

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR171

Hearing Date: Tuesday May 26, 2009
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Ashford
One Liner: Create the Sentencing and Recidivism Committee of the Legislature

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Christensen, Fischer, Flood, Karpisek, Langemeier, Nelson, Pahls, Wightman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator White
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Brad Ashford
Senator Brenda Council

Representing:

Introducer
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 171 calls for the Executive Board to appoint a special committee to be known as the Sentencing and Recidivism Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature to be appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its members.

The committee is authorized to study the following: The sentencing of juveniles and adults to Nebraska correctional institutions for rehabilitative purposes; issues relating to the reentry of juveniles and adults in Nebraska communities; and the sentencing of individuals convicted of crimes for equality of sentencing for the same or similar crimes statewide.

The committee is to issue a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2011.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment does the following:

Changes reference to the Sentencing and Recidivism Committee as a special committee to a "task force."

Strikes references to the Executive Board providing the task force with staff and an outside consultant and inserts that staff for the task force shall be the Judiciary Committee staff.

Provides a sunset date for the task force of January 1, 2011.

John Wightman, Chairperson