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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to create the Aging
2 Prison Population Task Force; to provide powers and
3 duties; and to provide a termination date.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Aging Prison Population Task Force is
2 created. The task force shall consist of the following members:

3 (a) The Director of Correctional Services or his or her
4 designee;

5 (b) The Deputy Director of Programs and Community
6 Services of the Department of Correctional Services or his or her
7 designee;

8 (c) The chief executive officer of the Department of
9 Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

10 (d) The chairperson of the Board of Parole or his or her
11 designee;

12 (e) The executive director of the Community Corrections
13 Council or his or her designee; and

14 (f) The following members appointed by the Executive
15 Board of the Legislative Council:

16 (i) A representative of the Nebraska Medicaid Eligibility
17 Program of the Economic Assistance and Child Support Enforcement
18 Unit of the Children and Family Services Policy Section of the
19 Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of
20 Health and Human Services;

21 (ii) A representative of the office of the state
22 long-term care ombudsman of the State Unit on Aging of the
23 Long-Term Care Services Section of the Division of Medicaid and
24 Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services;

25 (iii) A representative of the State Unit on Aging of the

1 Long-Term Care Services Section of the Division of Medicaid and
2 Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services;

3 (iv) A representative of the Long-Term Care State Plan
4 Services Unit of the Long-Term Care Services Section of the
5 Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health
6 and Human Services;

7 (v) A representative of the Aged and Disabled Waiver
8 Program of the Home and Community-Based Services Unit of the
9 Long-Term Care Services Section of the Division of Medicaid and
10 Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services;

11 (vi) A representative of an area agency on aging as
12 defined in the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act;

13 (vii) A public policy specialist from Nebraska Advocacy
14 Services, Inc.;

15 (viii) Two or more members of the faculty of the School
16 of Criminology and Criminal Justice of the College of Public
17 Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska at
18 Omaha; and

19 (ix) Two or more members of the faculty of the Department
20 of Gerontology of the College of Public Affairs and Community
21 Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

22 (2) The chairperson of the executive board shall convene
23 the first meeting of the task force within forty-five days after
24 the effective date of this act, and the task force shall select a
25 chairperson at such time. The task force shall meet periodically,

1 shall meet at least twice, and shall meet at the call of the
2 chairperson.

3 (3) The task force shall conduct a preliminary
4 investigation of aging inmates in Nebraska and make recommendations
5 regarding the necessity and objective of future research activity.
6 The task force shall include in its report an assessment of the
7 issues associated with persons who are fifty years of age or older
8 in the custody of the Nebraska correctional institutions, including
9 those in custody as a result of a sentence of life imprisonment
10 without parole and those in custody who will transition back
11 into the community upon parole or release upon completion of the
12 sentence.

13 (4) The task force shall issue a report and make
14 recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor relating to
15 any policy changes the task force deems desirable. The task force
16 shall complete its work by December 15, 2008, and submit its report
17 to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Judiciary Committee of
18 the Legislature by such date.

19 (5) This section terminates on December 31, 2008.