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LEGISLATIVE BILL 167

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Office of Violence Prevention; to amend
- 2 section 81-1450, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require
- 3 the filing of an annual report to the Legislature; to change goals
- 4 for priority funding; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1450, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-1450 (1) The Office of Violence Prevention and its director shall
4 be administered and supervised, respectively, by the Nebraska Commission
5 on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Among its responsibilities, the
6 Office of Violence Prevention and its director shall be responsible for
7 developing, fostering, promoting, and assessing violence prevention
8 programs. To accomplish this mission, the duties of the director shall
9 include, but not be limited to, program fundraising, program evaluation,
10 coordination of programs, and assistance with the administration and
11 distribution of funds to violence prevention programs. The office shall
12 file with the Clerk of the Legislature an annual report on or before
13 September 1 of each year regarding its activities to develop, foster,
14 promote, and assess violence prevention programs, and the status of
15 program fundraising, evaluation, and coordination, and the administration
16 and distribution of funds to programs. The report shall be submitted
17 electronically.

18 (2) The advisory council to the Office of Violence Prevention shall
19 meet at least quarterly. Among its responsibilities, the advisory council
20 shall recommend to the commission rules and regulations regarding program
21 fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and the
22 criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.
23 Priority for funding shall be given to communities and organizations
24 seeking to implement violence prevention programs which appear to have
25 the greatest benefit to the state and which have, as goals, the reduction
26 of street and gang violence, ~~and~~ the reduction of homicides and injuries
27 caused by firearms, and the creation of youth employment opportunities in
28 high-crime areas. The duties of the advisory council shall include, but
29 not be limited to, receiving applications for violence prevention funds,
30 evaluating such applications, and making recommendations to the
31 commission regarding the merits of each application and the amount of any

1 funds that should be awarded. If any funds are awarded to a violence
2 prevention program, the advisory council shall continuously monitor how
3 such funds are being used by the program, conduct periodic evaluations of
4 such programs, assess the progress and success regarding the stated goals
5 of each program awarded funds, and recommend to the commission any
6 modification, continuation, or discontinuation of funding.

7 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1450, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is repealed.