



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 540**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 15, 2007

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

LB 540 is the Probation and Parole Services Merger Act. This act is intended to provide an adequate analysis and a plan for the state to achieve a probation and parole service delivery model that ensures administrative efficiency, promotes offender services that cohesively interface with executive branch rehabilitative resources and services, and provides enhanced public safety and victim services.

Under LB 540 the Governor and chairperson of the Judiciary Committee will each designate one person to be responsible to the Governor and the Committee for the development of a probation and parole merger plan for the State of Nebraska.

LB 540 also creates a ten-member commission to be known as The Probation and Parole Merger Commission. The Commission's duties shall include the review of the probation and parole merger plan submitted under section 6 of the act and provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator John Synowiecki**