

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB275**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 02, 2011**

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

LB275 adds "court-ordered commitment to a regional center" to the definition of "official detention" in section 28-912. This addition will allow for prosecution for the offense of escape when one escapes after being committed to one of the state's three regional centers. At present, no legal mechanism exists to prevent or prosecute escape from regional centers, thus leaving county attorneys no means of addressing the public endangerment incurred by recent escapes from the Lancaster county regional center.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Tony Fulton**