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12th Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred on October 25

Lincoln - Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, said a 12-year-old boy from the Atlanta, Georgia area, was left at BryanLGH Medical Center East through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law, on the evening of October 25.

This is the 12th instance of use of LB 157 and the 20th child left at a hospital under the law since September 13. LB 157 went into effect on July 18.

Landry said the boy's mother drove to Nebraska from Georgia. DHHS is in the process of gathering information from Nebraska and Georgia, and has placed the boy in residential shelter care.

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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