

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB793

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2016

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

Currently, section 28-913 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes criminalizes the act of introducing an implement for escape into a detention facility. LB 793 would expand this offense to prohibit the introduction of contraband into a detention facility. The bill adds a definition of contraband and a definition of detention facility.

LB 793 also amends the statutes pertaining to the assault of an officer, emergency responders, and certain employees to specifically include county jailers and juvenile corrections officers. Previously, such sections of statute referred to the specific occupations, which are stricken under LB 793, and replaced with the term Public Safety Officer. Public Safety Officer is defined as a peace officer, a probation officer, a parole officer, a firefighter, an out-of-hospital emergency care provider, an employee of a detention facility, and an employee of DHHS if working with a committed dangerous sex offender.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier