

AMENDMENTS TO LB 610

Introduced by Hudkins, 21

1 1. Insert the following new section:

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

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

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

1 (a) Develop standards for eligible sex offender treatment
2 services and programs in which offenders may participate, taking
3 into consideration the following factors:

4 (i) Public and victim safety;

5 (ii) Qualifications of staff;

6 (iii) Suitability of programs;

7 (iv) Offender needs;

8 (v) The probation population;

9 (vi) The parole population;

10 (vii) The regional center population; and

11 (viii) Other applicable criminal justice data;

12 (b) Study sex offender treatment services in and
13 related to the criminal justice and health and human services
14 systems, recommend improvements, and evaluate the implementation
15 of improvements;

16 (c) Study, develop, and implement minimum standards for
17 the development and use of sex offender treatment services;

18 (d) Develop and implement a plan for statewide use of sex
19 offender treatment services;

20 (e) Facilitate communication between agencies and
21 providers;

22 (f) Generate strategic planning, goal-setting, and
23 process evaluation;

24 (g) Coordinate activities related to the identification,
25 treatment, and management of sex offenders;

26 (h) Facilitate the sharing of information and other
27 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) Upon request of a county board or boards, develop a
5 sex offender management and treatment team in the county or in a
6 contiguous group of counties.