

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB275**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 05, 2009  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** McGill  
**One Liner:** Require crisis, information, and referral services relating to behavioral health

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7                      Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator McGill  
Scot Adams  
Todd Landry  
James Blue  
Candy Kennedy  
  
Morgan Kelly  
Judith Brennan  
Sharon Dalrymple  
Scott Dugan  
Topher Hansen  
Pamela Allen  
Karen Authier  
Rebecca Stevens  
Dustina Barnholtz  
Eve Bleyhl  
Patricia Blakely  
Anne Rohan  
Rachel Rohan  
Sherri Marchman-Day  
Jessica Marchman  
Lola Hoover  
Kathy Lewis

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Health and Human Services  
CAFCON  
Nebraska Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
Nebraska Families Collaborative  
Self  
Families Inspiring Families  
Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Healthcare  
NABHO  
Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association  
Nebraska Children's Home Society  
Families Care  
Speakout  
Nebraska Family Support Network  
Healthy Families Project  
Self, Families Care  
Self, Families Care  
Self, Families Care  
Unity House, Families Care  
Families Care  
Families Care

**Opponents:**

Sarah Helvey  
Joe Miller  
Melanie Williams-Smotherman

**Representing:**

Nebraska Appleseed  
Self  
Families for Change

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

Georgie Scurfield  
Ruth Few

Kathy Bigsby Moore  
C.J. Johnson

Self  
National Association of Social Workers, Nebraska  
Chapter  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Region V Systems

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 275 changes provisions of the Behavioral Health Services Act (71-801 to 71-818). The bill requires the Division of Behavioral Health (division), within the Department of Health and Human Services (department), to establish "requirements for the operation of a crisis, information, and referral service staffed twenty-four hours each day by trained behavioral health personnel for each behavioral health region."

The bill requires each regional behavioral health authority to be responsible for the development and coordination of publicly funded behavioral health services in the behavioral health region, including the "operation of a crisis, information, and referral service staffed twenty-four hours each day by trained behavioral health personnel."

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Tim Gay, Chairperson