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19th Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred Last 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 from Douglas County was left at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law, late yesterday afternoon (Nov. 3).

Landry said the girl's legal guardian left her at the hospital.

This is the 19th instance of use of LB 157 and the 27th 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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