

LEGISLATIVE BILL 985

Approved by the Governor April 5, 2012

Introduced by Krist, 10; Ashford, 20; Campbell, 25; Harr, 8; Howard, 9;
McGill, 26.

FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to provide for a pilot program as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. The Nebraska Juvenile Service Delivery Project shall be established as a pilot program administered by the Office of Probation Administration. The pilot program shall be evaluated by the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Public Health. The project may be expanded by the Office of Probation Administration. The purpose of the pilot program is to (1) provide access to services in the community for juveniles placed on probation, (2) prevent unnecessary commitment of juveniles to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Office of Juvenile Services, (3) eliminate barriers preventing juveniles from receiving needed services, (4) prevent unnecessary penetration of juveniles further into the juvenile justice system, (5) enable the juvenile's needs to be met in the least intrusive and least restrictive manner while maintaining the safety of the juvenile and the community, (6) reduce the duplication of resources within the juvenile justice system through intense coordinated case management and supervision, and (7) use evidence-based practices and responsive case management to improve outcomes for adjudicated juveniles.

Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.