

**One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB972**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 26, 2012**

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

Under current law, the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Juvenile Services, has the oversight and control of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers in Kearney and Geneva. In order to create a safer treatment environment for the youth and the staff at the centers, Legislative Bill 972 would transfer the oversight and control of the centers to the Department of Correctional Services.

The transfer will allow the Department of Health and Human Services to provide greater focus on children impacted by abuse and neglect within the child welfare system.

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

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