

106th Legislative Session

Children's Bill Watch List

S-support with testimony; O-oppose with testimony; M- monitor; N-neutral testimony; approved by Governor; vetoed by Governor; Priority for CHMC

Bill No.	Position	Subject Matter	Introducer	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	
LB751	S	For an Act relating to schools	Sen. Carol Blood- Speaker Priority Bill	Judiciary	1/30/2020	Final Reading	Regarding school attendance, administrators shall develop a collaborative plan to reduce barriers related to regular attendance for mental health as well as current statute for physical health.
LB753	M	Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Sen. Carol Blood	HHS	1/22/2020	In committee	Designed to achieve an increase in access to services, regional care, and telehealth capabilities.
LB759	M	To require consultation with school districts regarding placement of children	Sen. Mark Kolterman	HHS	1/31/2020	In committee	A requirement for the court to transfer information regarding juvenile's entering back into school to prepare for a smooth transition.
LB760	S	Require health care workers to provide coverage for asynchronous review by a dermatologist by way of telehealth	Sen. Mark Kolterman- Speaker Priority Bill	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/3/2020	Final Reading	Asynchronous review is the acquisition and storage of medical information at one site that is then forwarded to or received by a health care provider at another site for evaluation. This bill proposes to require insurance companies to offer reimbursement. Specific to dermatology only, will follow up with the senator on all specialties.
LB766	M	Prohibit sexual assault of a minor by an authority figure, change provisions related to sexual offenses	Sen. Brett Lindstrom	Judiciary	2/20/2020	In committee	Aimed at coaches and teachers who claim consent was received. In many cases, jail time does not occur following charges. This bill aims to ensure jail sentencing occurs for people in a position of trust.

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<p>LB772, amended to LB755</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Change the scope of practice for physician assistants</p>	<p>Sen. Matt Williams</p>	<p>HHS</p>	<p>1/24/2020</p>	<p>Final Reading</p>	<p>Adds “collaborative agreement” language. Amends definition of supervision to mean the ready availability of the supervising physician for consultation and collaboration of the PA. Provides that a PA may render services in a setting that is geographically remote from the supervising physician. Beginning Dec. 1, 2020, requires that one of the six professional members of the Board of Medicine and Surgery shall be a physician with experience in practice with PAs. Authorizes a PA to perform medical services that form a component of the scope of practice of a physician working in the same physician group as the PA if delegated and provided under the supervision and collaboration with such physician, are medical services for which the PA has been prepared by education, experience, and training and that the PA is competent to perform. Strikes language that a PA shall be considered an agent of his supervising physician. Clarifies PA authority to pronounce death and complete death certificates. Strikes restrictions regarding PA practice in hospitals and requirements for physician-PA agreements.</p>
<p>LB774</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>Change requirements regarding credit for reinsurance</p>	<p>Sen. Matt Williams</p>	<p>Banking, Commerce and Insurance</p>	<p>1/21/2020</p>	<p>Final Reading</p>	<p>Banking Christmas tree bill that includes LB886 among other banking priority bills.</p>
<p>LB778</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>State intent regarding appropriations for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act</p>	<p>Sen. John Stinner</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>2/18/2020</p>	<p>In committee</p>	<p>Provides that a PA may prescribe drugs and devices, removing language “as delegated to do so by a supervising physician” and provides authority to distribute drug samples and plan and initiate therapeutic regimens that include nonpharmacological interventions. Changes the PA committee so that the member from the Board of Medicine and Surgery would be a nonvoting member.</p>

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LB827	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS for Program 424 (DD)	Sen. Robert Hilkemann	Appropriations	2/10/2020	AM2320 filed	\$3,730,149 from the General Fund to DHHS for Program 424- an increase in rates paid to providers of developmental disability services
LB828	M	Change provisions relating to scope of practice of a licensed optometrist	Sen. Robert Hilkemann	HHS	1/23/2020	In committee	The bill would allow optometrists to perform minor surgical procedures required for the treatment of cysts or infected/inflamed glands of the eyelid and administer injections of pharmaceutical agents into the eyelid related to such treatment. This legislation would also require additional education and clinical training pertaining to the requested new authority for optometrists licensed in Nebraska.
LB832	S	Provide immunity for removal of a child from a motor vehicle	Sen. Bruce Bostelman- Speaker Priority Bill	Judiciary	1/31/2020	Final Reading	A person is immune from civil and criminal liability for property damage if the person forced entry into a vehicle to remove and rescue a child who appeared to be in imminent danger or suffering (hot car).
LB836, amended to LB1158	M	Change provisions governing certain contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program	Sen. John Arch	HHS	1/22/2020	Select File	All contracts and agreements relating to the medical assistance program governing at-risk managed care service delivery for health services shall "provide for the return to the department any remittance if the contractor does not meet the minimum loss ratio and unearned incentive funds. The funds shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Health Care Cash Fund."
LB837	M	Change provisions relating to background checks under the Child Care Licensing Act and Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act	Sen. John Arch	HHS	2/21/2020	In committee	The department shall seek to maximize federal funding to develop and implement a program to assist child care providers and child care staff members with the cost of fingerprinting and national criminal history record information check. If no federal funds are received, then the child care staff member being screened shall pay the actual cost.

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LB838	M	Provide an exemption from licensure under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act	Sen. John Arch	HHS	2/26/2020	In committee	Adds one provision to current statute that reads, the following classes of persons shall not be construed to be engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine: 'Persons who are not licensed, certified, or registered under the Uniform Credentialing Act, to whom are assigned tasks by a physician or osteopathic physician licensed under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, if such assignment of tasks is in a manner consistent with accepted medical standards and appropriate to the skill and training, on the job or otherwise, of the persons to whom the tasks are assigned;
LB839	M	Recognize American Sign Language and provide for the teaching of American Sign Language in schools	Sen. Anna Wishart	Education	1/28/2020	In committee	The State Board of Education may provide for the teaching of American sign language in schools. If a school offers a course, it shall be offered to all students regardless if the student is hearing, hard of hearing or deaf.
LB840	S	Prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices as prescribed under the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act	Sen. Dan Quick- Quick Priority Bill	HHS	2/12/2020	Final Reading	Adds the use of an electronic smoking device, to the Nebraska Indoor Air Act.
LB849	M	Change eligibility requirements under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act	Sen. Pansing Brooks	HHS	1/31/2020	General File with AM2149	Changes the legal age from 19 to 18 years of age in Nebraska
LB851	M	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. John McCollister	HHS	1/29/2020	In committee	Suggests that continuous eligibility be maintained under Medicaid for a child under the age of 19 without additional review by the department and regardless of changes in resources or income.
LB862	M	Prohibit possession by minors of tobacco and nicotine products	Sen. Dan Hughes	General Affairs	2/3/2020	In committee	A person under the age of 19 shall not <i>possess</i> tobacco or electronic delivery system device
LB864	M	Adopt the Bed Bug Detection and Treatment Act for cities of the metropolitan class	Sen. Justin Wayne	Urban Affairs	2/11/2020	In committee	Once a tenant reports suspected bed bugs to their landlord, the landlord has 96 hours to hire a qualified inspector and effectively treat the presence if found.

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LB867	M	Adopt the Local Option Municipal Childcare Financing Act	Sen. Matt Hansen	Urban Affairs	2/25/2020	In committee	The intention of this bill is to increase workforce development by allowing access to affordable and quality childcare. Strenuous process to map out and qualify a city to adopt an ordinance to establish an economic development program. The amount will then be fixed in the biennium budget. No greater than \$5 million.
LB868	M	Change provisions relating to mediators under the Parenting Act	Sen. Steve Lathrop	Judiciary	1/24/2020	In committee	A Parenting Act mediator, "including an attorney serving as a parenting plan mediator," prior to meeting with the parties in an initial session, shall provide an individual screening session with each party to assess the presence of child abuse or neglect, etc.
LB874	M	Restate intent regarding funding programs from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	Sen. Sara Howard	Appropriations	2/10/2020	In committee	Intent that any additional funding of the NHCCF after June 1, 2020 only be funded from investment income derived from the principal of the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund from previous fiscal year
LB878	M	Redefine immediate family and change conflict of interest provisions under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act	Sen. Lynn Walz	Government, Military and VA	2/20/2020	In committee	Immediate family shall mean a child "of an individual" and deletes existing statute that says "residing in an individual's household" for federal income tax purposes
LB886, amended to LB774	M	Prohibit certain acts by health insurers and network providers and list a deceptive trade practice	Sen. John Arch	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/4/2020	Final Reading	In response to the Millard Family Hospital that has declined coverage with CMS and is not in-network with any other provider, although advertising says different. Voids any contract between a facility and person that advertises as an in-network provider.
LB887, amended to LB1052	M	Authorize pharmacists to adapt prescriptions to aid consumers	Sen. John Arch	HHS	1/30/2020	Select File	A pharmacist who is acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care and has obtained patient consent may- 1. change the quantity of a drug prescribed if: a. quantity is not commercially available or b. change in quantity is related to dosage form. 2. change dosage if it is in the best interest of the patient and directions are modified. 3. extend a one-time refill

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LB893, amended to LB1002	M	Change provisions relating to emergency care providers and provide for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics	Sen. Bruce Bostelman	HHS	2/13/2020	Select File	Defines "emergency care provider" to include emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, community paramedics, critical care paramedics, and other paramedics licensed and classified under the EMSPractice Act. Strikes references to "out-of-hospital" emergency care providers. Defines "community paramedicine practice of emergency medical care" and "critical care paramedic practice of emergency medical care." Requires the EMS Board to establish criteria for community paramedicine and critical care paramedics.
LB901	M	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative	Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh	Appropriations	2/18/2020	In committee	Appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund for FY 20-21 to DHHS to contract with UNMC for the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.
LB906	M	Provide requirements and restrictions on maintenance, release, and use of video recordings of forensic interviews of children	Sen. Wendy DeBoer	Judiciary	1/23/2020	In committee	Supported by Project Harmony, Seeks to secure forensic interviews of children in child advocacy centers. Upon request, shall release to law enforcement to investigate.
LB907	M	Change provisions relating to adoptions	Sen. Wendy DeBoer	Judiciary	2/19/2020	In committee	Adds "regardless of their marital status." Also adds: Any minor child who has a sole legal parent may be adopted by a second adult if- the sole legal parent consents and the child has a parent-child relationship with the second person and an adoptive home study is completed.
LB917	M	Provide for a diabetes pilot study	Sen. Justin Wayne	HHS	2/21/2020	In committee	Appropriates \$2 million in each of the next 5 years for a statewide diabetes pilot study
LB922	M	Require electronic issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances as prescribed	Sen. Mark Kolterman	HHS	1/30/2020	In committee	All opioids would be required to be prescribed electronically.

