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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 670**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to create the  
2 Council on the Management and Treatment of Sex Offenders;  
3 to state intent; and to provide duties.  
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Legislature declares that to improve  
2 public safety and to ensure the treatment and management of sex  
3 offenders is appropriate and effective, the policy of the State  
4 of Nebraska shall be to have a coordinated effort (a) to provide  
5 oversight and coordination of existing agencies currently managing  
6 and treating sex offenders and (b) to develop needs assessment,  
7 training, standards, and guidelines for a comprehensive management  
8 system for sex offenders.

9           (2) The Council on the Management and Treatment of  
10 Sex Offenders is hereby created. The Governor shall appoint at  
11 a minimum the following members to serve on the council that  
12 include, but are not limited to, at least one representative from  
13 each of the following: (a) The court system; (b) the Department  
14 of Health and Human Services; (c) the Department of Correctional  
15 Services; (d) the Board of Parole; (e) the Office of Probation  
16 Administration; (f) the office of the Attorney General; (g) the  
17 State Patrol; (h) the Legislature; (i) the Nebraska Criminal  
18 Defense Attorneys Association; (j) law enforcement; (k) mental  
19 health providers; (l) sex offender treatment services providers;  
20 (m) victim's advocates; and (n) postsecondary educational  
21 institutions.

22           (3) The council's duties include, but are not limited to,  
23 the following:

24           (a) Develop standards for eligible sex offender treatment  
25 services and programs in which offenders may participate, and take

- 1 into consideration the following factors:
- 2 (i) Public and victim safety;
- 3 (ii) Qualifications of staff;
- 4 (iii) Suitability of programs;
- 5 (iv) Offender needs;
- 6 (v) The probation population;
- 7 (vi) The parole population;
- 8 (vii) The regional center population; and
- 9 (viii) Other applicable criminal justice data;
- 10 (b) Study sex offender treatment services in and
- 11 related to the criminal justice and health and human services
- 12 systems, recommend improvements, and evaluate the implementation
- 13 of improvements;
- 14 (c) Study, develop, and implement minimum standards for
- 15 the development and use of sex offender treatment services;
- 16 (d) Develop and implement a plan for statewide use of sex
- 17 offender treatment services;
- 18 (e) Facilitate communication between agencies and
- 19 providers;
- 20 (f) Generate strategic planning, goal-setting, and
- 21 process evaluation;
- 22 (g) Coordinate activities related to the identification,
- 23 treatment, and management of sex offenders;
- 24 (h) Facilitate the sharing of information and other
- 25 resources between agencies and providers, including releases signed

1 by offenders and records of agencies and providers;

2 (i) Provide consultation and assistance in technical and  
3 procedural issues; and

4 (j) Develop a sex offender management and treatment team  
5 in each county or in a contiguous group of counties.