

## 2012 Session

### **LR 37 CHILD WELFARE BILLS**

- **LB 820** provides for the Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee, a Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, a monthly stipend for foster parents for the upcoming year and clarification regarding foster care licensing. (Senator Campbell Priority Bill)
- **LB 821** provides for the Nebraska Children's Commission and the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act (**LB 957**). (HHS Committee Priority Bill)
- **LB 949** introduced by the Performance Audit Committee requires reports relating to expenditures, changes or movement of funds in excess of \$250,000, and progress toward key goals; a strategic plan that identifies the main purpose of programs, key goals, benchmarks and methods of quantification of progress by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with appropriation request; and designate as a separate budget program the appropriation of funds for child welfare. (Legislative Performance Audit Priority Bill)
- **LB 961** addresses case management as a core function of government; allows for a pilot case management lead agency model project in the eastern service area; sets caseload limits and defines how cases are counted; requires the department to develop case plans for non-court, voluntary cases; requires realignment in the central, northern and western service areas with judicial districts; and prohibits lead agencies in the southeast, central, western, or northern service areas. (HHS Committee Priority Bill)
- **LB 1160** provides for the development of a web-based, statewide automated child welfare information system to integrate child welfare information; reports by the department and lead agency pilot project; evaluation of child welfare system by a national entity; coordination of all department reports regarding child welfare and juveniles and report on issues involving co-occurring conditions by the department. (Legislative Performance Audit Priority Bill)
  - Two additional LR 37 bills originally introduced at request of HHS Committee by other Senators (amended into above bills)
  - **LB 774** (Howard) Reporting requirements re child welfare (amended into LB 1160)
  - **LB 926** (Dubas) Provide for minimum payment rates for foster care payments and (amended into LB 820)

### **OTHER BILLS AMENDED INTO LR 37 BILLS**

- LB 837** (Howard) Create a Committee to review use of certain drugs by wards of the state (amended into LB 821);
- LB 874** (Howard) Change licensure procedure (amended into LB 820)
- LB 900** (Lathrop) Require a report concerning individuals in need of multiple division services from DHHS (amended into LB 1160) and
- LB 1149** (McGill) Change provisions relating to child guardianships and child welfare caseloads (parts amended into LB 961)

### **OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION FROM LR 37**

- LB 858** (Avery) Change state contracting requirements for services (Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Priority Bill) Passed
- LB 1072** (Business and Labor) Amended to include providers' Miscellaneous Claims against the State from Boys and Girls Home non-payments (Passed notwithstanding line-item objections of the Governor)