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LB932	M	Require expansion of the medical assistance program as prescribed	Sen. Anna Wishart	HHS	1/29/2020	In committee	Requires DHHS to, on or before Oct. 1, 2020, expand eligibility for and to provide Medicaid to adults between the ages of 19 and 64 whose income level is less than or equal to 138% of the federal poverty level.
LB941	M	Create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights	Sen. Meghan Hunt	Judiciary	1/30/2020	In committee	Any child in foster care, child-care institution or a juvenile facility through a court proceeding shall receive the same quality of care as an in family child would receive. State of NE shall aspire to treat all children with dignity and respect, honest and clear communication and to help them understand the system in which they are involved.
LB946	O	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services	Sen. Tom Briese	Revenue	2/26/2020	In committee	Makes sales tax applicable to all services (services shall be presumed taxable unless a specific sales tax exemption applies). Service includes all activities that are engaged in for other persons for a consideration and that involve predominantly the performance of a service as distinguished from selling or leasing tangible personal property. The term does not include services rendered by an employee to his or her employer. Provides that beginning Oct. 1, 2021, the sales tax rate be lowered from 5.5% to 4% and that it then be adjusted to provide approximately the same amount of sales tax revenue as would have been generated had the changes to the sales tax base made by this bill not gone into effect.
LB949	S	Limit the amount an insured individual pays for prescription insulin drugs	Sen. Kate Bolz	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/18/2020	In committee	All payors shall limit the out-of-pocket expense for insured individuals to \$100 per 30 day supply for insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed.
LB955	M	Change provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance	Sen. Lynn Walz	HHS	1/29/2020	Select File	Notice of a decision to discontinue eligibility or to modify medical assistance shall include an explanation of the proposed action, the reason for the action, information used to make the decision or laws requiring such action.

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LB956	M	Provide duties for managed care organizations under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Lynn Walz- Walz Priority Bill	HHS	1/29/2020	Select File	If an MCO makes any material change to a provider agreement, the MCO shall provide the provider with at least 90 days notice of the change. The notice shall include: 1. the effective date 2. description of the change 3. Notice of the opportunity to communicate concerns with proposed changes
LB965	M	Establish a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing	Sen. Mike McDonnell- Speaker Priority Bill	Education	1/28/2020	Select File	The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall establish and coordinate a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The program shall assess, monitor, and track the language developmental milestones for children birth to 5 years old. Language assessments shall be given as needed to each child who is less than 6. Those are administered by a network that provides services for children with special needs through the school district in which the child is enrolled.
LB967	M	Change provisions regarding bullying prevention and education	Sen. Wendy DeBoer	Education	2/25/2020	In committee	On and after Aug. 1, 2020, school districts shall create a policy that creates a clear statement that school district prohibits harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying in school and at any school sponsored activity. Must also develop a procedure to review and respond to bullying reports.
LB969	M	Change provisions relating to video depositions of child victims and child witnesses	Sen. Justin Wayne	Judiciary	1/23/2020	In committee	Changes videotape to video or videorecording. Adds: Upon obtaining the video recording or a copy of the video recording, the defendant, the defendant's attorney or an agency may transcribe or replicate the video recording for purposes of review or inspection by the defendant.
LB970	S	Limit the amount an insured individual pays for prescription insulin drugs	Sen. Justin Wayne	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/18/2020	In committee	Also limits insulin to \$100, regardless of supply, per 30 days
LB974	M	Change taxation and school funding provisions	Revenue Committee- Revenue Committee Priority Bill	Revenue	1/22/2020	Three hours of debate reached without vote-waiting Speaker approval for lengthier debate	Reduces the reliance of school aid formula on property taxes by 13-15% with the inclusion of state aid to schools mostly in rural areas

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LB975	M	Change provisions relating to reports of child abuse or neglect	Sen. Suzanne Geist	Judiciary	1/31/2020	In committee	Strikes from existing statute the need to obtain the name and phone number of a person making a child abuse report
LB988	M	Provide restrictions on business entity ownership with respect to certain professional services	Sen. Mike Hilgers	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/10/2020	In committee	A business entity formed for the purpose of rendering professional service, the performance of which is subject to credentialing under the Uniform Credentialing Act, may have owners who are persons not credentialed in a professional service regulated under the Uniform Credentialing Act or persons who are credentialed in a professional service regulated under the Uniform Credentialing Act other than the professional service for which the business entity was formed. Such owners shall not, in the aggregate, directly or beneficially, comprise a majority of the owners of such business entity
LB992	M	Adopt the Broadband Internet Service Infrastructure Act and provide for certain broadband and Internet-related services	Sen. Curt Friesen- Transportation and Telecommunications Committee Priority Bill	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/3/2020	Select File	It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage local and regional broadband planning, and to encourage public-private partnerships to enhance broadband services in unserved and underserved areas of the state. Creates the position of state broadband coordinator to be located in the office of the Chief Information Officer.

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LB994	O	Adopt the Organ Transplant Fairness Act	Sen. Dave Murman	Judiciary	1/30/2020	In committee	<p>A covered entity (a licensed provider of health care services, including a hospital) shall not, solely on the basis of a qualified individual's mental or physical disability: (a) Deem the individual ineligible to receive an organ transplant; (b) Deny services related to organ transplantation; (c) Refuse to refer the individual to a transplant center or other related specialist for the purpose of evaluation or receipt of an organ transplant; (d) Refuse to place the individual on an organ transplant waiting list; (e) Place an individual at a lower-priority position on an organ transplant waiting list than the position at which the individual would have been placed if not for the individual's disability; or (f) Decline insurance coverage for any procedure associated with the receipt of an organ transplant, including post-transplantation care. Written notice upon denial is due within two days.</p>
LB996	M	Create the Broadband Data Improvement Program	Sen. Tom Brandt	Transportation and Telecommunications	2/3/2020	<p>Approved by the Governor on July 24, 2020</p>	<p>Creates the program to ensure accurate representation in federal broadband grant programs. Must prioritize data improvement in rural areas.</p>

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LB997	M	Adopt the Out-of-Network Emergency Medical Care Act	Sen. Adam Morfeld Morfeld Priority Bill	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/11/2020	<p>Approved by the Governor on July 24, 2020</p>	<p>If a covered person receives emergency services at any health care facility, the facility shall not bill the covered person in excess of any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amount applicable to in-network services pursuant to the covered person's health benefits plan. If a covered person receives emergency services at an in-network or out-of-network health care facility, the health care provider shall not bill the covered person in excess of any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amount applicable to in-network services pursuant to the covered person's health benefits plan—the carrier shall ensure that the covered person incurs no greater out-of-pocket costs than the covered person would have incurred with an in-network health care provider for covered services. If emergency services provided at an in-network or out of network health care facility are performed, the out-of-network health care provider may bill the carrier for the services rendered. The carrier may pay the billed amount or notify the health care provider within 20 days after the date of the receipt of the claim that the carrier considers the claim excessive. (A claim shall be presumed reasonable if it is based on the higher of the carrier's contracted rate or 125% of the payment rate received from CMS for the same or similar services in the same geographic area.) If the carrier provides this notice, the carrier and the health care provider shall have 30 days to negotiate a settlement or engage in mediation. The carrier and the health care provider shall reach agreement through the mediation process. The cost of mediation shall be split evenly by the carrier and the health care provider.</p>
LB998	S	Require behavioral awareness and interventional training and points of contact, transfer funds and change the TEEOSA	Sen. Dave Murman	Education	1/27/2020	<p>General File with AM2214</p>	<p>Creates the Behavioral Training Cash Fund administered by the Dept. of Education with money appropriated by Legislature. To be used for mandatory behavioral awareness and intervention training to: 1. recognize detrimental factors impacting student behavior 2. signs of trauma 3. proactive teaching strategies 4. de-escalation techniques 5. clear guidelines on removing students from class. Designate one or more people in each school as point of contact and to train them in community service providers.</p>

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LB1001	M	Require student prevention phone numbers on student ID cards	Sen. Sue Crawford	Education	2/18/2020	General File	Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, each school board shall require the phone number for a national suicide prevention hotline or crisis line on each student ID card to students in middle school and high school
LB1002	M	Change provisions relating to wholesale drug distribution for emergency medical reasons	Sen. Bruce Bostelman- Bostelman Priority	HHS	2/13/2020	Select File	The sale, purchase, or trade of or an offer to sell, purchase or trade a prescription drug for emergency medical reasons or "an emergency medical service to use for the provision of emergency medical care, not to exceed 5% of sales."
LB1008	M	Provide, change and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	Speaker Scheer	Appropriations	1/29/2020	Select File	Placeholder budget Bill at the request of the Governor. Includes behavioral health provider rate increases,\$2M for public health departments, recommits CARES Act funds to grants
LB1009	M	Provide for transfers of funds, repeal a fund, change use of a fund	Speaker Scheer	Appropriations	1/29/2020	Advanced to E&R Initial	Placeholder budget Bill at the request of the Governor
LB1010	M	Change Cash Reserve Fund provisions	Speaker Scheer	Appropriations	1/29/2020	In committee	Placeholder budget Bill at the request of the Governor
LB1011	M	Require certain hospitals to accept reimbursement from the Medicare program	Sen. John Arch	HHS	2/20/2020	In committee	In response to the Millard Family Hospital, "each hospital other than a rehab hospital, psych or mental hospital, CAH or LTC hospital shall enter into an agreement with the US Secretary of HHS to accept reimbursement for services from the Medicare program."
LB1012	M	Change provisions relating to tax exemptions for property acquired by certain tax-exempt entities	Sen. Andrew LaGrone	Revenue	2/27/2020	In committee	Any organization seeking tax exemption shall make the application for exemption on or before Dec. 31 of the year the property was acquired. The county shall complete as soon as practicable after receipt.
LB1016	M	Change the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act	Sen. Matt Hansen- Business and Labor Priority Bill	Business & Labor	2/3/2020	Approved by Governor on July 24, 2020	An employer shall not retaliate or discriminate against an employee because the employee- 1. files a suite or complaint under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act or 2. Testifies, assists or participates in an investigation or action concerning a violation of the act
LB1018	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. Tony Vargas	Appropriations	2/18/2020	In committee	\$6.5 million from General Fund to local public health departments
LB1019	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. Tony Vargas	Appropriations	2/18/2020	In committee	\$3 million from General Fund for the seven federally qualified community health centers

