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4 **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1610**

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6 By Senators Jenkins, Goodwin, Jackson, Oleen and Praeger

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing that the state rates for
11 residential services be reviewed, contracts revisited and recommen-
12 dations forwarded to the 2002 Legislature from a joint interim study.

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14 WHEREAS, The state has a responsibility to ensure that youth placed
15 in the custody of the state for out of home placement in community
16 residential facilities receive quality treatment and services in safe, sanitary
17 and healthy environments; and

18 WHEREAS, Many children and families need specialized treatment
19 services to address issues of challenging behaviors and the current med-
20 icaid plan may not adequately address such treatment services; and

21 WHEREAS, For quality services and treatment to be available, com-
22 munity residential facilities need to receive adequate reimbursement for
23 services they are required to provide; and

24 WHEREAS, State resources have been significantly increased, yet the
25 providers have not realized those moneys through rate increases; and

26 WHEREAS, The state rates for residential services have remained
27 constant for over seven years with no increase in the per diem rate since
28 1994; and

29 WHEREAS, The consumer price index has increased by 18.1% since
30 the last rate increase occurred in 1994; and

31 WHEREAS, The standards by which the facilities operate place a high
32 but an appropriate level of conditions to ensure facilities provide services
33 in a safe, secure and humane manner; and

34 WHEREAS, The standards by which facilities (**Level IV**, Level V and
35 Level VI) **and emergency care** were revised in 2000 to reflect a greater
36 degree of services to be delivered by the residential provider; and

37 WHEREAS, The cost to do business as a community residential fa-
38 cility has continued to increase on an annual basis; and

39 WHEREAS, There are presently not an adequate number of com-
40 munity residential facilities to meet the needs of youth needing out of
41 home placement; and

42 WHEREAS, Continuing the present rates will force facilities to reduce
43 the quality of services or be forced to go out of business: Now, therefore,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
2 *resentatives concurring therein:* That the state rates for residential serv-
3 ices be reviewed, contracts revisited and recommendations forwarded to
4 the 2002 Legislature from a joint interim study of the issues by the Joint
5 Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight and the SRS
6 Transition Oversight Committee; and

7 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation
8 Services shall prepare and submit any Medicaid State Plan amendments
9 necessary to make appropriate behavior-based services available to youth
10 to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for approval; and

11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
12 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the chairperson of the Joint Com-
13 mittee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, the chairperson of
14 the SRS Transition Oversight Committee, the Secretary of Social and
15 Rehabilitation Services, the commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Author-
16 ity, the president of the Kansas Children's Service League and the Region
17 VII Office of the Health Care Financing Administration.

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