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NOTE: DHHS is still gathering information regarding this recent incident and will not be responding to questions until tomorrow morning.

14th Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred This Evening

Lincoln - Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, said a 15-year-old girl was left at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law, earlier this evening.

Landry said the girl's father left her at the hospital and DHHS is in the process of gathering information. There is every indication the girl is from Nebraska.

This is the 14th instance of use of LB 157 and the 22nd child left at a hospital under the law since September 13. LB 157 went into effect on July 18.

More information about Nebraska's safe haven law, as well as information about local resources for families, can be found on the Department's Website at http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/children_family_services_safehaven.aspx.

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