

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB339**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 15, 2023**

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

This bill will end juvenile life without parole in the state of Nebraska and raise the juvenile age of jurisdiction to 21 and under. It will provide confidentiality of prosecutions of minors tried as adults and change and provide requirements regarding custody and interrogation of a juvenile. It will require the Department of Health and Human Services and juvenile probation to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center- a program that will provide assessments to youth at no charge to families. The assessments will be used to identify each participant's respective issues and to assist in providing service referrals. It will also require both to refer juveniles to local day reporting agencies and institute a two-week reimbursement period for services. Lastly, it will restrict juveniles from being sent out of state.

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

**Senator Terrell McKinney**