



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 351

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 25, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 351 amends state statute to bring Nebraska within the federal guidelines reauthorized by Congress in February 2006. Nebraska must meet the changes in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families to avoid fiscal penalties of up to \$2.9 million dollars. These changes include:

- Eliminate Nebraska's 24/48 time limit and adopt the federal 60 month time limit;
- Adopt the federal part-time work provision for families who have children under age 6;
- Eliminate post-secondary education as an approved work activity; and
- Eliminate current one-half month grant and replace it with a five month transitional grant that will boost Nebraska's work participation rate by 30%.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Arnie E. Stuthman