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LB1023	M	Adopt the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Cost Act	Sen. Wendy DeBoer	Education	2/24/2020	In committee	On or after Sept. 21 of each school fiscal year, a school district may apply to the Dept. of Education for a payment from the newly developed fund to cover any extraordinary increase in special education.
LB1036	M	Allow persons 18 years of age to make health care decisions and persons under 19 years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care	Sen. Adam Morfeld	Judiciary	1/31/2020	In committee	Eighteen years of age or older may make health care decisions for himself without the consent of a parent or guardian. Under nineteen of age and who is committed to the Dept. of Corrections may consent to medical and mental health services.
LB1037	M	Change provisions relating to household eligibility for SNAP benefits	Sen. Meghan Hunt	HHS	2/20/2020	In committee	If a person in the household violates work requirements, only that person and not the whole household would lose SNAP benefits.
LB1038	M	Change provisions relating to eligibility of SNAP	Sen. Meghan Hunt	HHS	2/20/2020	In committee	A person convicted of a felony involving controlled substances may only be eligible for SNAP if the person- 1. completed sentence 2. serving a term of parole, probation or post-release supervision
LB1039	M	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh	Education	2/18/2020	General File	intent to provide each eligible student in a public school with meals at no cost. Eligible means a meal served to a student which is reimbursable by the federal government.
LB1040	M	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program	Sen. Tony Vargas	Agriculture	2/11/2020	In committee	\$150,000 from General Fund to Dept. of Ag to administer a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program.
LB1044, amended to LB1002	M	Change provisions relating to the practice of medical nutrition therapy	Sen. Ben Hansen	HHS	2/26/2020	Select File	A licensed medical nutrition therapist may order patient diets, including therapeutic diets, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, which allows a LMNT to practice under the consultation of a physician.
LB1048	M	Create the offense of sexual assault by a school employee and provide notification to the Commissioner of Education	Sen. Dan Quick	Judiciary	2/20/2020	General File	In situations of alleged out-of home child abuse or neglect, if the subject of the report of the child abuse is a school employee, DHHS shall immediately notify the Commissioner of Education.

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LB1049	M	Provide for participation in federal Child Care Subsidy child care assistance as prescribed	Sen. Kate Bolz	HHS	2/21/2020	In committee	Intent to utilize TANF carryover funding to offset expenses and increase the eligibility from 130% FPL to 150% FPL.
LB1051	M	Create the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Cash Fund	Sen. Anna Wishart	HHS	2/12/2020	In committee	Establishes an Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Cash Fund to award grants of up to \$50,000 to nursing facilities for one-time startup costs to provide child care in such facilities.
LB1052, package	M	Change provisions relating to the preferred drug list under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Anna Wishart- Wishart Priority Bill	HHS	1/30/2020	Select File	Establishes that Medicaid coverage shall not be denied for a patient's prescription of an antidepressant, antipsychotic, or anticonvulsant if such drug is deemed medically necessary by the patient's health care provider.
LB1053	S	Require rules and regulations for hospital and nursing facility medicaid reimbursement rates	HHS Committee- HHS Priority Bill	HHS	2/12/2020	Final Reading	The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding the rate methodology for reimbursement of hospital and nursing facility services. Any change to the rate methodology is considered substantive and requires new rulemaking or regulationmaking under the Administrative Procedure Act
LB1058	S	Adopt the Population Health Information Act	Sen. Sara Howard	HHS	2/13/2020	In committee	Purpose is to designate an entity to provide the data infrastructure needed to assist in creating a healthier NE and operating the electronic health records initiative. The exchange shall: 1) aggregate clinical information from health care entities needed to support the operation of the medical assistance program 2)analyze health data 3)collect and analyze data for the legislature, dhhs, and health care providers 4) act as the primary collector and reporter of public health data
LB1059	M	Change provisions relating to health care facility licensure	Sen. Sara Howard	HHS	2/27/2020	AM2511 filed	Only one member (currently two) is required to sign the facility licensure application
LB1061	S	Change provisions relating to alternative response to reports of child abuse or neglect	Sen. Sue Crawford- Crawford Priority Bill	HHS	1/31/2020	Presented to the Governor on July 21, 2020	Defines a child advocacy center as an appropriate site for forensic interviews and referring victims of child abuse or neglect. Adds definition for kin giver and relative caregiver. Upon receipt of a report, the department shall determine whether to- a)accept the report for traditional response b)accept the report for alternative response c)accept the report for screening by Review, Evaluate, and Decide team d) classify report as no action needed

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LB1064	S	Change provisions relating to the sale and use of tobacco products	Sen. Tom Briese	General Affairs- General Affairs Priority Bill	2/3/2020	General File	Change state legal age to 21 (currently 19)
LB1065	M	Change provisions regarding pharmacies and pharmacists	Sen. Steve Halloran	HHS	2/27/2020	In committee	Removes existing statute that says a pharmacists can have up to three interns at any time. Adds "pharmacy technician" to existing statute with pharmacist and pharmacy techs.
LB1100	M	State intent regarding appropriations for mental health and behavioral health services	Sen. Kate Bolz	Appropriations	2/12/2020	In Committee	A 15% rate increase for behavioral health providers
LB1102	M	Provide an appropriation for volunteer emergency medical care providers	Sen. Lynn Walz	Appropriations	2/18/2020	In committee	\$250,000 from General Fund to DHHS to reimburse tuition and fees for intial and ongoing training of volunteer emergency medical care providers
LB1104	M	Redefine a term under the Health Care Quality Improvement Act	Sen. John Arch	HHS	2/20/2020	In committee	Professional health care service entity means an entity which is organized under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act
LB1105	M	Change audit provisions under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. Ben Hansen	HHS	2/19/2020	In committee	Intent of the Legislature is to establish and maintain guidelines for the medical assistance p rogram that meet minimum federal requirements that encourages efficient and effective provisions of services by NE providers
LB1124	M	Adopt the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act	Sen. Sara Howard- Speaker Priority Bill	HHS	2/13/2020	General File	Purpose of the act is to provide for use of dedicated revenue for opioid-related treatment and prevention. The fund shall include recoveries received on behalf of the state by the Dept. of Justice related to the advertisting of opioids.
LB1140	M	Provide requirements for youth rehabilitation and treatment centers	HHS Committee- HHS Committee Priority Bill	HHS	2/5/2020	Final Reading	Shall provide- safe and sanitary space, education, health and medical services, appropriate physical seperation based on gender, training to the population, facility administrator, evaluation process, etc.
LB1141, amended to LB1140	M	Require the DHHS to develop operations plans for youth rehab and treatment centers	HHS Committee	HHS	2/5/2020	Final Reading	DHHS shall develop a five year plan for YRTC Geneva and Kearney by Nov. 15, 2020. Input required from key stakeholders. Organizational chart of supervisors and staff. Description of each population at centers.
LB1142, amnded to LB1140	M	Provide for emergency plans at the YRTC	HHS Committee	HHS	2/5/2020	Final Reading	Emergency does not include inadequate staffing. Emergency situations include fire, flood, tornado, natural disaster, or damage to the facility.

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LB1143, amended to LB1140	M	Provide duties for the DHHS with respect to inpatient adolescent psych unit	HHS Committee	HHS	2/5/2020	Final Reading	DHHS shall contract for the completion of a needs assessment and cost analysis for the establishment of an inpatient adolescent psych unit housed within the Lincoln Regional Center.
LB1144	M	Change provisions affecting the Public Counsel and Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	HHS Committee- Sen. Howard Priority Bill	Executive Board	2/4/2020	Final Reading	The Office of Juvenile Services shall report to the IG of NE Child Welfare after any of the following occur at a YRTC- assault, escape, attempted suicide, self harm, property damage, use of restraints, medical event.
LB1156	M	Provide for a statewide school panic button program	Sen. Tony Vargas	Education	2/25/2020	In committee	NDE estimates expenditures of \$23,039 for the State School Security Director to oversee the development and implementation and \$1.9M in operating expenditures
LB1158	M	Provide information on job-skills programs to applicants for medical assistance	Sen. John Arch- Arch Priority Bill	HHS	2/19/2020	General file with AM2851	The intent of LB 1158 is to provide career-enhancement opportunities to applicants for medical assistance under the Medical Assistance Act. DHHS shall inform each applicant for Medicaid about job-skills withing DHHS, Dept. of Labor or other programs
LB1170	M	Provide for bias training , coverage under the doula and postpartum program	Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh	HHS	2/26/2020	In committee	Every health professional shall complete implicit bias triaining approved by the department. DHHS shall deloped specific training for minority women.
LB1171	M	Change provisions under Healthy Pregnancies for Incacerated Women Act	Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh	Judiciary	2/12/2020	In committee	Ensures that women who are incarcerated are able to breastfeed or express breastmilk for their infant children. If possible, infants are to stay with their mothers whenever possible.
LB1176	M	Change provisions relating to sale of tobacco products and e-cigs	Sen. Tom Briese	General Affairs	2/3/2020	In committee	Bans certain flavored liquid vapor products here in Nebraska
LB1182	M	Provide for notice of a new drug or biologics license and a study of drug costs	Sen. Justin Wayne	HHS	2/26/2020	In committee	Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, DHHS may conduct a study of each manufacturer of a pipeline drug that may have a significant impact on state expenditures under the Medical Assistance Act for outpatient prescription drugs.

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LB1183	M	Create the Health Information Technology Board and change PDMP provisions	Sen. John Arch-Sen. Hilgers Priority Bill	HHS	2/13/2020	Final Reading	Institutes a 14-member board to establish criteria for data collection and disbursement by the statewide health information exchange. Board would provide governance over statewide health information and the PDMP.
LB1184, amended to LB1002	M	Require standards for psychiatric services under Medical Assistance act	Sen. John Arch	HHS	2/19/2020	General File	Prohibits DHHS and NE Medicaid from setting standards for inpatient psych units and residential treatment facilities that are more restrictive than national accreditation standards
LB1196	M	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation act	Sen. Adam Morfeld	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/24/2020	In committee	The Act would add definitions for spread pricing and clean claims and transfers current statutory provisions into the insurance code. The bill would prohibit exclusionary networks, prohibit punishing patients by requiring them to pay higher co-payments for medications dispensed at local pharmacies, prohibits steering patients to mail order or PBM owned pharmacies.
LB1215	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. Ben Hansen	Appropriations	2/10/2020	In committee	Seeks to appropriate 17 million dollars, for FY2021-22, from the general fund to the DHHS with the intent that over 3,000 people on the disability services waiting list get services.
LB1221	M	Change controlled substances scheduled for certain legally approved drugs containing cannabis	Sen. Justin Wayne	Judiciary	2/21/2020	In committee	Would adjust Nebraska's Controlled Substances Act and include nabiximols in the list of Schedule III controlled substances, while also removing cannabidiol from the list of Schedule V controlled substances.
LR300CA	M	Constitutional amendment to prohibit all forms of taxation other than a consumption tax	Sen. Steve Erdman-Erdman Priority	Revenue	2/12/2020	In committee	Constitutional amendment that changes the way taxes are collected, replaces the income tax, the sales tax, property tax and the inheritance tax with a single-rate consumption tax.
LR279CA	M	Constitutional amendment to authorize an increase in the number of members of the Legislature	Speaker Scheer	Executive Board	1/22/2020	General File	A constitutional amendment to authorize an increase in the maximum number of members of the Legislature not to exceed 55 members.

