

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB347**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 26, 2015  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Krist  
**One Liner:** Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

SEN. BOB KRIST  
MELANIE WILLIAMS-SMOTHERMAN  
JULIE ROGERS

**Representing:**

INTRODUCER  
FAMILY ADVOCACY MOVEMENT  
INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR CHILD WELFARE

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB347 would expand the jurisdiction of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare. Under 43-4318, the office is currently tasked with investigating alleged misconduct by or through the Department of Health and Human Services. LB347 would expand these responsibilities to include investigations into the Juvenile Services Division of the Office of Probation Administration, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and juvenile detention and staff secure juvenile facilities.

LB347 also requires the Juvenile Services Division of the Office of Probation Administration and the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to cooperate with the office and provide direct computer access to all computerized records.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM598 adds additional provisions related to the jurisdiction of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare.

Section 1 provides access to the Inspector General of a videotape of a child victim or child witness describing an act of sexual assault or child abuse.

Section 2 would require a court or probation officer to provide confidential record information to the Inspector General

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and the Foster Care Review Office.

Section 3 includes the Inspector General in the list of entities that a court can identify in an order to allow the disclosure of otherwise confidential information.

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Les Seiler, Chairperson