One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2011

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

LB 463 is introduced at the request of the Governor.

This bill provides law enforcement agencies access to sealed juvenile records in the limited circumstance that an individual applies for employment with a law enforcement agency. Additional technical and clarifying changes to the Nebraska Juvenile Code are included.

LB 463 implements changes policies and practices related to truancy and excessive absenteeism as follows:

- 1. Requires school district policies on excessive absenteeism include provisions indicating how absences due to documented serious illness will be handled;
- 2. Adds the requirement that state agencies and school districts share information on students absent from school 10 days or more;
- 3. Amends the Learning Community Coordinating Council (LCCC) statutes to require a LCCC's annual report to the Education Committee of the Legislature include evaluation of the reduction of excessive absenteeism of students in school districts which are members of the Learning Community; and
- 4. Directs that not less than fifty percent of Learning Community Aid be used only for truancy intervention programs until the annual rate of truancy calculated for school year 2010-11 for the learning community is reduced by one-half and defines truancy as 10 or more absences in a school year.

Principal Introducer:	
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Senator Brad Ashford