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LR280CA	M	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms	Sen. Justin Wayne	Executive Board	2/18/2020	In committee	if approved by the voters of Nebraska, would increase the term limit for state senators to three consecutive terms
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ACTIVE CARRYOVER LEGISLATION

147	M	To provide for the use of physical contact or physical restraint under the Student Discipline Act	Groene-Sen. Murman Priority Bill	Education	2/11/2019	M. Hansen filed AM2069	Permits teachers or other staff to physically restrain students when posing a threat to themselves or others. Defines physical restraint as holding hands, arms or torso, no binding.
230	M	Provide for room confinement of juveniles as prescribed	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary	2/14/2019	Approved by Governor on Feb. 12, 2020	Room confinement for a juvenile for longer than one hour during a 24 hour period shall be documented and approved. Provides for several reasons when room confinement cannot be used, including- punishment, staffing shortage, retaliation by staff, room availability.
251	S	Adopt the Child Hunger Workforce Readiness Act	Walz	Education	1/28/2019	In committee 1/14/2019	A public school participating in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program shall provide each student who is eligible for a reduced-price breakfast or reduced-price lunch with such meal at no cost to the student. The State Dept. of Education shall reimburse each school district in the amount that the school district would otherwise have charged.
254	M	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act	McCollister	Business & Labor	2/4/2019	Final Reading	Prohibits public and private employers and employment agencies from asking for criminal history as prescribed
266	M	Change provisions relating to a tax credit for child care and education providers	Lindstrom	Revenue	2/1/2019	Final Reading	Individuals who are employed with, or who is self-employed, providing child care and early education for an eligible program for at least six months may obtain a tax credit on the quality scale rating under the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act
305	M	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families Workplace Act	Crawford	Business & Labor	2/4/2019	Three hours of debate reached without vote	Mandates that private employers with four or more employees provide workers at least one hour of paid "sick and safe time" for every 30 hours worked. An employer with a paid leave policy is exempt

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328	M	Adopt the Nebraska Family First Act, provide for non-court-involved response to reports of child abuse or neglect	Bolz	HHS	3/7/2019	In committee 1/18/2019	The Legislature finds that enhanced support to children and families can prevent foster care placement through the provision of mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator services. Align state welfare funding with primary outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being.
337	M	Require report of federal receipts with the annual state budget report	Stinner	Government, Military & VA	2/21/2019	General File with AM971	The office of the Director of Administrative Services shall include in the annual budget report on agency budget requests information that compiles and summarizes the following- the aggregate value of the federal receipts of the agency for the preceding year, the aggregate amount appropriated to the agency by the Legislature in the preceding year, the percentage of the agency's total budget that constitutes federal receipts, a description of any requirement for a state match
343	M	Adopt the School Safety and Rapid Response Option Act	Halloran	Judiciary	2/28/2019	In committee 1/18/2019	Authorizes schools to allow school employees to carry concealed handguns at school as prescribed
378	M	Change helmet provisions for auto cycles, motorcycles and mopeds	Hansen	Transportation & Telecommunication	2/12/2019	Hilkeman AM1665 filed	Requires eye protection for all riders and passengers. Repeal helmet requirements for those 21 and over
388	M	Change provisions relating to termination of parental rights, placement of children and guardianship	Howard	Judiciary	2/8/2019	General File with AM803	If the child has been cared for by a non-relative foster parent or parents for a continuous period of 12 months or more and bonding has occurred, preference shall be given to permanent placement with such foster parent or parent unless declined
389	M	Change provisions relating to termination of parental rights	Howard	Judiciary	2/8/2019	Introduced 1/17/2019	To change and provide grounds for termination of parental rights
458	S	Change provisions relating to child abuse or neglect	Lathrop	Judiciary	3/15/2019	Introduced 1/18/2019	Creates a multidisciplinary team for child abuse
485	M	Appropriate money to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney	Lowe	Appropriations	3/26/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	\$2 million from the General Fund to the Youth Rehab and Treatment Center- Kearney

