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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 20-502, 2 20-504, 25-21,303, 28-109, 28-359, 29-209, 29-406, 29-4103, 29-4502, 3 44-3,134, 48-202, 48-1108, 49-801, 53-1,121, 54-902, 60-3,135, 4 60-480.01, 60-646, 69-2429, and 86-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09, 28-311.11, 28-322.05, 28-470, 5 6 28-710, 28-1008, 29-215, 42-903, 48-101.01, 71-507, 71-3414, 7 81-1401, 81-1452, 81-1455, and 85-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative 8 Supplement, 2022; to provide powers and duties for University of Nebraska police departments and police officers as prescribed; to 9 provide and change definitions; to harmonize provisions; and to 10 repeal the original sections. 11
- 12 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 20-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 20-502 (1) No member of the Nebraska State Patrol or a county
- 4 sheriff's office, officer of a city or village police department, officer
- 5 <u>of a University of Nebraska police department,</u> or member of any other law
- 6 enforcement agency in this state shall engage in racial profiling. The
- 7 disparate treatment of an individual who has been detained or whose motor
- 8 vehicle has been stopped by a law enforcement officer is inconsistent
- 9 with this policy.
- 10 (2) Racial profiling shall not be used to justify the detention of
- an individual or to conduct a motor vehicle stop.
- 12 Sec. 2. Section 20-504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 14 20-504 (1) The Nebraska State Patrol, the county sheriffs, all city
- 15 and village police departments, all University of Nebraska police
- 16 <u>departments</u>, and any other law enforcement agency in this state shall
- 17 adopt and provide a copy to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement
- 18 and Criminal Justice of a written policy that prohibits the detention of
- 19 any person or a motor vehicle stop when such action is motivated by
- 20 racial profiling. Such racial profiling prevention policy shall include
- 21 definitions consistent with section 20-503 and one or more internal
- 22 methods of prevention and enforcement, including, but not limited to:
- 23 (a) Internal affairs investigation;
- 24 (b) Preventative measures including extra training at the Nebraska
- 25 Law Enforcement Training Center focused on avoidance of apparent or
- 26 actual racial profiling;
- 27 (c) Anti-bias and implicit bias training and testing designed to
- 28 minimize apparent or actual racial profiling;
- 29 (d) Early intervention with any particular personnel determined by
- 30 the administration of the agency to have committed, participated in,
- 31 condoned, or attempted to cover up any instance of racial profiling; and

- 1 (e) Disciplinary measures or other formal or informal methods of
- 2 prevention and enforcement.
- 3 None of the preventative or enforcement measures shall be
- 4 implemented contrary to the collective-bargaining agreement provisions or
- 5 personnel rules under which the member or officer in question is
- 6 employed.
- 7 (2) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 8 may develop and distribute a suggested model written racial profiling
- 9 prevention policy for use by law enforcement agencies, but the commission
- 10 shall not mandate the adoption of the model policy except for any
- 11 particular law enforcement agency which fails to timely create and
- 12 provide to the commission a policy for the agency in conformance with the
- 13 minimum standards set forth in this section.
- 14 (3) With respect to a motor vehicle stop, on and after January 1,
- 15 2002, the Nebraska State Patrol, the county sheriffs, all city and
- 16 village police departments, all University of Nebraska police
- 17 departments, and any other law enforcement agency in this state shall
- 18 record and retain the following information using the form developed and
- 19 promulgated pursuant to section 20-505:
- 20 (a) The number of motor vehicle stops;
- 21 (b) The characteristics of race or ethnicity of the person stopped.
- 22 The identification of such characteristics shall be based on the
- 23 observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for
- 24 reporting the motor vehicle stop and the information shall not be
- 25 required to be provided by the person stopped;
- 26 (c) If the stop is for a law violation, the nature of the alleged
- 27 law violation that resulted in the motor vehicle stop;
- 28 (d) Whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest made, or a
- 29 search conducted as a result of the motor vehicle stop. Search does not
- 30 include a search incident to arrest or an inventory search; and
- 31 (e) Any additional information that the Nebraska State Patrol, the

- 1 county sheriffs, all city and village police departments, all University
- 2 <u>of Nebraska police departments,</u> or any other law enforcement agency in
- 3 this state, as the case may be, deems appropriate.
- 4 (4) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 5 may develop a uniform system for receiving allegations of racial
- 6 profiling. The Nebraska State Patrol, the county sheriffs, all city and
- 7 village police departments, all University of Nebraska police
- 8 departments, and any other law enforcement agency in this state shall
- 9 provide to the commission (a) a copy of each allegation of racial
- 10 profiling received and (b) written notification of the review and
- 11 disposition of such allegation. No information revealing the identity of
- 12 the law enforcement officer involved in the stop shall be used,
- 13 transmitted, or disclosed in violation of any collective-bargaining
- 14 agreement provision or personnel rule under which such law enforcement
- 15 officer is employed. No information revealing the identity of the
- 16 complainant shall be used, transmitted, or disclosed in the form alleging
- 17 racial profiling.
- 18 (5) Any law enforcement officer who in good faith records
- 19 information on a motor vehicle stop pursuant to this section shall not be
- 20 held civilly liable for the act of recording such information unless the
- 21 law enforcement officer's conduct was unreasonable or reckless or in some
- 22 way contrary to law.
- 23 (6) On or before each October 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
- 24 Nebraska State Patrol, the county sheriffs, all city and village police
- 25 departments, all University of Nebraska police departments, and all other
- 26 law enforcement agencies in this state shall provide to the Nebraska
- 27 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, in such form as the
- 28 commission prescribes, a summary report of the information recorded
- 29 pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.
- 30 (7) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 31 shall, within the limits of its existing appropriations, including any

1 grant funds which the commission is awarded for such purpose, provide for

- 2 an annual review and analysis of the prevalence and disposition of motor
- 3 vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations of racial
- 4 profiling involved in other detentions reported pursuant to this section.
- 5 After the review and analysis, the commission may, when it deems
- 6 warranted, inquire into and study individual law enforcement agency
- 7 circumstances in which the raw data collected and analyzed raises at
- 8 least some issue or appearance of possible racial profiling. The
- 9 commission may make recommendations to any such law enforcement agency
- 10 for the purpose of improving measures to prevent racial profiling or the
- 11 appearance of racial profiling. The results of such review, analysis,
- 12 inquiry, and study and any recommendations by the commission to any law
- 13 enforcement agency shall be reported annually to the Governor and the
- 14 Legislature. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted
- 15 electronically.
- 16 (8) Any law enforcement officer, prosecutor, defense attorney, or
- 17 probation officer, unless restricted by privilege, who becomes aware of
- 18 incidents of racial profiling by a law enforcement agency, shall report
- 19 such incidents to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal
- 20 Justice within thirty days after becoming aware of such practice.
- 21 (9) If the Nebraska State Patrol, a county sheriff, a city and
- 22 village police department, a University of Nebraska police department, or
- 23 any other law enforcement agency in this state fails, in a material
- 24 manner, to record or retain information as required by subsection (3) of
- 25 this section or to provide the information to the Nebraska Commission on
- 26 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice as required by subsection (6) of
- 27 this section, such agency shall be ineligible to receive loans, grants,
- 28 funds, or donations administered by the commission until the commission
- 29 determines that such material failure has been corrected.
- 30 Sec. 3. Section 25-21,303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 31 amended to read:

- 1 25-21,303 (1) For all money, securities, negotiable instruments,
- 2 firearms, conveyances, or real estate seized pursuant to section
- 3 25-21,302, the appropriate law enforcement agency or, as provided in
- 4 subsection (5) of this section, the prosecuting attorney shall provide a
- 5 written report of the forfeiture to the Auditor of Public Accounts. The
- 6 report shall include:
- 7 (a) The date of the seizure;
- 8 (b) The type of property seized, such as a vehicle, currency, or a
- 9 firearm;
- 10 (c) A description of the property seized, including, if applicable,
- 11 the make, model, year, and serial number of the property seized;
- 12 (d) The street name and traffic direction where the seizure
- occurred, such as eastbound, westbound, southbound, or northbound;
- (e) The crime for which the suspect was charged;
- 15 (f) The disposition of the property seized through the forfeiture
- 16 process, such as the property was returned to the suspect, returned to a
- 17 third-party owner, sold, destroyed, or retained by law enforcement;
- 18 (g) The basis for disposition of the seized property, such as the
- 19 suspect was found not guilty, agreement for disposition, criminal
- 20 forfeiture, or civil forfeiture;
- 21 (h) The value of the property forfeited;
- 22 (i) If the seizure resulted from a motor vehicle stop, (i) whether a
- 23 warning or citation was issued, an arrest was made, or a search was
- 24 conducted and (ii) the characteristics of the race or ethnicity of the
- 25 suspect. The identification of such characteristics shall be based on the
- 26 observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for
- 27 reporting the motor vehicle stop. The information shall not be required
- 28 to be provided by the suspect; and
- 29 (j) Any additional information the Nebraska State Patrol, a county
- 30 sheriff, any city or village police department, a University of Nebraska
- 31 police department, or any other law enforcement agency in this state, as

- 1 the case may be, deems appropriate.
- 2 (2) The appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney
- 3 shall report to the Auditor of Public Accounts all instances in which
- 4 property seized for forfeiture was returned to its owner either because
- 5 the forfeiture was not pursued or for any other reason.
- 6 (3) Reports shall be made on an annual basis in a manner prescribed
- 7 by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall
- 8 submit a report to the Legislature on the nature and extent of such
- 9 seizures on an annual basis. Such report shall be submitted
- 10 electronically.
- 11 (4) For forfeitures resulting from the activities of
- 12 multijurisdictional law enforcement entities, a law enforcement entity
- 13 other than a Nebraska law enforcement entity shall, on its own
- 14 initiative, report the information required by this section.
- 15 (5) The prosecuting attorney is not required to report information
- 16 required by this section unless he or she has been notified by the
- 17 Auditor of Public Accounts that the appropriate law enforcement agency
- 18 has not reported the information required by this section.
- 19 Sec. 4. Section 28-109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 28-109 For purposes of the Nebraska Criminal Code, unless the
- 22 context otherwise requires:
- 23 (1) Act shall mean a bodily movement, and includes words and
- 24 possession of property;
- 25 (2) Aid or assist shall mean knowingly to give or lend money or
- 26 credit to be used for, or to make possible or available, or to further
- 27 activity thus aided or assisted;
- 28 (3) Benefit shall mean any gain or advantage to the beneficiary
- 29 including any gain or advantage to another person pursuant to the desire
- 30 or consent of the beneficiary;
- 31 (4) Bodily injury shall mean physical pain, illness, or any

- 1 impairment of physical condition;
- 2 (5) Conduct shall mean an action or omission and its accompanying
- 3 state of mind, or, where relevant, a series of acts and omissions;
- 4 (6) Conveyance shall mean a mode of transportation that includes any
- 5 vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft;
- 6 (7) Deadly physical force shall mean force, the intended, natural,
- 7 and probable consequence of which is to produce death, or which does, in
- 8 fact, produce death;
- 9 (8) Deadly weapon shall mean any firearm, knife, bludgeon, or other
- 10 device, instrument, material, or substance, whether animate or inanimate,
- 11 which in the manner it is used or intended to be used is capable of
- 12 producing death or serious bodily injury;
- 13 (9) Deface shall mean to alter the appearance of something by
- 14 removing, distorting, adding to, or covering all or a part of the thing;
- 15 (10) Dwelling shall mean a building or other thing which is used,
- 16 intended to be used, or usually used by a person for habitation;
- 17 (11) Government shall mean the United States, any state, county,
- 18 municipality, or other political unit, any branch, department, agency, or
- 19 subdivision of any of the foregoing, and any corporation or other entity
- 20 established by law to carry out any governmental function;
- 21 (12) Governmental function shall mean any activity which a public
- 22 servant is legally authorized to undertake on behalf of government;
- 23 (13) Motor vehicle shall mean every self-propelled land vehicle, not
- 24 operated upon rails, except self-propelled chairs used by persons who are
- 25 disabled, electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in
- section 60-618.02, and bicycles as defined in section 60-611;
- 27 (14) Omission shall mean a failure to perform an act as to which a
- 28 duty of performance is imposed by law;
- 29 (15) Peace officer shall mean any officer or employee of the state
- 30 or a political subdivision authorized by law to make arrests, including
- 31 any University of Nebraska police officer, and shall include members of

- 1 the National Guard on active service by direction of the Governor during
- 2 periods of emergency or civil disorder;
- 3 (16) Pecuniary benefit shall mean benefit in the form of money,
- 4 property, commercial interest, or anything else, the primary significance
- 5 of which is economic gain;
- 6 (17) Person shall mean any natural person and where relevant a
- 7 corporation or an unincorporated association;
- 8 (18) Public place shall mean a place to which the public or a
- 9 substantial number of the public has access, and includes but is not
- 10 limited to highways, transportation facilities, schools, places of
- 11 amusement, parks, playgrounds, and the common areas of public and private
- 12 buildings and facilities;
- 13 (19) Public servant shall mean any officer or employee of
- 14 government, whether elected or appointed, and any person participating as
- 15 an advisor, consultant, process server, or otherwise in performing a
- 16 governmental function, but the term does not include witnesses;
- 17 (20) Recklessly shall mean acting with respect to a material element
- 18 of an offense when any person disregards a substantial and unjustifiable
- 19 risk that the material element exists or will result from his or her
- 20 conduct. The risk must be of such a nature and degree that, considering
- 21 the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct and the circumstances known
- 22 to the actor, its disregard involves a gross deviation from the standard
- 23 of conduct that a law-abiding person would observe in the actor's
- 24 situation;
- 25 (21) Serious bodily injury shall mean bodily injury which involves a
- 26 substantial risk of death, or which involves substantial risk of serious
- 27 permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function
- 28 of any part or organ of the body;
- 29 (22) Tamper shall mean to interfere with something improperly or to
- 30 make unwarranted alterations in its condition;
- 31 (23) Thing of value shall mean real property, tangible and

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1 intangible personal property, contract rights, choses in action,

- 2 services, and any rights of use or enjoyment connected therewith; and
- 3 (24) Voluntary act shall mean an act performed as a result of effort
- 4 or determination, and includes the possession of property if the actor
- 5 was aware of his or her physical possession or control thereof for a
- 6 sufficient period to have been able to terminate it.
- 7 Sec. 5. Section 28-311.09, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 8 2022, is amended to read:
- 9 28-311.09 (1) Any victim who has been harassed as defined by section
- 10 28-311.02 may file a petition and affidavit for a harassment protection
- 11 order as provided in subsection (3) of this section. Upon the filing of
- 12 such a petition and affidavit in support thereof, the court may issue a
- 13 harassment protection order without bond enjoining the respondent from
- 14 (a) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the petitioner,
- 15 (b) harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, attacking, or
- 16 otherwise disturbing the peace of the petitioner, or (c) telephoning,
- 17 contacting, or otherwise communicating with the petitioner. The
- 18 harassment protection order shall specify to whom relief under this
- 19 section was granted.
- 20 (2) The petition for a harassment protection order shall state the
- 21 events and dates or approximate dates of acts constituting the alleged
- 22 harassment, including the most recent and most severe incident or
- 23 incidents.
- 24 (3) A petition for a harassment protection order shall be filed with
- 25 the clerk of the district court, and the proceeding may be heard by the
- 26 county court or the district court as provided in section 25-2740.
- 27 (4) A petition for a harassment protection order filed pursuant to
- 28 subsection (1) of this section may not be withdrawn except upon order of
- 29 the court. An order issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
- 30 shall specify that it is effective for a period of one year unless
- 31 otherwise dismissed or modified by the court. Any person, except the

- 1 petitioner, who knowingly violates an order issued pursuant to subsection
- 2 (1) of this section after service or notice as described in subdivision
- 3 (9)(b) of this section shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.
- 4 (5)(a) Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition
- 5 for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of a
- 6 harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this
- 7 section shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees
- 8 and costs if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the
- 9 statements contained in the petition were false and that the harassment
- 10 protection order was sought in bad faith.
- 11 (b) A court may also assess costs associated with the filing of a
- 12 petition for a harassment protection order or the issuance or service of
- 13 a harassment protection order seeking only the relief provided by this
- 14 section against the respondent.
- 15 (6) The clerk of the district court shall make available standard
- 16 application and affidavit forms for a harassment protection order with
- 17 instructions for completion to be used by a petitioner. Affidavit forms
- 18 shall request all relevant information, including, but not limited to: A
- 19 description of the incidents that are the basis for the application for a
- 20 harassment protection order, including the most severe incident, and the
- 21 date or approximate date of such incidents. The clerk and his or her
- 22 employees shall not provide assistance in completing the forms. The State
- 23 Court Administrator shall adopt and promulgate the standard application
- 24 and affidavit forms provided for in this section as well as the standard
- 25 temporary ex parte and final harassment protection order forms and
- 26 provide a copy of such forms to all clerks of the district courts in this
- 27 state. These standard temporary ex parte and final harassment protection
- order forms shall be the only such forms used in this state.
- 29 (7) Any order issued under subsection (1) of this section may be
- 30 issued ex parte without notice to the respondent if it reasonably appears
- 31 from the specific facts shown by affidavit of the petitioner that

irreparable harm, loss, or damage will result before the matter can be 1 heard on notice. If the specific facts included in the affidavit (a) do 2 not show that the petitioner will suffer irreparable harm, loss, or 3 4 damage or (b) show that, for any other compelling reason, an ex parte 5 order should not be issued, the court may forthwith cause notice of the application to be given to the respondent stating that he or she may show 6 cause, not more than fourteen days after service, why such order should 7 not be entered. Any notice provided to the respondent shall include 8 9 notification that a court may treat a petition for a harassment protection order as a petition for a sexual assault protection order or a 10 domestic abuse protection order if it appears from the facts that such 11 other protection order is more appropriate and that the respondent shall 12 13 have an opportunity to show cause as to why such protection order should 14 not be entered. If such ex parte order is issued without notice to the respondent, the court shall forthwith cause notice of the petition and 15 16 order and a form with which to request a show-cause hearing to be given the respondent stating that, upon service on the respondent, the order 17 shall remain in effect for a period of one year unless the respondent 18 shows cause why the order should not remain in effect for a period of one 19 year. If the respondent wishes to appear and show cause why the order 20 should not remain in effect for a period of one year, he or she shall 21 affix his or her current address, telephone number, and signature to the 22 form and return it to the clerk of the district court within ten business 23 24 days after service upon him or her. Upon receipt of a timely request for 25 a show-cause hearing, the court shall immediately schedule a show-cause hearing to be held within thirty days after the receipt of the request 26 for a show-cause hearing and shall notify the petitioner and respondent 27 of the hearing date. If a petition is dismissed without a hearing, it 28 shall be dismissed without prejudice. The petition and affidavit shall be 29 deemed to have been offered into evidence at any show-cause hearing. The 30 31 petition and affidavit shall be admitted into evidence unless

- 1 specifically excluded by the court.
- 2 (8) A court may treat a petition for a harassment protection order
- 3 as a petition for a sexual assault protection order or a domestic abuse
- 4 protection order if it appears from the facts in the petition, affidavit,
- 5 and evidence presented at a show-cause hearing that such other protection
- 6 order is more appropriate and if:
- 7 (a) The court makes specific findings that such other order is more
- 8 appropriate; or
- 9 (b) The petitioner has requested the court to so treat the petition.
- 10 (9)(a) Upon the issuance of any temporary ex parte or final harassment protection order, the clerk of the court shall forthwith 11 provide the petitioner, without charge, with two certified copies of such 12 13 order. The clerk of the court shall also forthwith provide the local police department or local law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's 14 office, without charge, with one copy each of such order and one copy 15 each of the sheriff's return thereon. The clerk of the court shall also 16 17 forthwith provide a copy of the harassment protection order to the sheriff's office in the county where the respondent may be personally 18 19 served together with instructions for service. Upon receipt of the order and instructions for service, such sheriff's office shall forthwith serve 20 the harassment protection order upon the respondent and file its return 21 thereon with the clerk of the court which issued the harassment 22 23 protection order within fourteen days of the issuance of the harassment 24 protection order. If any harassment protection order is dismissed or 25 modified by the court, the clerk of the court shall forthwith provide the local police department or local law enforcement agency and the local 26 sheriff's office, without charge, with one copy each of the order of 27 28 dismissal or modification.
- (b) If the respondent is present at a hearing convened pursuant to this section and the harassment protection order is not dismissed, such respondent shall be deemed to have notice by the court at such hearing

- 1 that the harassment protection order will be granted and remain in effect
- 2 and further service of such notice described in this subsection shall not
- 3 be required for purposes of prosecution under this section.
- 4 (c) A temporary ex parte harassment protection order shall be
- 5 affirmed and deemed the final protection order and service of the
- 6 temporary ex parte order shall be notice of the final protection order if
- 7 the respondent has been properly served with the ex parte order and:
- 8 (i) The respondent fails to request a show-cause hearing within ten
- 9 business days after service upon him or her and no hearing was requested
- 10 by the petitioner or upon the court's own motion;
- 11 (ii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
- 12 hearing requested by the respondent or petitioner or upon the court's own
- 13 motion and the respondent fails to appear at such hearing; or
- 14 (iii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
- 15 hearing requested by the respondent, the petitioner, or upon the court's
- own motion and the protection order was not dismissed at the hearing.
- 17 (10) A peace officer may, with or without a warrant, arrest a person
- 18 if (a) the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has
- 19 committed a violation of a harassment protection order issued pursuant to
- 20 this section or a violation of a valid foreign harassment protection
- 21 order recognized pursuant to section 28-311.10 and (b) a petitioner under
- 22 this section provides the peace officer with a copy of a harassment
- 23 protection order or the peace officer determines that such an order
- 24 exists after communicating with the local law enforcement agency or a
- 25 person protected under a valid foreign harassment protection order
- 26 recognized pursuant to section 28-311.10 provides the peace officer with
- 27 a copy of such order.
- 28 (11) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to subsection (10) of
- 29 this section shall take such person into custody and take such person
- 30 before the county court or the court which issued the harassment
- 31 protection order within a reasonable time. At such time the court shall

- 1 establish the conditions of such person's release from custody, including
- 2 the determination of bond or recognizance, as the case may be. The court
- 3 shall issue an order directing that such person shall have no contact
- 4 with the alleged victim of the harassment.
- 5 (12) When provided by the petitioner, the court shall make
- 6 confidential numeric victim identification information, including social
- 7 security numbers and dates of birth, available to appropriate criminal
- 8 justice agencies engaged in protection order enforcement efforts. Such
- 9 agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of this information except
- 10 for entry into state and federal databases for protection order
- 11 enforcement.
- 12 <u>(13) For purposes of this section, local law enforcement agency</u>
- 13 <u>means a local police department, a University of Nebraska police</u>
- 14 <u>department</u>, or any other local law enforcement agency.
- 15 Sec. 6. Section 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 16 2022, is amended to read:
- 17 28-311.11 (1) Any victim of a sexual assault offense may file a
- 18 petition and affidavit for a sexual assault protection order as provided
- 19 in subsection (3) of this section. Upon the filing of such a petition and
- 20 affidavit in support thereof, the court may issue a sexual assault
- 21 protection order without bond enjoining the respondent from (a) imposing
- 22 any restraint upon the person or liberty of the petitioner, (b)
- 23 harassing, threatening, assaulting, molesting, attacking, or otherwise
- 24 disturbing the peace of the petitioner, or (c) telephoning, contacting,
- 25 or otherwise communicating with the petitioner. The sexual assault
- 26 protection order shall specify to whom relief under this section was
- 27 granted.
- 28 (2) The petition for a sexual assault protection order shall state
- 29 the events and dates or approximate dates of acts constituting the sexual
- 30 assault offense, including the most recent and most severe incident or
- 31 incidents.

- 1 (3) A petition for a sexual assault protection order shall be filed 2 with the clerk of the district court and the proceeding may be heard by 3 the county court or the district court as provided in section 25-2740.
- (4) A petition for a sexual assault protection order may not be 4 withdrawn except upon order of the court. A sexual assault protection 5 order shall specify that it is effective for a period of one year unless 6 7 renewed pursuant to subsection (12) of this section or otherwise dismissed or modified by the court. Any person, except the petitioner, 8 9 who knowingly violates a sexual assault protection order after service or 10 notice as described in subdivision (9)(b) of this section shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor, except that any person convicted of violating 11 such order who has a prior conviction for violating a sexual assault 12 13 protection order shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.
- (5)(a) Fees to cover costs associated with the filing of a petition 14 for issuance or renewal of a sexual assault protection order or the 15 issuance or service of a sexual assault protection order seeking only the 16 17 relief provided by this section shall not be charged, except that a court may assess such fees and costs if the court finds, by clear and 18 19 convincing evidence, that the statements contained in the petition were false and that the sexual assault protection order was sought in bad 20 21 faith.
- (b) A court may also assess costs associated with the filing of a petition for issuance or renewal of a sexual assault protection order or the issuance or service of a sexual assault protection order seeking only the relief provided by this section against the respondent.
- 26 (6) The clerk of the district court shall make available standard
 27 application and affidavit forms for issuance and renewal of a sexual
 28 assault protection order with instructions for completion to be used by a
 29 petitioner. Affidavit forms shall request all relevant information,
 30 including, but not limited to: A description of the most recent incident
 31 that was the basis for the application for a sexual assault protection

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order and the date or approximate date of the incident and, if there was 1 2 more than one incident, the most severe incident and the date or approximate date of such incident. The clerk and his or her employees 3 4 shall not provide assistance in completing the forms. The State Court Administrator shall adopt and promulgate the standard application and 5 affidavit forms provided for in this section as well as the standard 6 temporary ex parte and final sexual assault protection order forms and 7 provide a copy of such forms to all clerks of the district courts in this 8 9 state. Such standard temporary ex parte and final sexual assault protection order forms shall be the only forms used in this state. 10

(7) A sexual assault protection order may be issued or renewed ex parte without notice to the respondent if it reasonably appears from the specific facts shown by affidavit of the petitioner that irreparable harm, loss, or damage will result before the matter can be heard on notice. If a sexual assault protection order is not issued ex parte, the court shall immediately schedule an evidentiary hearing to be held within fourteen days after the filing of the petition, and the court shall cause notice of the application to be given to the respondent stating that he or she may show cause why such order should not be entered. Any notice provided to the respondent shall include notification that a court may treat a petition for a sexual assault protection order as a petition for a harassment protection order or a domestic abuse protection order if it appears from the facts that such other protection order is more appropriate and that the respondent shall have an opportunity to show cause as to why such protection order should not be entered. If such ex parte order is issued or renewed without notice to the respondent, the court shall forthwith cause notice of the petition and order and a form with which to request a show-cause hearing to be given the respondent stating that, upon service on the respondent, the order shall remain in effect for a period of one year unless the respondent shows cause why the order should not remain in effect for a period of one year. If the the court.

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respondent wishes to appear and show cause why the order should not 1 2 remain in effect for a period of one year, he or she shall affix his or her current address, telephone number, and signature to the form and 3 4 return it to the clerk of the district court within ten business days after service upon him or her. Upon receipt of a timely request for a 5 show-cause hearing, the court shall immediately schedule a show-cause 6 7 hearing to be held within thirty days after the receipt of the request for a show-cause hearing and shall notify the petitioner and respondent 8 9 of the hearing date. The petition and affidavit shall be deemed to have been offered into evidence at any show-cause hearing. The petition and 10 affidavit shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by 11

- (8) A court may treat a petition for a sexual assault protection order as a petition for a harassment protection order or a domestic abuse protection order if it appears from the facts in the petition, affidavit, and evidence presented at a show-cause hearing that such other protection order is more appropriate and if:
- 18 (a) The court makes specific findings that such other order is more 19 appropriate; or
 - (b) The petitioner has requested the court to so treat the petition.
- (9)(a) Upon the issuance or renewal of any temporary ex parte or 21 final sexual assault protection order, the clerk of the court shall 22 forthwith provide the petitioner, without charge, with two certified 23 24 copies of such order. The clerk of the court shall also forthwith provide 25 the local police department or local law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's office, without charge, with one copy each of such order and 26 one copy each of the sheriff's return thereon. The clerk of the court 27 28 shall also forthwith provide a copy of the sexual assault protection order to the sheriff's office in the county where the respondent may be 29 personally served together with instructions for service. Upon receipt of 30 the order and instructions for service, such sheriff's office shall 31

- 1 forthwith serve the sexual assault protection order upon the respondent
- 2 and file its return thereon with the clerk of the court which issued the
- 3 sexual assault protection order within fourteen days of the issuance of
- 4 the initial or renewed sexual assault protection order. If any sexual
- 5 assault protection order is dismissed or modified by the court, the clerk
- 6 of the court shall forthwith provide the local police department or local
- 7 law enforcement agency and the local sheriff's office, without charge,
- 8 with one copy each of the order of dismissal or modification.
- 9 (b) If the respondent is present at a hearing convened pursuant to
- 10 this section and the sexual assault protection order is not dismissed,
- 11 such respondent shall be deemed to have notice by the court at such
- 12 hearing that the protection order will be granted and remain in effect
- 13 and further service of such notice described in this subsection shall not
- 14 be required for purposes of prosecution under this section.
- 15 (c) A temporary ex parte sexual assault protection order shall be
- 16 affirmed and deemed the final protection order and service of the
- 17 temporary ex parte order shall be notice of the final protection order if
- 18 the respondent has been properly served with the ex parte order and:
- 19 (i) The respondent fails to request a show-cause hearing within ten
- 20 business days after service upon him or her and no hearing was requested
- 21 by the petitioner or upon the court's own motion;
- 22 (ii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
- 23 hearing requested by the respondent or petitioner or upon the court's own
- 24 motion and the respondent fails to appear at such hearing; or
- 25 (iii) The respondent has been properly served with notice of any
- 26 hearing requested by the respondent, the petitioner, or upon the court's
- 27 own motion and the protection order was not dismissed at the hearing.
- 28 (10) A peace officer shall, with or without a warrant, arrest a
- 29 person if (a) the officer has probable cause to believe that the person
- 30 has committed a violation of a sexual assault protection order issued
- 31 pursuant to this section or a violation of a valid foreign sexual assault

- 1 protection order recognized pursuant to section 28-311.12 and (b) a
- 2 petitioner under this section provides the peace officer with a copy of
- 3 such order or the peace officer determines that such an order exists
- 4 after communicating with the local law enforcement agency.
- 5 (11) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to subsection (10) of
- 6 this section shall take such person into custody and take such person
- 7 before the county court or the court which issued the sexual assault
- 8 protection order within a reasonable time. At such time the court shall
- 9 establish the conditions of such person's release from custody, including
- 10 the determination of bond or recognizance, as the case may be. The court
- 11 shall issue an order directing that such person shall have no contact
- 12 with the alleged victim of the sexual assault offense.
- 13 (12)(a) An order issued under subsection (1) of this section may be
- 14 renewed annually. To request renewal of the order, the petitioner shall
- 15 file a petition for renewal and affidavit in support thereof at any time
- 16 within forty-five days prior to the date the order is set to expire,
- 17 including the date the order expires.
- 18 (b) A sexual assault protection order may be renewed on the basis of
- 19 the petitioner's affidavit stating that there has been no material change
- 20 in relevant circumstances since entry of the order and stating the reason
- 21 for the requested renewal if:
- 22 (i) The petitioner seeks no modification of the order; and
- 23 (ii)(A) The respondent has been properly served with notice of the
- 24 petition for renewal and notice of hearing and fails to appear at the
- 25 hearing; or
- 26 (B) The respondent indicates that he or she does not contest the
- 27 renewal.
- 28 (c) The petition for renewal shall state the reasons a renewal is
- 29 sought and shall be filed with the clerk of the district court, and the
- 30 proceeding thereon may be heard by the county court or the district court
- 31 as provided in section 25-2740. A petition for renewal will otherwise be

- 1 governed in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsections (4)
- 2 through (11) of this section. The renewed order shall specify that it is
- 3 effective for one year commencing on the first calendar day after
- 4 expiration of the previous order or on the calendar day the court grants
- 5 the renewal if such day is subsequent to the first calendar day after
- 6 expiration of the previous order.
- 7 (13) When provided by the petitioner, the court shall make
- 8 confidential numeric victim identification information, including social
- 9 security numbers and dates of birth, available to appropriate criminal
- 10 justice agencies engaged in protection order enforcement efforts. Such
- 11 agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of this information, except
- 12 for entry into state and federal databases for protection order
- 13 enforcement.
- 14 (14) For purposes of this section:
- 15 (a) Local law enforcement agency means a local police department, a
- 16 University of Nebraska police department, or any other local law
- 17 <u>enforcement agency; and</u>
- 18 <u>(b) Sexual</u> , sexual assault offense means:
- 19 (i) (a) Conduct amounting to sexual assault under section 28-319 or
- 20 28-320, sexual abuse by a school employee under section 28-316.01, sexual
- 21 assault of a child under section 28-319.01 or 28-320.01, or an attempt to
- 22 commit any of such offenses; or
- (ii) (b) Subjecting or attempting to subject another person to
- 24 sexual contact or sexual penetration without his or her consent, as such
- 25 terms are defined in section 28-318.
- Sec. 7. Section 28-322.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 27 2022, is amended to read:
- 28 28-322.05 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 29 (a) Detainee means an individual who has been:
- 30 (i) Arrested by a person;
- 31 (ii) Detained by a person, regardless of whether the detainee has

- 1 been arrested or charged; or
- 2 (iii) Placed into the custody of a person, regardless of whether the
- 3 detainee has been arrested or charged;
- 4 (b) Law enforcement agency means an agency or department of this
- 5 state or of any political subdivision of this state which is responsible
- 6 for the prevention and detection of crime; the enforcement of the penal,
- 7 traffic, or highway laws of this state or any political subdivision of
- 8 this state; and the enforcement of arrest warrants. Law enforcement
- 9 agency includes a police department, an office of the town marshal, an
- 10 office of the county sheriff, the Nebraska State Patrol, a University of
- 11 <u>Nebraska police department</u>, and any department to which a deputy state
- 12 sheriff is assigned as provided in section 84-106; and
- 13 (c) Person means an individual:
- 14 (i) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency, including an
- 15 individual working under contract with the agency;
- 16 (ii) To whom the law enforcement agency has authorized or delegated
- 17 authority to make arrests, to place a detainee in detention or custody,
- 18 or to otherwise exercise control over a detainee or a detainee's
- 19 activities; and
- 20 (iii) Who is not the spouse of a detainee.
- 21 (2) A person commits the offense of sexual abuse of a detainee if
- 22 the person engages in sexual penetration or sexual contact with a
- 23 detainee. It is not a defense to a charge under this section that the
- 24 detainee consented to such sexual penetration or sexual contact.
- 25 (3) An otherwise lawful pat-down or body cavity search by a person
- 26 is not a violation of this section.
- 27 (4) Any person who engages in sexual penetration with a detainee is
- 28 guilty of sexual abuse of a detainee in the first degree. Sexual abuse of
- 29 a detainee in the first degree is a Class IIA felony.
- 30 (5) Any person who engages in sexual contact with a detainee is
- 31 guilty of sexual abuse of a detainee in the second degree. Sexual abuse

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- 1 of a detainee in the second degree is a Class IIIA felony.
- 2 Sec. 8. Section 28-359, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 28-359 Law enforcement agency shall mean the police department or
- 5 the town marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the
- 6 sheriff in unincorporated areas, <u>a University of Nebraska police</u>
- 7 department, and the Nebraska State Patrol.
- 8 Sec. 9. Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 9 2022, is amended to read:
- 10 28-470 (1) A health professional who is authorized to prescribe or
- 11 dispense naloxone, if acting with reasonable care, may prescribe,
- 12 administer, or dispense naloxone to any of the following persons without
- 13 being subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution:
- 14 (a) A person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to
- 15 experience an opioid-related overdose; or
- 16 (b) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist
- 17 a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an
- 18 opioid-related overdose.
- 19 (2) A family member, friend, or other person who is in a position to
- 20 assist a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to
- 21 experience an opioid-related overdose, other than an emergency responder
- 22 or peace officer, is not subject to actions under the Uniform
- 23 Credentialing Act, administrative action, or criminal prosecution if the
- 24 person, acting in good faith, obtains naloxone from a health professional
- 25 or a prescription for naloxone from a health professional and administers
- 26 the naloxone obtained from the health professional or acquired pursuant
- 27 to the prescription to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-
- 28 related overdose.
- 29 (3) An emergency responder who, acting in good faith, obtains
- 30 naloxone from the emergency responder's emergency medical service
- 31 organization and administers the naloxone to a person who is apparently

- 1 experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
- 2 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
- 3 (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a 4 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in 5 the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out 6 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical 7 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose, unless the emergency responder caused damage or 8 injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of 9
- commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability 10
- of such emergency medical service organization for the emergency 11
- responder's acts of commission or omission. 12
- (4) A peace officer or law enforcement employee who, acting in good 13 faith, obtains naloxone from the peace officer's or employee's law 14 enforcement agency and administers the naloxone to a person who is 15 16 apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
- 17 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
- (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a 18 19 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out 20 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical 21 22 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an 23 opioid-related overdose, unless the peace officer or employee caused 24 damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the 25 liability of such law enforcement agency for the peace officer's or 26 employee's acts of commission or omission. 27
- 28 (5) For purposes of this section:
- (a) Administer has the same meaning as in section 38-2806; 29
- (b) Dispense has the same meaning as in section 38-2817; 30
- (c) Emergency responder means an emergency medical responder, an 31

1 emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician,

- 2 or a paramedic licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act
- 3 or practicing pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;
- 4 (d) Health professional means a physician, physician assistant,
- 5 nurse practitioner, or pharmacist licensed under the Uniform
- 6 Credentialing Act;
- 7 (e) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town
- 8 marshal, the office of sheriff, <u>a University of Nebraska police</u>
- 9 <u>department</u>, or the Nebraska State Patrol;
- (f) Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement
- 11 agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such
- 12 contractor who regularly, as part of his or her duties, handles,
- 13 processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or
- 14 property which may include or contain opioids;
- 15 (g) Naloxone means naloxone hydrochloride; and
- 16 (h) Peace officer has the same meaning as in section 49-801.
- 17 Sec. 10. Section 28-710, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 18 2022, is amended to read:
- 19 28-710 (1) Sections 28-710 to 28-727 shall be known and may be cited
- 20 as the Child Protection and Family Safety Act.
- 21 (2) For purposes of the Child Protection and Family Safety Act:
- 22 (a) Alternative response means a comprehensive assessment of (i)
- 23 child safety, (ii) the risk of future child abuse or neglect, (iii)
- 24 family strengths and needs, and (iv) the provision of or referral for
- 25 necessary services and support. Alternative response is an alternative to
- 26 traditional response and does not include an investigation or a formal
- 27 determination as to whether child abuse or neglect has occurred, and the
- 28 subject of the report shall not be entered into the central registry of
- 29 child protection cases maintained pursuant to section 28-718;
- 30 (b) Child abuse or neglect means knowingly, intentionally, or
- 31 negligently causing or permitting a minor child to be:

