

AMENDMENTS TO LB907

(Amendments to AM2776)

Introduced by Ashford

1 1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Sec. 11. (1) The Legislature finds that while serious
4 crime in the State of Nebraska has not increased in the past five
5 years, the prison population continues to increase as does the
6 amount spent on correctional issues. The Legislature further finds
7 that a need exists to closely examine the criminal justice system
8 of the State of Nebraska in order to increase public safety while
9 concurrently reducing correctional spending and reinvesting in
10 strategies that decrease crime and strengthen Nebraska communities.

11 (2) The State of Nebraska shall work cooperatively with
12 the Council of State Governments Justice Center to study and
13 identify innovative solutions and evidence-based practices to
14 develop a data-driven approach to reduce correctional spending
15 and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease recidivism and
16 increase public safety. The Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working
17 Group is created under the authority of the executive, legislative,
18 and judicial branches of Nebraska state government to work with the
19 Council of State Governments Justice Center in this process.

20 (3) The Governor, the Executive Board of the Legislative
21 Council, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court are authorized
22 to take any necessary actions to engage the Council of State

1 Governments Justice Center in this process and to ensure that the
2 report required by subsection (6) of this section is delivered.
3 Upon delivery of the report, the working group shall be dissolved
4 and discharged of any further duties.

5 (4) The working group shall be comprised of four members
6 selected by the Governor, four members selected by the Speaker
7 of the Legislature, four members selected by the Chief Justice of
8 the Supreme Court, and four representatives of local governments
9 selected jointly by the Governor, the Speaker of the Legislature,
10 and the Chief Justice. The Governor, Speaker of the Legislature,
11 and Chief Justice shall serve as co-chairpersons of the working
12 group.

13 (5) The study undertaken in accordance with this section
14 shall include a broad range of issues, including:

- 15 (a) Courts, specialty courts, and sentencing trends;
16 (b) Development of a process to determine the impact of
17 pending legislation on the criminal justice system;
18 (c) Analysis of the prison population and its growth;
19 (d) Reported crimes and arrests;
20 (e) Alternatives to incarceration;
21 (f) Effectiveness of all available offender programs,
22 including prison programs and community-based programs;
23 (g) Reentry programming and transition;
24 (h) Prison programming;
25 (i) Community services;
26 (j) Probation and parole services;
27 (k) Prison admissions and length of stay; and

1 (1) Recidivism rates of offenders released from prison,
2 jail, parole, probation, and other community-based programs.

3 (6) The Council of State Governments Justice Center
4 shall make a final report that includes a summary of the issues
5 studied as required by subsection (5) of this section, potential
6 legislative solutions for the problems associated with prison
7 overcrowding, and an estimate of the cost savings for all policies
8 recommended by the center. The Council of State Governments Justice
9 Center shall electronically deliver the report to the Governor,
10 the Clerk of the Legislature, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme
11 Court.

12 Sec. 22. The following sections are outright repealed:
13 Sections 29-2208 and 29-2405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

14 2. On page 5, lines 5 and 18, after "record" insert
15 "information"; and in line 27 strike ", but is not".

16 3. On page 6, line 1, strike "limited to,".

17 4. On page 7, line 5, strike "Thirty" and insert "Up
18 to thirty"; in line 6 strike "shall" and insert "may"; in line 9
19 strike "Seventy" and insert "At least seventy"; strike lines 16 and
20 17 and insert "parole. The department, in awarding grants, shall
21 give priority to programs, services, or training that results in
22 meaningful employment, and no money from the"; in line 19 after
23 "department" insert ", in consultation with the Board of Parole,";
24 and in line 25 after the second "the" insert "Clerk of the".

25 5. On page 8, line 5; and page 10, line 3, before
26 "Legislature" insert "Clerk of the".

27 6. On page 13, line 7, strike beginning with the first

1 "the" through "leaving"; in line 8 strike "court or the"; and
2 strike beginning with the period in line 24 through "be" in line
3 27.

4 7. On page 14, line 14, strike "that is not" and insert
5 "other than".

6 8. Insert the following new amendment:

7 3. On page 28, line 16, strike "Nebraska Commission on
8 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice" and insert "Department of
9 Correctional Services".