

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR25

Hearing Date: Thursday February 25, 2021
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Health and Human Services
One Liner: Provide for appointment by the Executive Board of a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Special Oversight Committee of the Legislature

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

Vote Results:
Aye: 9 Senators Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Lathrop, Lowe, McCollister, Pansing
Brooks, Slama, Vargas
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Senator John Arch	Representing: Introducer as chairman of Health and Human Services Committee
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents: Jason Hayes	Representing: Nebraska State Education Association
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR25 would continue the work of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Special Oversight Committee that was created in 2020. (LR298, amended into LB1144 by AM2785020.)

A report was issued in December by last year's committee, which included a recommendation to reappoint the committee and extend it until December 31, 2021. The justification for continuing the committee was that due to the Legislature's recess in March, LB1144 was not signed into law until August, and the committee did not have time to carry out all of its duties.

The committee would continue to provide legislative input and oversight of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers as DHHS develops and implements its five-year operations plan.

The committee would consist of no more than nine members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board and include:

The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee;

Two other members of the Health and Human Services Committee;

One member of the Appropriations Committee;

One member of the Education Committee;

The chairperson of the Judiciary Committee; and

One member of the Legislature from each legislative district in which a youth rehabilitation and treatment center is located.

The Executive Board would be authorized to provide the committee with legal counsel, a committee clerk, and other staff from existing legislative staff.

The committee could hold hearings, request and receive reports from DHHS, and issue subpoenas.

A report would be issued with findings and recommendations on or before December 15, 2021, and the committee terminates on December 31, 2021.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson