LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 861

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to require that certain
- 2 prosecution costs be paid by the state.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 2 (a) Correctional institution incident means an incident in which a
- 3 crime is allegedly committed by one or more inmates confined in a state
- 4 correctional institution;
- 5 (b) Costs of prosecution includes, but is not limited to, the costs
- 6 of defense for indigent defendants, including attorney's fees and expert
- 7 witness fees; and
- 8 (c) Threshold amount means the amount of property tax revenue raised
- 9 by a county from a levy of two and one-half cents per one hundred dollars
- 10 of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The threshold
- 11 <u>amount shall be determined using valuations for the year in which the</u>
- 12 <u>correctional institution incident occurred.</u>
- 13 (2) If a county's costs of prosecution relating to a single
- 14 <u>correctional institution incident exceed the threshold amount for such</u>
- 15 county, such costs of prosecution in excess of the threshold amount shall
- 16 be paid by the State of Nebraska.