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488	M	Adopt school district requirements for mental health education and change school district requirements for drug awareness and prevention	Howard	Education	3/25/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Beginning with school year 2020-2021, each school district shall incorporate age-appropriate mental health education into the school program. Includes defining mental health, warning signs, characteristics of mental wellness, resources. Shall also incorporate drug awareness and prevention into the school program for students in each grade. Education shall include strategies to prevent illegal use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, and how to reduce risk of abusing and at least 60 minutes on opioid use specifically
489	M	Require registration for the prescription drug monitoring program	Howard	HHS	3/28/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Requires each credential holder under the Uniform Credentialing Act to register with the department for the PDMP. Required within one month after issuance of the original or renewal credential. No fee.
516	M	Change provisions relating to child abuse, the Child Protection and Family Safety Act, human trafficking and child welfare	Pansing Brooks	Judiciary	2/22/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Requires a report of any child that may be a victim of sex trafficking and requires an in-person investigation with law enforcement, local child advocacy center and child abuse and neglect investigation team. Also has LB517 which changes human trafficking civil damage provisions
541	M	Provide a duty for the DHHS relating to bone marrow	Walz	HHS	3/13/2019	Approved by Governor on Feb. 19, 2020	Requires DHHS to educate residents of the state about the need for bone marrow donors, "patient populations benefiting from bone marrow donations, and how to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow registry."
567	M	Adopt the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Act	Morfeld	HHS	2/13/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Requires notice and disclosure of information relating to the cost and pricing of prescription drugs, permits a manufacturer of a drug to negotiate discounts and rebates for drugs consistent with state and federal aw. Applies to the manufacturer of a drug that is purchased or the price of which is reimbursed by any of the following- a state purchaser in NE (correctional services, DHHS, etc.) and a PBM among a few others.

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568	S	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds	Morfeld	Education	3/18/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Dept. of Ed shall establish a mental health first aid training for teachers and other personnel employed by a school district or an ESU. Training provided by certified professionals from a national organization for behavioral health. Trains teachers and staff on skills, resources, knowledge to assist students in crisis to connect with appropriate mental health care services, create action plans, safely de-escalate the crisis, timely refer student to a mental health service in the early stages of the development of a mental disorder
569	M	Adopt the Out-of-Network Consumer Protection, Transparency and Accountability Act	Morfeld	Banking, Commerce & Insurance	3/5/2019	Introduced 1/22/2019	Prior to scheduling an appointment with a covered person for a nonemergency procedure, a health care facility shall- disclose to the covered person whether they are in-network or out-of-network with respect to the cover person's health benefits plan; advise that the covered person will have a financial responsibility applicable to an in-network procedure and not in excess of the covered's copayment, deductible or coinsurance.
634	S	Require three-point safety belt systems for school vehicles	Hilkemann	Transportation & Telecommunication	3/4/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	Any vehicle used by or on behalf of a school district or ESU for the transportation of students shall be equipped with three-point safety belt systems. Exempt if- vehicle was purchased prior to the effective date of the act or if the school board or ESU holds a vote that money is not in the budget to accommodate such changes.
666	M	Change Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund and train first responders and EMTs in rural areas	Dorn	Appropriations	3/12/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 for FY 2020-21 from the Health Care Cash Fund to the Board of Regents to be used for the Simulation in Motion program to train first responders and EMTs in rural areas.
701	M	Require billing for emergency medical services	Bostelman	HHS	3/20/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	EMS shall transmit a request for payment to recipient of service involving transportation of the recipient to a health care facility or to his or her parent or guardian if recipient is a minor

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710	S	Tobacco tax increase and distribution of funds	Cavanaugh	Revenue	2/28/2019	Failed to advance from committee	Tobacco tax increase bill. All tobacco products beginning FY 2020-21 and thereafter will have \$1.50 of a \$2.14 tax shall be distributed to- 70% General Fund, 1.1% Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, 1% to UNMC and Creighton for cancer research, 2.5% to Building Renewal Allocation Fund, 3% equally distributed to UNMC, Creighton and Boys Town for neurobehavioral research in children, 25% Medicaid expansion, 2% College of Public Health, 2% FQHCs, 6% to increase CHIP eligibility, 1% EMS initiatives, 2.5% FMLA start up, 5% K-12 education, 2.5% telehealth services, and 2% to the Behavioral Health Provider Rate Stabilization Fund which is created by this bill to support reimbursement of behavioral health services provider rates.
727	S	Provide duties for school districts, State Dept. of Education and DHHS with respect to mental health services	Walz	Education	2/19/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	State Dept. of Education in consultation with DHHS shall provide each school district with a registry of state and local mental health resources available to work with students and families by geographic area. Registry shall be updated annually and include resources for both school-based services and services outside of the school. Each school district shall designate one or more mental health points of contact for each school building (nurse, administrator, psychologist, social worker, etc.) and must train them to have knowledge of community service providers for students
728	S	Provide duties relating to school meals	Walz	Education	2/19/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	The department shall promote practices to prevent and reduce student debt for school breakfasts and lunches and shall create a uniform meal charge policy that schools may implement that shall require- each student be served a reimbursable meal upon request at each meal during each school day, regardless of whether such student can immediately pay for the meal or has accrued debt.

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730	M	Change provisions relating to APRNs	Walz	HHS	2/6/2019	Introduced 1/23/2019	<p>An APRN may, within scope of practice- conduct an advanced assessment as defined by the board, order and interpret diagnostic procedures, establish primary and differential diagnosis, prescribe, order, administer, dispense and furnish therapeutic measures, consult with other health care professionals and provide referrals to providers and resources; wear ID that identifies individual is an APRN; May assess the need for and prescribe, administer drugs, immunizing agents, diagnostic tests and treatments.</p>
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