

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB670

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 24, 2018
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change membership, powers, and duties of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Baker, Chambers, Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld,
Pansing Brooks

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Cassandra Blakely
Maureen Monahan

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Nebraska State Bar Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Christine Henningsen

Representing:

self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 670 makes changes to current statutes governing the makeup and operation of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

The bill would reduce the overall number of persons serving on the coalition. If passed, after June 15, 2018, the bill would provide that the coalition be made up of the following members: the CEO of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Education, the CEO of the Nebraska Commission of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Executive Director of NACO, the probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration, one county commissioner or supervisor, one representative from law enforcement, the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, one separate juvenile court judge, one county court judge, three representatives, one from each congressional district, from community-based, private nonprofit organizations who work with juvenile offenders and their families, the director of a secure juvenile detention facility or a staff secure youth confinement facility, at least one member under the age of 24 when appointed, one at-large member, one member of a regional behavioral authority, one county attorney, and one juvenile public defender or defense attorney, for a total of 19 members. Coalition members would serve three-year terms under the bill.

The bill would also make an adjustment to the things the coalition must include in its annual report. Under current law, the coalition is obligated to include "recommendations on administrative and legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice system." The bill would adjust this to provide that the coalition "may" include such recommendations if it

determines doing so would be appropriate.

Explanation of amendments:

LB 670, as amended by AM 2093, includes the following bills:

LB 670 as introduced.

LB 708 as advanced from the Judiciary Committee with AM 1623. For details, please see the Committee Statement filed on LB 708.

LB 516 as advanced from the Judiciary Committee with AM 562. For details, please see the Committee Statement filed on LB 516.

LB 774 as advanced from the Judiciary Committee. For details, please see the Committee Statement filed on LB 774.

LB 673 strikes a requirement under current law that a preliminary hearing be held before an impartial person when a juvenile has been confined, detained, or otherwise significantly deprived of his or her liberty in response to a violation of the juvenile's probation.

Verbal testimony at the hearing on LB 673 -

Senator Bob Krist, Introducer

Maureen Monahan, Nebraska State Bar Association - Proponent

Laura Ebke, Chairperson