

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~~ **2023**, and
30 whether there are any existing and available multidisciplinary or multi-
31 system work groups engaged in performance improvement or reform
32 efforts. The Kansas department for children and families shall report to the
33 governor, the house of representatives committee on children and seniors
34 and the senate committee on public health and welfare by January 31,
35 ~~2022~~ **2023**, with a plan to begin implementation on July 1, ~~2022~~ **2023**. Not
36 later than January 31, ~~2023~~ **2024**, the Kansas department for children and

1 families shall provide to the governor and the legislature a status update
2 and recommendations for 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 **2024**, for the reinvestment of savings from reduced foster care caseloads
6 into evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs designed
7 to 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.