

LEGISLATIVE BILL 720

Approved by the Governor April 7, 1990

Introduced by Wesely, 26

AN ACT relating to paupers; to amend section 68-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to provide duties for the Director of Social Services; to provide for additional staff for child welfare services; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. That section 68-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

68-1207. The Director of Social Services shall supervise all public child welfare services as described by law. The director shall establish and maintain caseloads to carry out child welfare services which provide for adequate, timely, and in-depth investigations and services to children and families. In establishing the standards for such caseloads, the director shall include the workload factors that may differ due to geographic responsibilities, office location, and the travel required to provide a timely response in the investigation of abuse and neglect, the protection of children, and the provision of services to children and families in a uniform and consistent statewide manner. The director shall consult with the appropriate employee representative in establishing such standards. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Legislature shall provide funds for additional staff. In order to achieve the established standards by January 1994, the Department of Social Services shall add one-fourth of the additional staff annually beginning in fiscal year 1990-91.

Sec. 2. In each even-numbered year, the Director of Social Services shall provide a report to the Legislature and Governor outlining the caseloads, the factors considered in their establishment, and the fiscal resources necessary for their maintenance. Such report shall include a comparison of caseloads established by the director with the workload standards recommended by national child welfare organizations along with the amount of fiscal resources necessary to maintain such caseloads in Nebraska.

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Sec. 3. That original section 68-1207,
Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.