

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB369

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2013

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

The purpose of LB 369 is to improve service accountability by enhancing the criteria for and oversight of Nebraska behavioral health providers that participate in delivering treatment services under the Probation and Parole Program Cash Funds.

The bill requires that services provided that address a probationer's mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse treatment needs be provided by service providers that are:

- licensed pursuant to the uniform Credentialing Act;
- audited by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or by a regional behavioral health authority;
- accredited by a national accrediting entity with respect to the services provided; and,
- annually audited and provide an independent financial audit for review.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Lathrop