## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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## FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 250**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Army National Guard; to state
- 2 legislative findings; and to require a command climate survey of the
- 3 guard and a report by the Adjutant General.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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- 1 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:
- 2 <u>(1) The state mission of the Nebraska Army National Guard is to</u>
- 3 provide trained and equipped troops to protect life and property and to
- 4 preserve peace, order, and public safety;
- 5 (2) The federal mission of the Nebraska Army National Guard is to
- 6 provide the armed forces of the United States with trained and equipped
- 7 units in times of national emergency or war; and
- 8 (3) The readiness, morale, and command structure and leadership
- 9 climate of the Nebraska Army National Guard requires review to determine
- 10 whether any problems exist which may affect command and organizational
- 11 readiness, senior-leader performance, discipline, recruiting and
- 12 <u>retention, and the process in which soldiers are promoted and assigned to</u>
- 13 positions of greater responsibility.
- 14 Sec. 2. The Adjutant General shall cause to be conducted a top-down
- 15 <u>command climate survey of the Nebraska Army National Guard to assess the</u>
- 16 leadership climate, morale, and combat readiness of each echelon of
- 17 command in the organization, including separate companies and
- 18 detachments. The survey shall be conducted pursuant to applicable United
- 19 States Department of the Army and Army National Guard regulations. The
- 20 <u>survey shall be performed by an external team of Army National Guard</u>
- 21 officers and senior noncommissioned officers composed of personnel not
- 22 assigned to the Nebraska Army National Guard. Survey responses and
- 23 participation by individual soldiers shall be kept anonymous.
- 24 Sec. 3. The Adjutant General shall cause the command climate survey
- 25 team to be selected and begin the survey no later than ninety days after
- 26 the effective date of this act. The survey team leader shall be a
- 27 brigadier general. The survey team leader shall report to, but work
- 28 independently of, the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General shall
- 29 provide a report to the Governor and electronically to the Government,
- 30 Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature on the
- 31 findings of the command climate survey. A new command climate survey

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1 <u>shall be conducted and a new report provided each time a successor</u>

- 2 Adjutant General is appointed, such survey commencing no later than
- 3 <u>ninety days after such appointment.</u>