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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB339

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2011

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

Legislative Bill 339 would amend §43-258 relating to pre-adjudication evaluation, placement, reports, and costs. The bill would:

- Repeal current language that the court may order a juvenile to be placed in one of the facilities or institutions of the State of Nebraska for the completion of a pre-adjudication evaluation.
- Amend current language to provide that the court may order a juvenile to be placed with the Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of a pre-adjudication evaluation. The Department would make arrangements for the pre-adjudication evaluation including any authorized area of inquiry ordered by the court. The Department would determine whether the evaluation is made on a residential or nonresidential basis and placement with the Department for the evaluation will be for a period not to exceed thirty days. If necessary to complete the evaluation, the court may order an extension not to exceed an additional thirty days.
- Clarify when a juvenile is the responsibility of a county and when the juvenile is the responsibility of the state.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brad Ashford