development;

22 (e) Support cognitive development;

23 (f) Improve the health and well-being of the family;

24 (g) Empower families toward economic self-sufficiency;

25 (h) Reduce child maltreatment and injury; and

26 (i) Increase school readiness.

27 **Sec. 4.** The department shall only fund an evidence-based home
28 visitation program. An evidenced-based home visitation program:

29 (1) Is founded on a clear, consistent program model;

30 (2) Is associated with, or certified by, a national organization, an
31 institution of higher education, or a national or state public health

1 institute;

2 (3) Has comprehensive home visitation standards that ensure high
3 quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement;

4 (4) Follows a program manual or design that specifies the purpose,
5 outcomes, duration, and frequency of service;

6 (5) Employs well-trained and culturally competent staff;

7 (6) Provides continual professional development relevant to the
8 specific program model being delivered;

9 (7) Demonstrates strong links to other community-based services;

10 (8) Operates within an organization that ensures compliance with
11 home visitation standards; and

12 (9) Operates with fidelity to the program model.

13 **Sec. 5.** Home visitation program funds may be used for workforce
14 purposes and to assist the programs and individuals in receiving and
15 maintaining certification for home visitation providers.

16 **Sec. 6.** The Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program
17 that provides a single home visit or infrequent home visits.

18 **Sec. 7.** Families may decline home visitation program services at
19 any time.

20 **Sec. 8.** The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
21 regulations to carry out the Family Home Visitation Act.

22 **Sec. 9.** (1) No later than February 15, 2026, and through February
23 15, 2028, the department shall submit an electronic report to the Clerk
24 of the Legislature. Such report shall be made available on the
25 department's website and shall include the following information, if
26 available:

27 (a) The type and location of home visitation programs;

28 (b) The goals and achieved outcomes of home visitation programs;

29 (c) The number of families served by each home visitation program;

30 (d) Demographic data on the families served;

31 (e) The total amount of funds expended for home visitation programs;

- 1 (f) Program model descriptions and model-specific outcomes;
- 2 (g) The training and professional credentials required for each
- 3 program model;
- 4 (h) Eligibility criteria for each program model;
- 5 (i) Target populations for each program model;
- 6 (j) Wait list information, if applicable; and
- 7 (k) Referral sources.
- 8 (2) The department shall only include outcomes from federally funded
- 9 or state-funded home visitation programs.