

**SENATE BILL No. 12**

By Senator Faust-Goudeau

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1 AN ACT concerning the department for children and families; relating to  
2 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 set of performance-based contracts to provide  
8 an array of evidence-based prevention and early intervention services for  
9 families who are at risk for an out-of-home placement or have a child in  
10 out-of-home care and for children who are awaiting adoption. The  
11 implementation plan shall describe:

12 (1) The services that are required to be delivered under any contract  
13 in order to assure that providers have the ability 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 provider 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 department and the providers, including a  
23 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 prevention and early intervention services to  
27 children and families, paying particular attention to the willingness and  
28 ability of the community and stakeholders to collaborate in the  
29 development of the implementation plan by January 31, 2022, and whether  
30 there are any existing and available multidisciplinary or multi-system work  
31 groups engaged in performance improvement or reform efforts. The  
32 Kansas department for children and families shall report to the governor,  
33 the house of representatives committee on children and seniors and the  
34 senate committee on public health and welfare by January 31, 2022, with a  
35 plan to begin implementation on July 1, 2022. Not later than January 31,  
36 2023, the Kansas department for children and families shall provide to the

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

3 (c) The Kansas department for children and families shall submit a  
4 proposal to the legislature and the governor on or before January 31, 2023,  
5 for the reinvestment of savings from reduced foster care caseloads into  
6 evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs designed to  
7 prevent the need for or reduce the duration of out-of-home placements.  
8 The proposal shall include sufficient detail regarding accounting,  
9 budgeting and allocation of resources or other procedures for legislative  
10 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.