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1 (i) Placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical

- 2 or mental health;
- 3 (ii) Cruelly confined or cruelly punished;
- 4 (iii) Deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or care;
- 5 (iv) Left unattended in a motor vehicle if such minor child is six
- 6 years of age or younger;
- 7 (v) Placed in a situation to be sexually abused;
- 8 (vi) Placed in a situation to be sexually exploited through sex
- 9 trafficking of a minor as defined in section 28-830 or by allowing,
- 10 encouraging, or forcing such person to engage in debauchery, public
- 11 indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions;
- 12 or
- 13 (vii) Placed in a situation to be a trafficking victim as defined in
- 14 section 28-830;
- 15 (c) Child advocacy center means a community-based organization that
- 16 (i) provides an appropriate site for conducting forensic interviews as
- 17 defined in section 28-728 and referring victims of child abuse or neglect
- 18 and appropriate caregivers for such victims to needed evaluation,
- 19 services, and supports, (ii) assists county attorneys in facilitating
- 20 case reviews, developing and updating protocols, and arranging training
- 21 opportunities for the teams established pursuant to sections 28-728 and
- 22 28-729, and (iii) is a member, in good standing, of a state chapter as
- 23 defined in 34 U.S.C. 20302;
- 24 (d) Comprehensive assessment means an analysis of child safety, risk
- 25 of future child abuse or neglect, and family strengths and needs on a
- 26 report of child abuse or neglect using an evidence-informed and validated
- 27 tool. Comprehensive assessment does not include a finding as to whether
- 28 the child abuse or neglect occurred but does determine the need for
- 29 services and support, if any, to address the safety of children and the
- 30 risk of future abuse or neglect;
- 31 (e) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

(f) Investigation means fact gathering by the department, using an evidence-informed and validated tool, or by law enforcement related to the current safety of a child and the risk of future child abuse or neglect that determines whether child abuse or neglect has occurred and whether child protective services are needed;

- 6 (g) Kin caregiver means a person with whom a child in foster care
 7 has been placed or with whom a child is residing pursuant to a temporary
 8 living arrangement in a non-court-involved case, who has previously lived
 9 with or is a trusted adult that has a preexisting, significant
 10 relationship with the child or with a sibling of such child placed
 11 pursuant to section 43-1311.02;
- (h) Law enforcement agency means the police department or town marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the sheriff in unincorporated areas, <u>a University of Nebraska police department</u>, and the Nebraska State Patrol;
- (i) Non-court-involved case means an ongoing case opened by the department following a report of child abuse or neglect in which the department has determined that ongoing services are required to maintain the safety of a child or alleviate the risk of future abuse or neglect and in which the family voluntarily engages in child protective services without a filing in a juvenile court;
- (j) Out-of-home child abuse or neglect means child abuse or neglect 22 occurring outside of a child's family home, including in day care homes, 23 foster homes, day care centers, residential child-caring agencies as 24 25 defined in section 71-1926, other child care facilities or institutions, and the community. Out-of-home child abuse or neglect also includes cases 26 in which the subject of the report of child abuse or neglect is not a 27 member of the child's household, no longer has access to the child, is 28 unknown, or cannot be identified; 29
- 30 (k) Relative caregiver means a person with whom a child is placed by 31 the department and who is related to the child, or to a sibling of such

- 1 child pursuant to section 43-1311.02, by blood, marriage, or adoption or,
- 2 in the case of an Indian child, is an extended family member as defined
- 3 in section 43-1503;
- 4 (1) Report means any communication received by the department or a
- 5 law enforcement agency pursuant to the Child Protection and Family Safety
- 6 Act that describes child abuse or neglect and contains sufficient content
- 7 to identify the child who is the alleged victim of child abuse or
- 8 neglect;
- 9 (m) Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team means an internal team of
- 10 staff within the department and shall include no fewer than two
- 11 supervisors or administrators and two staff members knowledgeable on the
- 12 policies and practices of the department, including, but not limited to,
- 13 the structured review process. County attorneys, child advocacy centers,
- 14 or law enforcement agency personnel may attend team reviews upon request
- 15 of a party;
- 16 (n) School employee means a person nineteen years of age or older
- 17 who is employed by a public, private, denominational, or parochial school
- 18 approved or accredited by the State Department of Education;
- 19 (o) Student means a person less than nineteen years of age enrolled
- 20 in or attending a public, private, denominational, or parochial school
- 21 approved or accredited by the State Department of Education, or who was
- 22 such a person enrolled in or who attended such a school within ninety
- 23 days of any violation of section 28-316.01;
- (p) Traditional response means an investigation by a law enforcement
- 25 agency or the department pursuant to section 28-713 which requires a
- 26 formal determination of whether child abuse or neglect has occurred; and
- 27 (q) Subject of the report of child abuse or neglect or subject of
- 28 the report means the person or persons identified in the report as
- 29 responsible for the child abuse or neglect.
- 30 Sec. 11. Section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 31 2022, is amended to read:

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1 28-1008 For purposes of sections 28-1008 to 28-1017, 28-1019, and

- 2 28-1020:
- 3 (1) Abandon means to leave any animal in one's care, whether as
- 4 owner or custodian, for any length of time without making effective
- 5 provision for its food, water, or other care as is reasonably necessary
- 6 for the animal's health;
- 7 (2) Animal means any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom. Animal
- 8 does not include an uncaptured wild creature or a livestock animal as
- 9 defined in section 54-902;
- 10 (3) Cruelly mistreat means to knowingly and intentionally kill,
- 11 maim, disfigure, torture, beat, kick, hit, strike in any manner,
- 12 mutilate, burn, scald, or otherwise inflict harm upon any animal;
- 13 (4) Cruelly neglect means to fail to provide any animal in one's
- 14 care, whether as owner or custodian, with food, water, or other care as
- is reasonably necessary for the animal's health;
- 16 (5) Humane killing means the destruction of an animal by a method
- 17 which causes the animal a minimum of pain and suffering;
- 18 (6) Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska State
- 19 Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police force of
- 20 any city or village, any University of Nebraska police officer, or any
- 21 other public official authorized by a city or village to enforce state or
- 22 local animal control laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. Law
- 23 enforcement officer also includes a special investigator appointed as a
- 24 deputy state sheriff as authorized pursuant to section 81-201 while
- 25 acting within the authority of the Director of Agriculture under the
- 26 Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act;
- 27 (7) Mutilation means intentionally causing permanent injury,
- 28 disfigurement, degradation of function, incapacitation, or imperfection
- 29 to an animal. Mutilation does not include conduct performed by a
- 30 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this
- 31 state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices;

- 1 (8) Owner or custodian means any person owning, keeping, possessing,
- 2 harboring, or knowingly permitting an animal to remain on or about any
- 3 premises owned or occupied by such person;
- 4 (9) Police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by the
- 5 State of Nebraska or any county, city, or village for the purpose of
- 6 assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her
- 7 official enforcement duties;
- 8 (10) Repeated beating means intentional successive strikes to an
- 9 animal by a person resulting in serious injury or illness or death to the
- 10 animal;
- 11 (11) Serious injury or illness includes any injury or illness to any
- 12 animal which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes broken
- 13 bones, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or impairment of
- 14 the function of any bodily organ; and
- 15 (12) Torture means intentionally subjecting an animal to extreme
- 16 pain, suffering, or agony. Torture does not include conduct performed by
- 17 a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in
- 18 this state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices.
- 19 Sec. 12. Section 29-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 29-209 It is hereby made the duty of the sheriffs of the several
- 22 counties of the State of Nebraska, the chiefs of police of incorporated
- 23 cities therein, marshals of incorporated cities and towns therein, any
- 24 chief of police of a University of Nebraska police department, and
- 25 agencies of state government having powers of arrest to furnish the
- 26 Nebraska State Patrol two copies of fingerprints on forms provided by the
- 27 Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and
- 28 descriptions of all persons who are arrested by them (1) for any felony
- 29 or (2) as felony fugitives from the criminal justice system of another
- 30 jurisdiction. This section is not intended to include violators of city
- 31 ordinances or of persons arrested for other trifling offenses. The

- 1 Nebraska State Patrol shall in all appropriate cases forward one copy of
- 2 such fingerprints and other necessary identifying data and information to
- 3 the system maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 4 Sec. 13. Section 29-215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 5 2022, is amended to read:
- 6 29-215 (1) A law enforcement officer has the power and authority to
- 7 enforce the laws of this state and of the political subdivision which
- 8 employs the law enforcement officer or otherwise perform the functions of
- 9 that office anywhere within his or her primary jurisdiction.
- 10 (2) Any law enforcement officer who is within this state, but beyond
- 11 his or her primary jurisdiction, has the power and authority to enforce
- 12 the laws of this state or any legal ordinance of any city or incorporated
- 13 village or otherwise perform the functions of his or her office,
- 14 including the authority to arrest and detain suspects, as if enforcing
- 15 the laws or performing the functions within his or her primary
- 16 jurisdiction in the following cases:
- 17 (a) Any such law enforcement officer, if in a fresh attempt to
- 18 apprehend a person suspected of committing a felony, may follow such
- 19 person into any other jurisdiction in this state and there arrest and
- 20 detain such person and return such person to the law enforcement
- 21 officer's primary jurisdiction;
- 22 (b) Any such law enforcement officer, if in a fresh attempt to
- 23 apprehend a person suspected of committing a misdemeanor or a traffic
- 24 infraction, may follow such person anywhere in an area within twenty-five
- 25 miles of the boundaries of the law enforcement officer's primary
- 26 jurisdiction and there arrest and detain such person and return such
- 27 person to the law enforcement officer's primary jurisdiction;
- 28 (c) Any such law enforcement officer shall have such enforcement and
- 29 arrest and detention authority when responding to a call in which a
- 30 local, state, or federal law enforcement officer is in need of
- 31 assistance. A law enforcement officer in need of assistance shall mean

- 1 (i) a law enforcement officer whose life is in danger or (ii) a law
- 2 enforcement officer who needs assistance in making an arrest and the
- 3 suspect (A) will not be apprehended unless immediately arrested, (B) may
- 4 cause injury to himself or herself or others or damage to property unless
- 5 immediately arrested, or (C) may destroy or conceal evidence of the
- 6 commission of a crime; and
- 7 (d) Any municipality, or county, or University of Nebraska police
- 8 <u>department</u> may, under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act or
- 9 the Joint Public Agency Act, enter into a contract with any other of such
- 10 entities municipality or county for law enforcement services or joint law
- 11 enforcement services. Under such an agreement, law enforcement personnel
- 12 may have such enforcement authority within the jurisdiction of each of
- 13 the participating <u>entities</u> political subdivisions if provided for in the
- 14 agreement. Unless otherwise provided in the agreement, each participating
- 15 <u>entity</u> political subdivision shall provide liability insurance coverage
- 16 for its own law enforcement personnel as provided in section 13-1802.
- 17 (3) When probable cause exists to believe that a person is operating
- 18 or in the actual physical control of any motor vehicle, motorboat,
- 19 personal watercraft, or aircraft while under the influence of alcoholic
- 20 liquor or of any drug or otherwise in violation of section 28-1465,
- 21 28-1466, 28-1472, 37-1254.01, 37-1254.02, 60-4,163, 60-4,164, 60-6,196,
- 22 60-6,197, 60-6,211.01, or 60-6,211.02, the law enforcement officer has
- 23 the power and authority to do any of the following or any combination
- 24 thereof:
- 25 (a) Transport such person to a facility outside of the law
- 26 enforcement officer's primary jurisdiction for appropriate chemical
- 27 testing of the person;
- 28 (b) Administer outside of the law enforcement officer's primary
- 29 jurisdiction any post-arrest test advisement to the person; or
- 30 (c) With respect to such person, perform other procedures or
- 31 functions outside of the law enforcement officer's primary jurisdiction

- 1 which are directly and solely related to enforcing the laws that concern
- 2 a person operating or being in the actual physical control of any motor
- 3 vehicle, motorboat, personal watercraft, or aircraft while under the
- 4 influence of alcoholic liquor or of any other drug or otherwise in
- 5 violation of section 28-1465, 28-1466, 28-1472, 37-1254.01, 37-1254.02,
- 6 60-4,163, 60-4,164, 60-6,196, 60-6,197, 60-6,211.01, or 60-6,211.02.
- 7 (4) For purposes of this section:
- 8 (a) Class I railroad has the same meaning as in section 81-1401;
- 9 (b) Law enforcement officer has the same meaning as peace officer as
- 10 defined in section 49-801 and also includes conservation officers of the
- 11 Game and Parks Commission and Class I railroad police officers; and
- 12 (c) Primary jurisdiction means the geographic area within the
- 13 territorial limits of the state or political subdivision which employs
- 14 the law enforcement officer or as otherwise provided in section 34 of
- 15 this act.
- 16 Sec. 14. Section 29-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 17 amended to read:
- 18 29-406 The warrant shall be directed to the sheriff of the county,
- 19 or to the marshal or other police officer of a city or village, or to a
- 20 <u>University of Nebraska police officer</u> and, reciting the substance of the
- 21 accusation, shall command the officer to take the accused and bring him
- 22 or her before the magistrate or court issuing the warrant or some other
- 23 magistrate having cognizance of the case to be dealt with according to
- 24 law. No seal shall be necessary to the validity of the warrant.
- 25 Sec. 15. Section 29-4103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 29-4103 For purposes of the DNA Identification Information Act:
- 28 (1) Combined DNA Index System means the Federal Bureau of
- 29 Investigation's national DNA identification index system that allows the
- 30 storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic
- 31 DNA laboratories;

