

SENATE BILL No. 170

By Senator Faust-Goudeau

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas department for children and families;
2 relating to performance-based contracting.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The Kansas department for children and families shall
6 collaborate with community partners and stakeholders to jointly develop a
7 plan for implementation of a core set of performance-based contracts to
8 provide an array of evidence-based and prevention and intervention
9 services for families who are at risk for an out-of-home placement or have
10 a child in out-of-home care and for children who are awaiting adoption.
11 The implementation plan must describe:

12 (1) The services that should be delivered under the contract in order
13 to assure that providers have the flexibility to provide adequate,
14 appropriate and relevant evidence-based services to individual families;

15 (2) the outcome measures that will be used to evaluate the
16 effectiveness of performance under the contracts;

17 (3) how families will be referred to contracted providers, including
18 the protocols for continued communication or coordination between
19 providers and the department in order to assure child safety and well-being
20 and to promote the family's engagement; and

21 (4) the optimum balance of shared responsibility for child protection
22 and child welfare between the state and community-based providers,
23 including a description of the core functions to be performed by each.

24 (b) In developing the implementation plan, the Kansas department for
25 children and families shall consider the capacity for regionwide delivery of
26 an array of evidence-based and prevention and early intervention services
27 to children and families, paying particular attention to the willingness and
28 ability of the community and stakeholders to collaborate in development
29 of a plan by the reporting date and whether there are any existing and
30 available multidisciplinary or multi-system work groups engaged in
31 performance improvement or reform efforts. The Kansas department for
32 children and families shall report to the governor, the house of
33 representatives committee on children and seniors and the senate
34 committee on public health and welfare by January 31, 2018, with a plan
35 to begin implementation on July 1, 2018. Not later than January 31, 2019,
36 the Kansas department for children and families shall provide the governor

1 and the legislature with a status update and recommendations for
2 continued progress.

3 (c) The Kansas department for children and families shall develop a
4 proposal for submission to the legislature for the reinvestment of savings
5 from reduced foster care caseloads into evidence-based prevention and
6 intervention programs designed to prevent the need for or reduce the
7 duration of foster care placements. The proposal shall be submitted to the
8 legislature and the governor by January 31, 2019, and shall include
9 sufficient detail regarding accounting, budgeting and allocation or other
10 procedures for legislative consideration and approval.

11 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.