

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB247**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2021**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB247 creates the Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force of the Nebraska Legislature. The Task Force shall develop an implementation plan for Nebraska to integrate and utilize the 988 mental health crisis hotline established pursuant to the federal National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, Public Law 116-172.

The task force shall identify a method to integrate local mental health crisis hotlines to ensure each individual who accesses a local mental health crisis hotline is connected to a qualified mental or behavioral health professional regardless of the time, date, or number of individuals trying to simultaneously access a local mental health crisis hotline.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Patty Pansing Brooks**