

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 483

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

4           (a) Research reveals that children who have parents  
5 involved in their lives perform better academically and socially in  
6 school, experience fewer mental health and substance abuse issues,  
7 and are less likely to commit serious crime;

8           (b) Strategies to address family stability and  
9 intergenerational poverty are specifically needed for children with  
10 incarcerated parents; and

11           (c) Research reveals that family-based reentry planning,  
12 including relationship development and housing and employment  
13 strategies, results in lower recidivism and greater family economic  
14 stability.

15           (2) The Department of Correctional Services shall  
16 establish a two-year pilot program for the purpose of providing in  
17 Nebraska adult correctional facilities an evidence-based program of  
18 parent education, early literacy, relationship skills development,  
19 and reentry planning involving family members of incarcerated  
20 parents prior to their release. Incarcerated parents of children  
21 between birth and five years of age shall have priority for  
22 participation in the program. The department may award a contract  
23 to operate the pilot program. Such contract shall be based on

1 competitive bids as provided in sections 73-101 to 73-105. The  
2 department shall track data related to program participation and  
3 recidivism.

4 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate  
5 two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the General Fund to the  
6 department in each of fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for purposes  
7 of funding the pilot program required by this section.

8 Sec. 2. Section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 83-150 All funds received by the Department of  
11 Correctional Services under sections 83-144 to 83-152 shall be  
12 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Correctional  
13 Industries Revolving Fund, which fund is hereby created. The fund  
14 shall be administered by the Director of Correctional Services.  
15 The fund (1) shall be used to pay all proper expenses incident  
16 to the administration of sections 83-144 to 83-152 and (2) may be  
17 used to carry out section 1 of this act, except that transfers  
18 from the fund to the General Fund may be made at the direction of  
19 the Legislature. Any money in the Correctional Industries Revolving  
20 Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
21 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
22 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

23 Sec. 3. Original section 83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes  
24 of Nebraska, is repealed.

25 2. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 6 and insert  
26 "83-150, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state intent; to  
27 provide for a reentry planning pilot program in adult correctional

- 1 facilities; to change provisions relating to the use of a fund; and
- 2 to repeal the original section."