



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1078**

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**Chairperson:** Patrick J. Bourne  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 24, 2006

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

The purpose of LB 1078 is to extend the sunsets relating to the Law Enforcement Improvement Fund established in Chapter 81, Article 14. The Law Enforcement Improvement Fund is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2007. This fund has helped pay for mandated training costs of officers who are employed by a municipal or county law enforcement agency in Nebraska.

LB 1078 would extend the sunset from January 1, 2007 to January 10, 2011. Section 81-1413 provides that tuition, fees, and such other expenses incurred in the pre-certification and certification training of applicants to the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island shall be the responsibility of the person or his or her sponsoring agency, except that through the extended sunset of January 10, 2011, such expenses may be financed through the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island. The Law Enforcement Training Center could finance such expenses through other appropriated funds as determined by the Police Standards Advisory Council in order to transition to a tuition-based system as envisioned when the Legislature passed LB 994 in the 2000 session. Unfortunately, a tuition-based system envisioned with passage of LB 994 has not yet been fully developed, despite concerted efforts to do so.

**Principal Introducer:**

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