- 1 (2) DNA means deoxyribonucleic acid which is located in the cells
- 2 and provides an individual's personal genetic blueprint. DNA encodes
- 3 genetic information that is the basis of human heredity and forensic
- 4 identification;
- 5 (3) DNA record means the DNA identification information stored in
- 6 the State DNA Database or the Combined DNA Index System which is derived
- 7 from DNA typing test results;
- 8 (4) DNA sample means a blood, tissue, or bodily fluid sample
- 9 provided by any person covered by the DNA Identification Information Act
- 10 for analysis or storage, or both;
- 11 (5) DNA typing tests means the laboratory procedures which evaluate
- 12 the characteristics of a DNA sample which are of value in establishing
- 13 the identity of an individual;
- 14 (6) Law enforcement agency includes a police department, a town
- 15 marshal, a county sheriff, a University of Nebraska police department,
- 16 and the Nebraska State Patrol;
- 17 (7) Other specified offense means misdemeanor stalking pursuant to
- 18 sections 28-311.02 to 28-311.05 or false imprisonment in the second
- 19 degree pursuant to section 28-315 or an attempt, conspiracy, or
- 20 solicitation to commit stalking pursuant to sections 28-311.02 to
- 21 28-311.05, false imprisonment in the first degree pursuant to section
- 22 28-314, false imprisonment in the second degree pursuant to section
- 23 28-315, knowing and intentional sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult or
- 24 senior adult pursuant to subdivision (1)(c) of section 28-386, or a
- 25 violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act pursuant to section
- 26 29-4011; and
- 27 (8) Released means any release, parole, furlough, work release,
- 28 prerelease, or release in any other manner from a prison, a jail, or any
- 29 other detention facility or institution.
- 30 Sec. 16. Section 29-4502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 31 amended to read:

- 1 29-4502 For purposes of sections 29-4501 to 29-4508:
- 2 (1) Custodial interrogation has the meaning prescribed to it under
- 3 the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States
- 4 and Article I, sections 3 and 7, of the Constitution of Nebraska, as
- 5 interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and the Nebraska Supreme
- 6 Court;
- 7 (2) Electronically record means to record using an audio recording
- 8 device, a digital recording device, or a video recording device;
- 9 (3) Place of detention means a police station, sheriff's office,
- 10 University of Nebraska police department, troop headquarters, courthouse,
- 11 county attorney's office, juvenile or adult correctional or holding
- 12 facility, community correctional center, or building under the permanent
- 13 control of law enforcement at which the person is in custody pursuant to
- 14 the authority of a law enforcement officer; and
- 15 (4) Reasonable exception means circumstances in which:
- 16 (a) A statement was made when it was not practicable to
- 17 electronically record the statement;
- 18 (b) Equipment to electronically record the statement could not be
- 19 reasonably obtained;
- 20 (c) The person in custody refused to have the statement
- 21 electronically recorded;
- 22 (d) The equipment used to electronically record the statement
- 23 malfunctioned; or
- (e) The law enforcement officer conducting the statement reasonably
- 25 believed that the crime for which the person was taken into custody was
- 26 not a crime described in subsection (2) of section 29-4503.
- 27 Sec. 17. Section 42-903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 28 2022, is amended to read:
- 29 42-903 For purposes of the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act,
- 30 unless the context otherwise requires:
- 31 (1) Abuse means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts

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between family or household members:

2 (a) Attempting to cause or intentionally and knowingly causing 3 bodily injury with or without a dangerous instrument;

- (b) Placing, by means of credible threat, another person in fear of 4 5 bodily injury. For purposes of this subdivision, credible threat means a verbal or written threat, including a threat performed through the use of 6 an electronic communication device, or a threat implied by a pattern of 7 8 conduct or a combination of verbal, written, or electronically 9 communicated statements and conduct that is made by a person with the apparent ability to carry out the threat so as to cause the person who is 10 the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety or the 11 safety of his or her family. It is not necessary to prove that the person 12 13 making the threat had the intent to actually carry out the threat. The present incarceration of the person making the threat shall not prevent 14 the threat from being deemed a credible threat under this section; or 15
- 16 (c) Engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration without consent 17 as defined in section 28-318;
 - (2) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 19 (3) Family or household members includes spouses or former spouses, children, persons who are presently residing together or who have resided 20 together in the past, persons who have a child in common whether or not 21 they have been married or have lived together at any time, other persons 22 related by consanguinity or affinity, and persons who are presently 23 24 involved in a dating relationship with each other or who have been involved in a dating relationship with each other. For purposes of this 25 subdivision, dating relationship means frequent, intimate associations 26 primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual 27 involvement, but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary 28 association between persons in a business or social context; and 29
- 30 (4) Law enforcement agency means the police department or town 31 marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the sheriff in

1 unincorporated areas, a University of Nebraska police department, and the

- 2 Nebraska State Patrol.
- 3 Sec. 18. Section 44-3,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 44-3,134 As used in sections 44-3,134 to 44-3,142, unless the
- 6 context otherwise requires:
- 7 (1) Authorized agency shall mean the Nebraska State Patrol, a local
- 8 governmental police department, <u>a University of Nebraska police</u>
- 9 <u>department</u>, a county sheriff's office, a county attorney, a municipal
- 10 attorney, a United States district attorney, a duly constituted criminal
- 11 investigative agency of the United States Government, and the office of
- 12 the Nebraska Attorney General;
- 13 (2) Insurer shall mean any insurance company, adjustor, or agent;
- 14 and
- 15 (3) Relevant shall mean having a tendency to make the existence of
- 16 any information that is of consequence to an investigation of motor
- 17 vehicle theft or motor vehicle insurance fraud or a determination of such
- 18 issue more probable or less probable than it would be without such
- 19 information.
- 20 Sec. 19. Section 48-101.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 21 2022, is amended to read:
- 22 48-101.01 (1) The Legislature finds and declares:
- 23 (a) The occupations of first responders are recognized as stressful
- 24 occupations. Only our nation's combat soldiers endure more stress.
- 25 Similar to military personnel, first responders face unique and uniquely
- 26 dangerous risks in their sworn mission to keep the public safe. They rely
- 27 on each other for survival to protect the communities they serve;
- 28 (b) On any given day, first responders can be called on to make life
- 29 and death decisions, witness a young child dying with the child's grief-
- 30 stricken family, make a decision that will affect a community member for
- 31 the rest of such person's life, or be exposed to a myriad of communicable

- 1 diseases and known carcinogens;
- 2 (c) On any given day, first responders protect high-risk individuals
- 3 from themselves and protect the community from such individuals;
- 4 (d) First responders are constantly at significant risk of bodily
- 5 harm or physical assault while they perform their duties;
- 6 (e) Constant, cumulative exposure to horrific events make first
- 7 responders uniquely susceptible to the emotional and behavioral impacts
- 8 of job-related stressors;
- 9 (f) Trauma-related injuries can become overwhelming and manifest in
- 10 post-traumatic stress, which may result in substance use disorders and
- 11 even, tragically, suicide; and
- 12 (g) It is imperative for society to recognize occupational injuries
- 13 related to post-traumatic stress and to promptly seek diagnosis and
- 14 treatment without stigma. This includes recognizing that mental injury
- 15 and mental illness as a result of trauma is not disordered, but is a
- 16 normal and natural human response to trauma, the negative effects of
- 17 which can be ameliorated through diagnosis and effective treatment.
- 18 (2) Personal injury includes mental injuries and mental illness
- 19 unaccompanied by physical injury for an employee who is a first
- 20 responder, frontline state employee, or county correctional officer if
- 21 such employee:
- 22 (a) Establishes that the employee's employment conditions causing
- 23 the mental injury or mental illness were extraordinary and unusual in
- 24 comparison to the normal conditions of the particular employment; and
- 25 (b) Establishes, through a mental health professional, the medical
- 26 causation between the mental injury or mental illness and the employment
- 27 conditions by medical evidence.
- 28 (3) The employee bears the burden of establishing the matters
- 29 described in subsection (2) of this section by a preponderance of the
- 30 evidence.
- 31 (4) Until January 1, 2028, a first responder may establish prima

1 facie evidence of a personal injury that is a mental injury or mental

- 2 illness if the first responder:
- 3 (a) Presents evidence that the first responder underwent a mental
- 4 health examination by a mental health professional upon entry into such
- 5 service or subsequent to such entry and before the onset of the mental
- 6 injury or mental illness and such examination did not reveal the mental
- 7 injury or mental illness for which the first responder seeks
- 8 compensation;
- 9 (b) Presents testimony or an affidavit from a mental health
- 10 professional stating the first responder suffers from a mental injury or
- 11 mental illness caused by one or more events or series of events which
- 12 cumulatively produced the mental injury or mental illness which brought
- 13 about the need for medical attention and the interruption of employment;
- 14 (c) Presents evidence that such events or series of events arose out
- of and in the course of the first responder's employment; and
- 16 (d) Presents evidence that, prior to the employment conditions which
- 17 caused the mental injury or mental illness, the first responder had
- 18 participated in resilience training and updated the training at least
- 19 annually thereafter.
- 20 (5) For purposes of this section, mental injuries and mental illness
- 21 arising out of and in the course of employment unaccompanied by physical
- 22 injury are not considered compensable if they result from any event or
- 23 series of events which are incidental to normal employer and employee
- 24 relations, including, but not limited to, personnel actions by the
- 25 employer such as disciplinary actions, work evaluations, transfers,
- 26 promotions, demotions, salary reviews, or terminations.
- 27 (6)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse a
- 28 first responder for the cost of annual resilience training not reimbursed
- 29 by the first responder's employer. The department shall pay reimbursement
- 30 at a rate determined by the Critical Incident Stress Management Program
- 31 under section 71-7104. Reimbursement shall be subject to the annual limit

- 1 set by such program under section 71-7104.
- 2 (b) To obtain reimbursement under this subsection, a first responder
- 3 shall submit an application to the Department of Health and Human
- 4 Services on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.
- 5 (7) The Department of Health and Human Services shall maintain and
- 6 annually update records of first responders who have completed annual
- 7 resilience training.
- 8 (8) For purposes of this section:
- 9 (a) County correctional officer means a correctional officer
- 10 employed by a high-population county whose:
- 11 (i) Position obligates such employee to maintain order and custody
- 12 of inmates in a county jail; and
- 13 (ii) Duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk
- 14 individuals;
- 15 (b) Custody means:
- 16 (i) Under the charge or control of a state institution or state
- 17 agency and includes time spent outside of the state institution or state
- 18 agency; or
- (ii) In the custody of a county jail in a high-population county or
- 20 in the process of being placed in the custody of a county jail in a high-
- 21 population county;
- 22 (c) First responder means a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, a police
- 23 officer, an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, a University of
- 24 <u>Nebraska police officer</u>, a volunteer or paid firefighter, or a volunteer
- 25 or paid individual licensed under a licensure classification in
- 26 subdivision (1) of section 38-1217 who provides medical care in order to
- 27 prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological
- 28 illness or injury;
- 29 (d) Frontline state employee means an employee of the Department of
- 30 Correctional Services or the Department of Health and Human Services
- 31 whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk

- 1 individuals;
- 2 (e) High-population county means a county with more than three
- 3 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal
- 4 decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United
- 5 States Bureau of the Census;
- 6 (f) High-risk individual means an individual in custody for whom
- 7 violent or physically intimidating behavior is common, including, but not
- 8 limited to, a committed offender as defined in section 83-170, a patient
- 9 at a regional center as defined in section 71-911, a juvenile committed
- 10 to a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, and a person in the
- 11 custody of a county jail in a high-population county or in the process of
- 12 being placed in the custody of a county jail in a high-population county;
- 13 (g) Mental health professional means:
- 14 (i) A practicing physician licensed to practice medicine in this
- 15 state under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act;
- 16 (ii) A practicing psychologist licensed to engage in the practice of
- 17 psychology in this state as provided in section 38-3111 or as provided in
- 18 similar provisions of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact;
- 19 (iii) A person licensed as an independent mental health practitioner
- 20 under the Mental Health Practice Act; or
- 21 (iv) A professional counselor who holds a privilege to practice in
- 22 Nebraska as a professional counselor under the Licensed Professional
- 23 Counselors Interstate Compact; and
- 24 (h) Resilience training means training that meets the guidelines
- 25 established by the Critical Incident Stress Management Program under
- 26 section 71-7104 and that teaches how to adapt to, manage, and recover
- 27 from adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of
- 28 stress.
- 29 (9) All other provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
- 30 apply to this section.
- 31 Sec. 20. Section 48-202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 48-202 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a public
- 3 employer shall not ask an applicant for employment to disclose, orally or
- 4 in writing, information concerning the applicant's criminal record or
- 5 history, including any inquiry on any employment application, until the
- 6 public employer has determined the applicant meets the minimum employment
- 7 qualifications.
- 8 (2) This section does not apply to any law enforcement agency, to
- 9 any position for which a public employer is required by federal or state
- 10 law to conduct a criminal history record information check, or to any
- 11 position for which federal or state law specifically disqualifies an
- 12 applicant with a criminal background.
- 13 (3)(a) This section does not prevent a public employer that is a
- 14 school district or educational service unit from requiring an applicant
- 15 for employment to disclose an applicant's criminal record or history
- 16 relating to sexual or physical abuse.
- 17 (b) This section does not prevent a public employer from preparing
- 18 or delivering an employment application that conspicuously states that a
- 19 criminal history record information check is required by federal law,
- 20 state law, or the employer's policy.
- 21 (c) This section does not prevent a public employer from conducting
- 22 a criminal history record information check after the public employer has
- 23 determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment
- 24 qualifications.
- 25 (4) For purposes of this section:
- 26 (a) Law enforcement agency means an agency or department of this
- 27 state or of any political subdivision of this state which is responsible
- 28 for the prevention and detection of crime, the enforcement of the penal,
- 29 traffic, or highway laws of this state or any political subdivision of
- 30 this state, and the enforcement of arrest warrants. Law enforcement
- 31 agency includes a police department, an office of the town marshal, an

- 1 office of the county sheriff, a University of Nebraska police department,
- 2 the Nebraska State Patrol, and any department to which a deputy state
- 3 sheriff is assigned as provided in section 84-106; and
- 4 (b) Public employer means an agency or department of this state or
- 5 of any political subdivision of this state.
- 6 Sec. 21. Section 48-1108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 48-1108 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska Fair
- 9 Employment Practice Act:
- 10 (1) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer
- 11 to hire and employ employees, for an employment agency to classify or
- 12 refer for employment any individual, for a labor organization to classify
- its membership or to classify or refer for employment any individual, or
- 14 for an employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee
- 15 controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining programs to
- 16 admit or employ any individual in any such program on the basis of
- 17 religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin in those
- 18 certain instances when religion, sex, disability, marital status, or
- 19 national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably
- 20 necessary to the normal operation of that particular business or
- 21 enterprise;
- 22 (2) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for a school,
- 23 college, university, or other educational institution or institution of
- 24 learning to hire and employ employees of a particular religion if such
- 25 school, college, university, or other educational institution or
- 26 institution of learning is, in whole or in substantial part, owned,
- 27 supported, controlled, or managed by a particular religion or by a
- 28 particular religious corporation, association, or society or if the
- 29 curriculum of such school, college, university, or other educational
- 30 institution of learning is directed toward the propagation of a
- 31 particular religion;

- 1 (3) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer
- 2 to enact any bona fide health and safety standard that regulates
- 3 characteristics associated with race if the employer demonstrates that:
- 4 (a) Without the implementation of such standard, it is reasonably
- 5 certain that the health and safety of the applicant, employee, or other
- 6 materially connected person will be impaired;
- 7 (b) The standard is adopted for nondiscriminatory reasons;
- 8 (c) The standard is applied equally; and
- 9 (d) The employer has engaged in good faith efforts to reasonably
- 10 accommodate the applicant or employee; and
- 11 (4) It shall not be an unlawful employment practice for the Nebraska
- 12 State Patrol, a county sheriff, a city or village police department, a
- 13 University of Nebraska police department, or any other law enforcement
- 14 agency in this state or the Nebraska National Guard to impose its own
- 15 dress and grooming standards.
- 16 Sec. 22. Section 49-801, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 17 amended to read:
- 18 49-801 Unless the context is shown to intend otherwise, words and
- 19 phrases in the statutes of Nebraska hereafter enacted are used in the
- 20 following sense:
- 21 (1) Acquire when used in connection with a grant of power or
- 22 property right to any person shall include the purchase, grant, gift,
- 23 devise, bequest, and obtaining by eminent domain;
- 24 (2) Action shall include any proceeding in any court of this state;
- 25 (3) Attorney shall mean attorney at law;
- 26 (4) Company shall include any corporation, partnership, limited
- 27 liability company, joint-stock company, joint venture, or association;
- 28 (5) Domestic when applied to corporations shall mean all those
- 29 created by authority of this state;
- 30 (6) Federal shall refer to the United States;
- 31 (7) Foreign when applied to corporations shall include all those

- 1 created by authority other than that of this state;
- 2 (8) Grantee shall include every person to whom any estate or
- 3 interest passes in or by any conveyance;
- 4 (9) Grantor shall include every person from or by whom any estate or
- 5 interest passes in or by any conveyance;
- 6 (10) Inhabitant shall be construed to mean a resident in the
- 7 particular locality in reference to which that word is used;
- 8 (11) Land or real estate shall include lands, tenements, and
- 9 hereditaments and all rights thereto and interest therein other than a
- 10 chattel interest;
- 11 (12) Magistrate shall include judge of the county court and clerk
- 12 magistrate;
- 13 (13) Month shall mean calendar month;
- 14 (14) Oath shall include affirmation in all cases in which an
- 15 affirmation may be substituted for an oath;
- 16 (15) Peace officer shall include sheriffs, coroners, jailers,
- 17 marshals, police officers, <u>University of Nebraska police officers,</u> state
- 18 highway patrol officers, members of the National Guard on active service
- 19 by direction of the Governor during periods of emergency, and all other
- 20 persons with similar authority to make arrests;
- 21 (16) Person shall include bodies politic and corporate, societies,
- 22 communities, the public generally, individuals, partnerships, limited
- 23 liability companies, joint-stock companies, and associations;
- 24 (17) Personal estate shall include money, goods, chattels, claims,
- 25 and evidences of debt;
- 26 (18) Process shall mean a summons, subpoena, or notice to appear
- 27 issued out of a court in the course of judicial proceedings;
- 28 (19) Service animal shall have the same meaning as in 28 C.F.R.
- 29 36.104, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2008;
- 30 (20) State when applied to different states of the United States
- 31 shall be construed to extend to and include the District of Columbia and

- 1 the several territories organized by Congress;
- 2 (21) Sworn shall include affirmed in all cases in which an
- 3 affirmation may be substituted for an oath;
- 4 (22) The United States shall include territories, outlying
- 5 possessions, and the District of Columbia;
- 6 (23) Violate shall include failure to comply with;
- 7 (24) Writ shall signify an order or citation in writing issued in
- 8 the name of the state out of a court or by a judicial officer; and
- 9 (25) Year shall mean calendar year.
- 10 Sec. 23. Section 53-1,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 53-1,121 (1) A law enforcement officer City police, county sheriffs,
- 13 officers of the Nebraska State Patrol, and any other such law enforcement
- 14 officer with power to arrest for traffic violations may take a person who
- 15 is intoxicated and in the judgment of the officer dangerous to himself,
- 16 herself, or others, or who is otherwise incapacitated, from any public or
- 17 quasi-public property. An officer removing an intoxicated person from
- 18 public or quasi-public property shall make a reasonable effort to take
- 19 such intoxicated person to his or her home or to place such person in any
- 20 hospital, clinic, or mental health substance use treatment center or with
- 21 a medical doctor as may be necessary to preserve life or to prevent
- 22 injury. Such effort at placement shall be deemed reasonable if the
- 23 officer contacts those facilities or doctors which have previously
- 24 represented a willingness to accept and treat such individuals and which
- 25 regularly do accept such individuals. If such efforts are unsuccessful or
- 26 are not feasible, the officer may then place such intoxicated person in
- 27 civil protective custody, except that civil protective custody shall be
- 28 used only as long as is necessary to preserve life or to prevent injury,
- 29 and under no circumstances for longer than twenty-four hours.
- 30 (2) The placement of such person in civil protective custody shall
- 31 be recorded at the facility or jail to which he or she is delivered and

- 1 communicated to his or her family or next of kin, if they can be located,
- 2 or to such person designated by the person taken into civil protective
- 3 custody.
- 4 (3) The law enforcement officer who acts in compliance with this
- 5 section shall be deemed to be acting in the course of his or her official
- 6 duty and shall not be criminally or civilly liable for such actions.
- 7 (4) The taking of an individual into civil protective custody under
- 8 this section shall not be considered an arrest. No entry or other record
- 9 shall be made to indicate that the person has been arrested or charged
- 10 with a crime.
- 11 (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall not deny
- 12 issuance or renewal of a license under the Health Care Facility Licensure
- 13 Act to a mental health substance use treatment center on the basis that
- 14 the mental health substance use treatment center utilizes locked rooms to
- 15 provide civil protective custody services if the mental health substance
- 16 use treatment center is otherwise in compliance with the applicable rules
- 17 and regulations of the department and if a person placed into civil
- 18 protective custody in the mental health substance use treatment center is
- 19 not kept in a locked room after such person is no longer a danger to
- 20 himself or herself or other patients or staff of the mental health
- 21 substance use treatment center.
- 22 (6) For purposes of this section:
- 23 (a) Law enforcement officer means a member of the police force of
- 24 any city or village, a University of Nebraska police officer, a member of
- 25 the Nebraska State Patrol, a county or deputy sheriff, or any other law
- 26 enforcement officer with power to arrest for traffic violations;
- 27 <u>(b)</u> (a) Mental health substance use treatment center has the same
- 28 meaning as in section 71-423;
- 29 <u>(c)</u> Public property means any public right-of-way, street,
- 30 highway, alley, park, or other state, county, or municipally owned
- 31 property; and

- 1 (d) (c) Quasi-public property means and includes private or publicly
- 2 owned property utilized for proprietary or business uses which invites
- 3 patronage by the public or which invites public ingress and egress.
- 4 Sec. 24. Section 54-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 54-902 For purposes of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act:
- 7 (1) Abandon means to leave a livestock animal in one's care, whether
- 8 as owner or custodian, for any length of time without making effective
- 9 provision for the livestock animal's feed, water, or other care as is
- 10 reasonably necessary for the livestock animal's health;
- 11 (2) Animal welfare practice means veterinarian practices and animal
- 12 husbandry practices common to the livestock animal industry, including
- 13 transport of livestock animals from one location to another;
- 14 (3) Bovine means a cow, an ox, or a bison;
- 15 (4) Cruelly mistreat means to knowingly and intentionally kill or
- 16 cause physical harm to a livestock animal in a manner that is not
- 17 consistent with animal welfare practices;
- 18 (5) Cruelly neglect means to fail to provide a livestock animal in
- 19 one's care, whether as owner or custodian, with feed, water, or other
- 20 care as is reasonably necessary for the livestock animal's health;
- 21 (6) Equine means a horse, pony, donkey, mule, or hinny;
- 22 (7) Euthanasia means the destruction of a livestock animal by
- 23 commonly accepted veterinary practices;
- 24 (8) Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska State
- 25 Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police force of
- 26 any city or village, any University of Nebraska police officer, or any
- 27 other public official authorized by a city or village to enforce state or
- 28 local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances;
- 29 (9) Livestock animal means any bovine, equine, swine, sheep, goats,
- 30 domesticated cervine animals, ratite birds, llamas, or poultry;
- 31 (10) Owner or custodian means any person owning, keeping,

- 1 possessing, harboring, or knowingly permitting an animal to remain on or
- 2 about any premises owned or occupied by such person; and
- 3 (11) Serious injury or illness includes any injury or illness to any
- 4 livestock animal which creates a substantial risk of death or which
- 5 causes broken bones, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or
- 6 impairment of the function of any bodily organ.
- 7 Sec. 25. Section 60-3,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 60-3,135 (1)(a) Undercover license plates may be issued to federal,
- 10 state, county, city, or village<u>, or University of Nebraska</u> law
- 11 enforcement agencies and shall be used only for legitimate criminal
- 12 investigatory purposes. Undercover license plates may also be issued to
- 13 the Nebraska State Patrol, the Game and Parks Commission, deputy state
- 14 sheriffs employed by the Nebraska Brand Committee and State Fire Marshal
- 15 for state law enforcement purposes, persons employed by the Tax
- 16 Commissioner for state revenue enforcement purposes, the Department of
- 17 Health and Human Services for the purposes of communicable disease
- 18 control, the prevention and control of those communicable diseases which
- 19 endanger the public health, the enforcement of drug control laws, or
- 20 other investigation purposes, the Department of Agriculture for special
- 21 investigative purposes, and the Insurance Fraud Prevention Division of
- 22 the Department of Insurance for investigative purposes. Undercover
- 23 license plates shall not be used on personally owned vehicles or for
- 24 personal use of government-owned vehicles.
- (b) The director shall prescribe a form for agencies to apply for
- 26 undercover license plates. The form shall include a space for the name
- 27 and signature of the contact person for the requesting agency, a
- 28 statement that the undercover license plates are to be used only for
- 29 legitimate criminal investigatory purposes, and a statement that
- 30 undercover license plates are not to be used on personally owned vehicles
- 31 or for personal use of government-owned vehicles.

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- 1 (2) The agency shall include the name and signature of the contact 2 person for the agency on the form and pay the fee prescribed in section 60-3,102. If the undercover license plates will be used for the 3 4 investigation of a specific event rather than for ongoing investigations, the agency shall designate on the form an estimate of the length of time 5 the undercover license plates will be needed. The contact person in the 6 7 agency shall sign the form and verify the information contained in the 8 form.
- 9 (3) Upon receipt of a completed form, the director shall determine whether the undercover license plates will be used by an approved agency 10 for a legitimate purpose pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. If 11 the director determines that the undercover license plates will be used 12 13 for such a purpose, he or she may issue the undercover license plates in the form and under the conditions he or she determines to be necessary. 14 The decision of the director regarding issuance of undercover license 15 plates is final. 16
- 17 (4) The department shall keep records pertaining to undercover 18 license plates confidential, and such records shall not be subject to 19 public disclosure.
- 20 (5) The contact person shall return the undercover license plates to 21 the department if:
 - (a) The undercover license plates expire and are not renewed;
- (b) The purpose for which the undercover license plates were issued has been completed or terminated; or
- 25 (c) The director requests their return.
- (6) A state agency, board, or commission that uses motor vehicles 26 of from the transportation services bureau the Department 27 of Administrative Services shall notify the bureau immediately after 28 undercover license plates have been assigned to the motor vehicle and 29 shall provide the equipment and license plate number and the undercover 30 license plate number to the bureau. The transportation services bureau 31

- 1 shall maintain a list of state-owned motor vehicles which have been
- 2 assigned undercover license plates. The list shall be confidential and
- 3 not be subject to public disclosure.
- 4 (7) The contact person shall be held accountable to keep proper
- 5 records of the number of undercover plates possessed by the agency, the
- 6 particular license plate numbers for each motor vehicle, and the person
- 7 who is assigned to the motor vehicle. This record shall be confidential
- 8 and not be subject to public disclosure.
- 9 Sec. 26. Section 60-480.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 60-480.01 (1)(a) Undercover drivers' licenses may be issued to
- 12 federal, state, county, city, or village, or <u>University of Nebraska</u> law
- 13 enforcement agencies and shall be used only for legitimate criminal
- 14 investigatory purposes. Undercover drivers' licenses may also be issued
- to the Nebraska State Patrol, the Game and Parks Commission, deputy state
- 16 sheriffs employed by the Nebraska Brand Committee and State Fire Marshal
- 17 for state law enforcement purposes, persons employed by the Tax
- 18 Commissioner for state revenue enforcement purposes, the Department of
- 19 Health and Human Services for the purposes of communicable disease
- 20 control, the prevention and control of those communicable diseases which
- 21 endanger the public health, the enforcement of drug control laws, or
- 22 other investigation purposes, the Department of Agriculture for special
- 23 investigative purposes, and the Insurance Fraud Prevention Division of
- 24 the Department of Insurance for investigative purposes. Undercover
- 25 drivers' licenses are not for personal use.
- 26 (b) The director shall prescribe a form for agencies to apply for
- 27 undercover drivers' licenses. The form shall include a space for the name
- 28 and signature of the contact person for the requesting agency, a
- 29 statement that the undercover drivers' licenses are to be used only for
- 30 legitimate criminal investigatory purposes, and a statement that
- 31 undercover drivers' licenses are not for personal use.

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the form.

- 1 (2) The agency shall include the name and signature of the contact
 2 person for the agency on the form and pay the fees prescribed in section
 3 60-4,115. If the undercover drivers' licenses will be used for the
 4 investigation of a specific event rather than for ongoing investigations,
 5 the agency shall designate on the form an estimate of the length of time
 6 the undercover drivers' licenses will be needed. The contact person in
 7 the agency shall sign the form and verify the information contained in
- 9 (3) Upon receipt of a completed form, the director shall determine
 10 whether the undercover drivers' licenses will be used by an approved
 11 agency for a legitimate purpose pursuant to subsection (1) of this
 12 section. If the director determines that the undercover drivers' licenses
 13 will be used for such a purpose, he or she may issue the undercover
 14 drivers' licenses in the form and under the conditions he or she
 15 determines to be necessary. The decision of the director regarding
- (4) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall keep records pertaining to undercover drivers' licenses confidential, and such records shall not be subject to public disclosure. Any person who receives information pertaining to undercover drivers' licenses in the course of his or her employment and who discloses any such information to any unauthorized individual shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

issuance of undercover drivers' licenses is final.

- 23 (5) The contact person shall return the undercover drivers' licenses 24 to the Department of Motor Vehicles if:
- 25 (a) The undercover drivers' licenses expire and are not renewed;
- 26 (b) The purpose for which the undercover drivers' licenses were 27 issued has been completed or terminated;
- 28 (c) The persons for whom the undercover drivers' licenses were 29 issued cease to be employees of the agency; or
- 30 (d) The director requests their return.
- 31 Sec. 27. Section 60-646, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 60-646 Peace officer shall mean any town marshal, chief of police,
- 3 local police officer, University of Nebraska police officer, sheriff, or
- 4 deputy sheriff, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety,
- 5 or any officer of the Nebraska State Patrol and shall also include
- 6 members of the National Guard on active service by direction of the
- 7 Governor during periods of emergency or civil disorder and Game and Parks
- 8 Commission conservation officers while in areas under the control of the
- 9 Game and Parks Commission. With respect to directing traffic only, peace
- 10 officer shall also include any person authorized to direct or regulate
- 11 traffic.
- 12 Sec. 28. Section 69-2429, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 14 69-2429 For purposes of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act:
- 15 (1) Concealed handgun means the handgun is totally hidden from view.
- 16 If any part of the handgun is capable of being seen, it is not a
- 17 concealed handgun;
- 18 (2) Emergency services personnel means a volunteer or paid
- 19 firefighter or rescue squad member or a person licensed to provide
- 20 emergency medical services pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services
- 21 Practice Act or authorized to provide emergency medical services pursuant
- 22 to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;
- 23 (3) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches
- 24 in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a
- 25 single hand;
- 26 (4) Peace officer means any town marshal, chief of police or local
- 27 police officer, <u>University of Nebraska police officer</u>, sheriff or deputy
- 28 sheriff, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, any
- 29 officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, any member of the National Guard on
- 30 active service by direction of the Governor during periods of emergency
- 31 or civil disorder, any Game and Parks Commission conservation officer,

- 1 and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests;
- 2 (5) Permitholder means an individual holding a current and valid
- 3 permit to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to the Concealed
- 4 Handgun Permit Act; and
- 5 (6) Proof of training means an original document or certified copy
- 6 of a document, supplied by an applicant, that certifies that he or she
- 7 either:
- 8 (a) Within the previous three years, has successfully completed a
- 9 handgun training and safety course approved by the Nebraska State Patrol
- 10 pursuant to section 69-2432; or
- 11 (b) Is a member of the active or reserve armed forces of the United
- 12 States or a member of the National Guard and has had handgun training
- 13 within the previous three years which meets the minimum safety and
- 14 training requirements of section 69-2432.
- 15 Sec. 29. Section 71-507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 16 2022, is amended to read:
- 17 71-507 For purposes of sections 71-507 to 71-513:
- 18 (1) Alternate facility means a facility other than a health care
- 19 facility that receives a patient transported to the facility by an
- 20 emergency services provider;
- 21 (2) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 22 (3) Designated physician means the physician representing the
- 23 emergency services provider as identified by name, address, and telephone
- 24 number on the significant exposure report form. The designated physician
- 25 shall serve as the contact for notification in the event an emergency
- 26 services provider believes he or she has had significant exposure to an
- 27 infectious disease or condition. Each emergency services provider shall
- 28 designate a physician as provided in subsection (2) of section 71-509;
- 29 (4) Emergency services provider means an emergency care provider
- 30 licensed pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act or
- 31 authorized pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, a

- 1 sheriff, a deputy sheriff, a police officer, a University of Nebraska
- 2 police officer, a state highway patrol officer, a funeral director, a
- 3 paid or volunteer firefighter, a school district employee, and a person
- 4 rendering emergency care gratuitously as described in section 25-21,186;
- 5 (5) Funeral director means a person licensed under section 38-1414
- 6 or an employee of such a person with responsibility for transport or
- 7 handling of a deceased human;
- 8 (6) Funeral establishment means a business licensed under section
- 9 38-1419;
- 10 (7) Health care facility has the meaning found in sections 71-419,
- 11 71-420, 71-424, and 71-429 or any facility that receives patients of
- 12 emergencies who are transported to the facility by emergency services
- 13 providers;
- 14 (8) Infectious disease or condition means hepatitis B, hepatitis C,
- 15 meningococcal meningitis, active pulmonary tuberculosis, human
- 16 immunodeficiency virus, diphtheria, plague, hemorrhagic fevers, rabies,
- 17 and such other diseases as the department may by rule and regulation
- 18 specify;
- 19 (9) Patient means an individual who is sick, injured, wounded,
- 20 deceased, or otherwise helpless or incapacitated;
- 21 (10) Patient's attending physician means the physician having the
- 22 primary responsibility for the patient as indicated on the records of a
- 23 health care facility;
- 24 (11) Provider agency means any law enforcement agency, fire
- 25 department, emergency medical service, funeral establishment, or other
- 26 entity which employs or directs emergency services providers or public
- 27 safety officials;
- 28 (12) Public safety official means a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, a
- 29 police officer, <u>a University of Nebraska police officer</u>, a state highway
- 30 patrol officer, a paid or volunteer firefighter, a school district
- 31 employee, and any civilian law enforcement employee or volunteer

- 1 performing his or her duties, other than those as an emergency services
- 2 provider;
- 3 (13) Responsible person means an individual who has been designated
- 4 by an alternate facility to carry out the facility's responsibilities
- 5 under sections 71-507 to 71-513. A responsible person may be designated
- 6 on a case-by-case basis;
- 7 (14) Significant exposure means a situation in which the body
- 8 fluids, including blood, saliva, urine, respiratory secretions, or feces,
- 9 of a patient or individual have entered the body of an emergency services
- 10 provider or public safety official through a body opening including the
- 11 mouth or nose, a mucous membrane, or a break in skin from cuts or
- 12 abrasions, from a contaminated needlestick or scalpel, from intimate
- 13 respiratory contact, or through any other situation when the patient's or
- 14 individual's body fluids may have entered the emergency services
- 15 provider's or public safety official's body or when an airborne pathogen
- 16 may have been transmitted from the patient or individual to the emergency
- 17 services provider or public safety official; and
- 18 (15) Significant exposure report form means the form used by the
- 19 emergency services provider to document information necessary for
- 20 notification of significant exposure to an infectious disease or
- 21 condition.
- 22 Sec. 30. Section 71-3414, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 23 2022, is amended to read:
- 24 71-3414 For purposes of the Domestic Abuse Death Review Act:
- 25 (1) Associated victim means a family or household member of the
- 26 decedent victim who also experienced abuse committed by the perpetrator;
- 27 (2) Decedent victim means a person who died by homicide or suicide
- 28 as a result of domestic abuse;
- 29 (3) Domestic abuse means abuse as defined in section 42-903;
- 30 (4) Domestic abuse death means:
- 31 (a) A homicide that involves, or is a result of, domestic abuse;

- 1 (b) The death of a decedent victim who was a member of a law
- 2 enforcement agency, emergency medical service, or other agency responding
- 3 to a domestic abuse incident;
- 4 (c) The death of a decedent victim who was responding to a domestic
- 5 abuse incident; or
- 6 (d) A suicide of a decedent victim if there are circumstances
- 7 indicating the suicide involved, or was the result of, domestic abuse
- 8 within two years prior to the suicide, including: (i) The decedent victim
- 9 had applied for or received a protection order against the perpetrator
- 10 within two years prior to the suicide; (ii) the decedent victim had
- 11 received counseling, treatment, or sought other supportive services as a
- 12 result of the domestic abuse within two years prior to the suicide; or
- 13 (iii) the decedent victim had reported domestic abuse to law enforcement
- 14 within two years prior to the suicide;
- 15 (5) Family or household member has the same meaning as in section
- 16 42-903;
- 17 (6) Investigation means a domestic abuse death investigation as
- 18 described in section 71-3415;
- 19 (7) Law enforcement agency means the police department or town
- 20 marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the county sheriff,
- 21 <u>a University of Nebraska police department, and the Nebraska State</u>
- 22 Patrol;
- 23 (8) Perpetrator means the person who has been the predominant
- 24 aggressor of domestic abuse;
- 25 (9) Survivor of domestic abuse means a person who is a current or
- 26 prior victim of domestic abuse; and
- 27 (10) Team means the State Domestic Abuse Death Review Team as
- 28 provided in section 71-3416.
- 29 Sec. 31. Section 81-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 30 2022, is amended to read:
- 31 81-1401 For purposes of sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, unless the

- 1 context otherwise requires:
- 2 (1) Class I railroad means a rail carrier classified as Class I
- 3 pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1201 1-1;
- 4 (2) Commission means the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 5 Criminal Justice;
- 6 (3) Council means the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council;
- 7 (4) Director means the director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement
- 8 Training Center;
- 9 (5) Felony means a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of
- 10 more than one year or a crime committed outside of Nebraska which would
- 11 be punishable by imprisonment for a term of more than one year if
- 12 committed in Nebraska;
- 13 (6) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches
- 14 in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a
- 15 single hand;
- 16 (7) Law enforcement agency means the police department or the town
- 17 marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of sheriff in
- 18 unincorporated areas, the Nebraska State Patrol, a University of Nebraska
- 19 <u>police department,</u> and Class I railroad police departments;
- 20 (8)(a) Law enforcement officer means any person who has successfully
- 21 completed an entry-level law enforcement certification from a training
- 22 academy and who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime
- 23 or the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the state or
- 24 any political subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours
- 25 per year and is authorized by law to make arrests and includes, but is
- 26 not limited to:
- 27 (i) A full-time or part-time member of the Nebraska State Patrol;
- 28 (ii) A county sheriff;
- 29 (iii) A full-time or part-time employee of a county sheriff's
- 30 office;
- 31 (iv) A full-time or part-time employee of a municipal or village

- 1 police agency;
- 2 (v) A full-time or part-time Game and Parks Commission conservation
- 3 officer;
- 4 (vi) A full-time or part-time deputy state sheriff;
- 5 <u>(vii) A full-time or part-time University of Nebraska police</u>
- 6 <u>officer;</u>
- 7 <u>(viii)</u> A full-time employee of an organized and paid fire
- 8 department of any city of the metropolitan class who is an authorized
- 9 arson investigator and whose duties consist of determining the cause,
- 10 origin, and circumstances of fires or explosions while on duty in the
- 11 course of an investigation;
- 12 (ix) (viii) A member of a law enforcement reserve force appointed in
- 13 accordance with section 81-1438; or
- 14 (x) (ix) A full-time Class I railroad police officer;
- 15 (b) Law enforcement officer includes a noncertified conditional
- 16 officer;
- 17 (c) Law enforcement officer does not include employees of the
- 18 Department of Correctional Services, probation officers under the
- 19 Nebraska Probation System, parole officers appointed by the Director of
- 20 Supervision and Services of the Division of Parole Supervision, or
- 21 employees of the Department of Revenue under section 77-366; and
- 22 (d) Except for a noncertified conditional officer, a law enforcement
- 23 officer shall possess a valid law enforcement officer certificate or
- 24 diploma, as established by the council, in order to be vested with the
- 25 authority of this section;
- 26 (9) Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence has the same meaning as
- 27 in section 28-1206;
- 28 (10) Noncertified conditional officer means a person appointed
- 29 pursuant to subsection (6) of section 81-1414;
- 30 (11) Serious misconduct means improper or illegal actions taken by a
- 31 law enforcement officer that have a rational connection with the person's

1 fitness or capacity to serve as a law enforcement officer and includes,

- 2 but is not limited to:
- 3 (a) Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic
- 4 violence;
- 5 (b) Fabrication of evidence;
- 6 (c) Repeated substantiated allegations of the use of excessive
- 7 force;
- 8 (d) Acceptance of a bribe;
- 9 (e) Commission of fraud or perjury; or
- 10 (f) Sexual assault;
- 11 (12) Training academy means:
- 12 (a) The training center; or
- 13 (b) Another council-approved law enforcement training facility
- 14 which:
- 15 (i) Offers certification training that meets or exceeds the
- 16 certification training curriculum of the training center; and
- 17 (ii) Is operated and maintained by a law enforcement agency or by
- 18 multiple law enforcement agencies pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation
- 19 Act.
- 20 (13) Training center means the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training
- 21 Center; and
- 22 (14) Training school means a public or private institution of higher
- 23 education, including the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state
- 24 colleges, and the community colleges of this state, that offers training
- in a council-approved pre-certification course.
- Sec. 32. Section 81-1452, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 27 2022, is amended to read:
- 28 81-1452 For purposes of sections 81-1452 to 81-1454, unless the
- 29 context otherwise requires:
- 30 (1) Body-worn camera means a device worn by a peace officer in
- 31 uniform which has the capability to record both audio and video of an

interaction between a peace officer and a member of the public but does 1

- 2 not include any device used by a plain clothes officer;
- 3 (2) Commission means the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 4 Criminal Justice;
- 5 (3) Law enforcement agency means an agency or department of this
- state or of any political subdivision of this state which is responsible 6
- for the prevention and detection of crime, the enforcement of the penal, 7
- traffic, or highway laws of this state or any political subdivision of 8
- 9 this state, and the enforcement of arrest warrants. Law enforcement
- agency includes a police department, an office of a town marshal, an 10
- office of a county sheriff, a University of Nebraska police department, 11
- the Nebraska State Patrol, and any department to which a deputy state 12
- 13 sheriff is assigned as provided in section 84-106; and
- (4) Peace officer means any officer or employee of a law enforcement 14
- 15 agency authorized by law to make arrests.
- Sec. 33. Section 81-1455, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 16
- 17 2022, is amended to read:
- 81-1455 (1) The On or before January 1, 2017, the Nebraska State 18
- 19 Patrol, each county sheriff, each city or village police department, and
- any other law enforcement agency in this state which conducts eyewitness 20
- suspect identifications and, beginning January 1, 2024, each University 21
- of Nebraska police department, shall adopt a written policy on eyewitness 22
- suspect identifications and provide a copy of such policy to the Nebraska 23
- 24 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The policy shall
- 25 include the minimum standards developed by the commission relating to the
- following: (a) Standards which describe the administration of a lineup, 26
- (b) procedures governing the instructions given by a peace officer to an 27
- 28 eyewitness, and (c) procedures for documentation of the eyewitness's
- level of certainty of an identification. 29
- (2) The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice 30
- shall distribute a standard model written policy 31 on suspect

- 1 identification by eyewitnesses. Any law enforcement agency described in
- 2 subsection (1) of this section which fails to adopt its own policy as
- 3 required by this section shall adopt the commission's standard model
- 4 written policy.
- 5 Sec. 34. (1) For purposes of this section, University of Nebraska
- 6 police officer or University of Nebraska police department means an
- 7 officer employed by, or a department operated under, the direction of
- 8 the:
- 9 (a) Chief executive officer of the University of Nebraska;
- 10 <u>(b) Chancellors of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the</u>
- 11 University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney,
- 12 <u>or the University of Nebraska Medical Center; or</u>
- 13 <u>(c) The chief executive officer or governing body of any other</u>
- 14 postsecondary educational institution designated by the Legislature to be
- 15 <u>a part of the University of Nebraska.</u>
- 16 (2) University of Nebraska police officers and police departments
- 17 have the authority to:
- 18 (a) Aid state and local law enforcement agencies; and
- 19 (b) Enforce state law and city and village ordinances.
- 20 (3) If a University of Nebraska police officer has obtained a
- 21 certificate issued under sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, such officer
- 22 shall have the same powers of criminal law enforcement as a county
- 23 sheriff:
- 24 (a) On property owned, occupied, or operated by the Board of Regents
- 25 of the University of Nebraska; an affiliated endowment association; an
- 26 <u>affiliated corporation; an affiliated athletic association; a fraternity,</u>
- 27 sorority, or other student group associated with the University of
- 28 Nebraska; or at the site of a function or academic program sponsored by
- 29 <u>the University of Nebraska;</u>
- 30 (b) Within the city, village, or county where such property, as
- 31 described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section, is located, as necessary

1 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty, and

- 2 staff of the University of Nebraska;
- 3 (c) Wherever University of Nebraska activities are taking place; or
- 4 (d) When there is reason to believe that a violation of state law or
- 5 a city or village ordinance has occurred. In such case, University of
- 6 Nebraska police officers may investigate and arrest persons for such
- 7 violation anywhere as identified in subdivisions (3)(a), (b), and (c) of
- 8 this section.
- 9 (4) A University of Nebraska police officer shall also have
- 10 authority to transport persons in custody to an appropriate facility,
- 11 wherever located.
- 12 <u>(5) In performance of any of the powers, duties, and functions</u>
- 13 <u>authorized by this section or any other law, a University of Nebraska</u>
- 14 police officer shall have the same responsibilities, rights, protections,
- 15 and immunities afforded to other law enforcement officers and peace
- 16 officers under law.
- 17 (6)(a) Each University of Nebraska police department shall form and
- 18 maintain a University of Nebraska Police Advisory Committee. Each such
- 19 <u>advisory committee shall collaborate with each University of Nebraska</u>
- 20 <u>police department to:</u>
- 21 (i) Assist in identifying emerging issues related to University of
- 22 <u>Nebraska campus community, safety, and security;</u>
- 23 (ii) Establish and review guidelines for effective community-
- 24 oriented policing;
- 25 (iii) Review, advise, and make recommendations regarding University
- 26 of Nebraska police department policies, procedures, incidents, and
- 27 training; and
- 28 (iv) Assist on any other University of Nebraska campus safety issue,
- 29 effort, or engagement mutually identified by the University of Nebraska
- 30 <u>police department and advisory committee.</u>
- 31 (b) Every University of Nebraska Police Advisory Committee created

- 1 pursuant to this section shall be formed and maintained in coordination
- 2 <u>with appropriate constituent groups on each University of Nebraska</u>
- 3 campus, including, but not limited to, each University of Nebraska
- 4 student government organization.
- 5 (7) Any University of Nebraska police department may, under the
- 6 Interlocal Cooperation Act, enter into an agreement with a city, village,
- 7 or county for supplemental law enforcement services. Under such an
- 8 <u>agreement</u>, city, village, or county law enforcement personnel may have
- 9 law enforcement authority when working directly with a University of
- 10 Nebraska police department providing services at university events and
- 11 <u>activities as set forth in the agreement. Unless otherwise set forth in</u>
- 12 the agreement, each participating city, village, or county shall provide
- 13 <u>liability insurance coverage for its own law enforcement personnel under</u>
- 14 <u>section 13-1802</u>.
- 15 Sec. 35. Section 85-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 16 2022, is amended to read:
- 17 85-2602 For purposes of the Law Enforcement Education Act:
- 18 (1) Associate degree program means a degree program at a community
- 19 college, state college, or state university which typically requires
- 20 completion of an organized program of study of at least sixty semester
- 21 credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown to accomplish the same
- 22 goal. Associate degree program does not include a baccalaureate degree
- 23 program;
- 24 (2) Baccalaureate degree program means a degree program at a
- 25 community college, state college, or state university which typically
- 26 requires completion of an organized program of study of at least one
- 27 hundred twenty semester credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown
- 28 to accomplish the same goal;
- 29 (3) Community college means a public postsecondary educational
- 30 institution which is part of the community college system and includes
- 31 all branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of

- 1 Nebraska;
- 2 (4) Law enforcement officer means any person who is responsible for
- 3 the prevention or detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal,
- 4 traffic, or highway laws of the State of Nebraska or any political
- 5 subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours per year and who
- 6 is authorized by law to make arrests;
- 7 (5) Law enforcement agency means a police department in a
- 8 municipality, a sheriff's office, <u>a University of Nebraska police</u>
- 9 <u>department</u>, and the Nebraska State Patrol;
- 10 (6) State college means a public postsecondary educational
- 11 institution which is part of the Nebraska state college system and
- 12 includes all branches and campuses of such institution located within the
- 13 State of Nebraska;
- 14 (7) State university means a public postsecondary educational
- 15 institution which is part of the University of Nebraska and includes all
- 16 branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of
- 17 Nebraska; and
- 18 (8) Tuition means the charges and cost of tuition as set by the
- 19 governing body of a state university, state college, or community
- 20 college.
- Sec. 36. Section 86-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 86-802 For purposes of the Kelsey Smith Act:
- 24 (1) Call location information means the best available location
- 25 information, including, but not limited to, information obtained using
- 26 historical cellular site information or a mobile locator tool;
- 27 (2) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town
- 28 marshal, the office of sheriff, a University of Nebraska police
- 29 <u>department</u>, and the Nebraska State Patrol;
- 30 (3) Wireless carrier has the same meaning as in section 86-456; and
- 31 (4) Wireless communication device means any wireless electronic

- 1 communication device that provides for voice or data communication
- 2 between two or more parties, including a mobile or cellular telephone.
- 3 Sec. 37. Original sections 20-502, 20-504, 25-21,303, 28-109,
- 4 28-359, 29-209, 29-406, 29-4103, 29-4502, 44-3,134, 48-202, 48-1108,
- 5 49-801, 53-1,121, 54-902, 60-3,135, 60-480.01, 60-646, 69-2429, and
- 6 86-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09,
- 7 28-311.11, 28-322.05, 28-470, 28-710, 28-1008, 29-215, 42-903, 48-101.01,
- 8 71-507, 71-3414, 81-1401, 81-1452, 81-1455, and 85-2602, Revised Statutes
- 9 Cumulative Supplement, 2022, are repealed.