

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB483

Hearing Date: Friday February 22, 2013
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Bolz
One Liner: Provide for a reentry planning program in adult correctional facilities

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Davis, Lathrop, McGill, Seiler
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
SEN. KATE BOLZ
A.J. SANTOS
PAMELA MOWRER
AJ PETTES
RICHARD REINEKE
LESTER WAGNER
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Representing:
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Opponents:
KATIE ZULKOSKI

Representing:
NE STATE BAR

Neutral:
JANICE WALKER

Representing:
SUPREME COURT

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 483 would create new acts and amend section 83-917 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes in the following manner:

Section 1. Provides legislative intent to develop and improve child development of children whose parents are incarcerated by improving reentry planning by emphasizing the relationships of the incarcerated parent with their children.

This section also calls for and addition of funds to the Reentry Cash Fund pursuant to section 83-917 for implementation of reentry programs that focus on families.

Section 2. Creates a new \$1 court fee for anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in county or district court, with the proceeds to be deposited by the State Treasurer into the Reentry Cash Fund. This section exempts from the \$1 fee juvenile court proceedings as well as exempts from liability the payment of the fee by any county.

Section 3. Amends 83-917 (Reentry Cash Fund; created; use; investment.) to reference section 2 of this act to this section.

Section 3, also provides authority for the awarding of contracts from the Reentry Cash Fund for evidence based programs in all Nebraska adult correctional facilities for parent education, early literacy, relationship skill development and reentry planning involving family members of incarcerated parents prior to release. Priority for programming provided under this section is given to those inmates with children between birth and five years old. Contracts awarded under this section must be based on the competitive bids process under sections 73-101 to 73-105.

Data pertaining to program participation and recidivism must be tracked by the Department of Corrections.

Explanation of amendments:

AM940 to LB 483 makes the following changes:

Would transfer \$250,000 for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15, from the Cornhusker Industries Cash Fund to carry out the purposes of this act;

Gives the Department of Corrections discretion as to whether or not to contract out the services required under this bill or to provide these evidence based programs utilizing department personnel and;

Clarifies that this program is a two-year pilot project.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson