



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 474**

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**Hearing Date:** February 8, 2007  
**Committee On:** Judiciary

**Introducer(s):** (Chambers)

**Title:** Provide for certain misconduct by school teachers, school nurses, and police officers to be a public record

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

6	Yes	Sen. Ashford, Sen. Lathrop, Sen. Chambers, Sen. McDonald, Sen. McGill, Sen. Pedersen
1	No	Sen. Pirsch
1	Present, not voting	Sen Schimek
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**  
Sen Chambers

**Representing:**

**Opponents:**  
Tom Casady  
Mark McGuire  
Larry Thoren  
Jane Burke  
Terry Wagner  
Walter Radcliff  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**  
Lincoln Police  
NSEA  
Police Chief Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** Legislative Bill 474 proposes to designate as public records any disciplinary action involving law enforcement officers, certificated school employees (teachers), and school nurses. The stated rationale for this change is to hold these

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public servants to a high standard of conduct and treat them similarly to other professions such as lawyers, doctors and judges in regards to the publication of disciplinary actions for misconduct.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The committee amendment for LB 474 makes three changes to the bill as introduced:

1. Amends section 84-712.05, which list the records which public agencies may withhold from the public, to clarify that the personnel records addressed by the act may not be withheld from disclosure.
2. Removes school nurses from the bill.
3. Limits the application of the bill to employees of public schools. Employees of private schools will no longer be subject to the disclosure provisions of the bill.

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**Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson**