

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB147

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 18, 2009

Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer: Pirsch

One Liner: Provide name-change court orders to update the central register of child protection cases and the central registry of sex offenders

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill, Rogert

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Sen. Pete Pirsch

Tim Hoeft

Representing:

Introducer

Nebraska County Attorney's Assoc.

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Janet Wiechelman

Representing:

Clerk of District Court Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 147 would provide that the clerks of the district courts send a copy, in hard or electronic form, of all name-change orders to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the sex-offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol. If the respective departments determine the name change is for a person on the central register of child protection cases or the central registry of sex offenders, the department must include the changed name and the former name in the registries and files or cross-reference the information under both names. If the department determines that a name change order is a match to a name on the central registry of sex offenders, the sex-offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol must notify the sheriff of the county in which such person resides.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment AM 756 would add a duty for the Department of Health and Human Services to determine if any name-change orders sent by the clerks of the district courts match any name on the Adult Protective Services Central Registry. If the department determines that a name change order is a match, the department must include the changed name and the former name in the registry and file or cross-reference the information under both names.

Additionally, the amendment would add a requirement that any name-change petition include the petitioner's address and date of birth.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson