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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 154**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Gragert, 40; Pansing Brooks, 28; Cavanaugh, 6;  
DeBoer, 10; Slama, 1; Erdman, 47; Hunt, 8; McCollister, 20.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol; to require a
- 2 report on missing Native American women and children in Nebraska.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   The Nebraska State Patrol shall conduct a study to  
2 determine how to increase state criminal justice protective and  
3 investigative resources for reporting and identifying missing Native  
4 American women and children in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Patrol shall  
5 work with the Commission on Indian Affairs to convene meetings with  
6 tribal and local law enforcement partners, federally recognized tribes,  
7 and urban Indian organizations to determine the scope of the problem,  
8 identify barriers, and find ways to create partnerships to increase  
9 reporting and investigation of missing Native American women and  
10 children. Consultation and collaboration with federally recognized tribes  
11 shall be conducted with respect for government-to-government relations.  
12 The Nebraska State Patrol shall work with the United States Department of  
13 Justice to increase information sharing and resource coordination to  
14 focus on reporting and investigating missing Native American women and  
15 children in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Patrol shall submit a report  
16 electronically to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council by June  
17 1, 2020, on the results of such study. Such report shall include data and  
18 analysis of the number of missing Native American women and children in  
19 Nebraska, identification of barriers in providing state resources to  
20 address the issue, and recommendations, including any proposed  
21 legislation, to improve the reporting and identification of missing  
22 Native American women and children in Nebraska.