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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 956**

Introduced by Howard, 9; Crawford, 45.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend
- 2 section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to require
- 3 application for a demonstration project allowing certain residents
- 4 to purchase health care coverage as prescribed; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is  
2 amended to read:

3 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-991 and section 2 of this act shall be  
4 known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) On or before January 1, 2019, the department shall  
6 submit an application for a waiver or an amendment to the medicaid state  
7 plan to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under  
8 section 1115 of the Social Security Act, as such section existed on  
9 January 1, 2018, to implement a demonstration project to allow a resident  
10 of the State of Nebraska to purchase health care coverage through the  
11 medical assistance program as specified in this section.

12 (2) The demonstration project shall (a) make such coverage available  
13 for purchase to the extent allowed by the Social Security Act, as such  
14 act existed on January 1, 2018, to any resident of the state who is not  
15 otherwise eligible for the medical assistance program, (b) require an  
16 annual premium for such coverage in an amount not to exceed one hundred  
17 fifty percent of the median expenditure paid on behalf of a recipient of  
18 benefits under the medical assistance program during the immediately  
19 preceding fiscal year, (c) require that benefits provided to a purchaser  
20 of such coverage under this section are the same as other recipients of  
21 benefits under the medical assistance program, and (d) not use federal  
22 funds for benefits provided to a purchaser of such coverage under this  
23 section.

24 (3) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
25 as necessary to carry out this section. The department shall not use  
26 federal funds for purposes of this section.

27 Sec. 3. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017,  
28 is repealed.