

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB764

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

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

LB 764 would allow sworn officers of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) to exercise their duties as law enforcement officers while employed by NDCS.

NDCS currently has investigators who are certified law enforcement officers. These officers must maintain certification by working part-time for other law enforcement jurisdictions in addition to their regular work hours. Furthermore, they must forward all suspected criminal cases to the Nebraska State Patrol, increasing the caseload of the Patrol, and preventing NDCS officers from fully prosecuting cases that occur at NDCS.

LB 764 would allow current investigators to be deputized by the Patrol, reduce the caseload for the Patrol, and enhance public safety and efficiency by allowing NDCS officers to take on more cases at NDCS in a timely manner. This bill would benefit NDCS and the Nebraska State Patrol, and would enhance public safety in the community.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Holdcroft