

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB728

Hearing Date: Thursday January 30, 2014
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Harms
One Liner: Change provisions relating to criminal history record information checks for certain employees of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Watermeier, Krist, Gloor, Howard, Crawford, Campbell, Cook
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator John Harms
Jodi Fenner

Representing:

District 48
DHHS- Developmental Disabilities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 728 removes the requirement for a finger printing national criminal history record check of all employees who work directly with developmental disabilities clients who are employed by contracted providers. It amends the statute to retain the requirement for employees of state-operated services and facilities to undergo FBI Fingerprint National Criminal Background Check, specifically: (1) to require each of employee of state operated services and facilities providing developmental disabilities services to file a complete set of his or her legible fingerprints with the department. The department shall transmit a copy of the fingerprints to the Nebraska State Patrol, who shall transmit a copy to the FBI's Identification Division for a national criminal history record check. (2) specifies that the FBI check shall include information from federal sources and from other states' sources if authorized by federal law for use by the department. (3) requires the Nebraska State Patrol to undertake a criminal history record search for the employee and issue a report to the department containing the results of that search. (4) requires that any criminal history record information subject to federal confidentiality requirements shall remain confidential except upon written authorization of the employee. (5) requires the department to cooperate with the Nebraska State Patrol in adopting and promulgating rules and regulations to carry out this section.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson