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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 868

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 10, 2010

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

Section 1 would provide authority for the Court to require an adult offender to perform community service as outlined in the Community Service Sentencing Act, in addition to the other conditions of probation listed in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-2262.

Section 2 would provide additional “administrative sanctions” under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-2266, including referrals for employment, skills, or cognitive programming. Section 2 also lists new “noncriminal violations,” including a probationer’s failure to attend self-help groups or rehabilitative programming as ordered.

Sections 3-17 and the amendments therein pertain to the Community Service Sentencing Act. The Act would provide definitions, make legislative findings, and limit the liability of community service programs. The Act further specifies that offenders sentenced to community service are not to be considered employees, and the community service program is not required to provide workers’ compensation coverage. The Act then describes how a public or governmental unit or a private nonprofit corporation may establish a community service program and what such a program would look like.

Sections 18-20 would stiffen the penalties for teens who are caught violating our underage drinking laws by providing for the impoundment of the offender’s motor vehicle operator’s license for a period of time for certain offenses.

Principal Introducer: _____
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