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20th Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred Thursday

Lincoln - Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, said an 8-year-old boy from Indiana was left at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law, on November 6.

Landry said the boy's mother left him at the hospital late Thursday morning. The Department is in the process of gathering additional information.

This is the 20th instance of use of LB 157 and the 28th 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

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