

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1078

Hearing Date: Monday February 12, 2018
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Require reporting of sexual abuse allegations as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Bolz, Crawford, Kuehn, McCollister, Scheer, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent: 3 Senators Larson, Chambers, Hughes
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sue Crawford
Julie Rogers
Ivy Svoboda
Juliet Summers

Representing:

Introducer
Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
Voices for Children

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Currently, DHHS, the juvenile services division, each juvenile detention facility, and each staff secure juvenile facility is required to report to the IG all cases of death or serious injury of a child in a foster home, private agency, child care facility or program, or other program or facility licensed by DHHS. Based on a recommendation from the 2017 report of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, LB1078 extends this reporting requirement to all allegations of sexual abuse of a state ward, juvenile on probation, juvenile in a detention facility, and juvenile in a residential child-caring agency.

The bill further requires DHHS to include the following additional information in its annual report to the Health & Human Services Committee: The number of sexual abuse allegations that occurred for children being served by the Division of Children & Family Services and placed at a residential child-caring agency.

Dan Watermeier, Chairperson