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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1046

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2012

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

LB1046 Changes provisions relating to law enforcement certification and continuing education

This bill requires that each law enforcement officer attend at least twenty hours of continuing education courses in the areas of criminal justice and law enforcement during each calendar year.

This bill defines continuing education courses as courses offered in the form of seminars, advanced education, which may include college or university classes, conferences, instruction conducted within the law enforcement officer's law enforcement agency, or instruction conducted over the Internet,

This bill limits the number of hours of instruction conducted over the Internet to no more than ten hours annually.

This bill also creates a central registry that will maintain training records with the Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Every law enforcement agency of the state, or any of its political subdivisions, shall send the certified reports at the completion of the continuing education requirements by its law enforcement officers.

Failure to complete the continuing education requirements of this act shall result in the suspension of a law enforcement officer's certificate or diploma from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and a fine under section 81-1403 until the continuing education is completed.

An exemption is allowed if the officer is able to show good cause for not completing the continuing education requirements if a waiver has been granted. A law enforcement officer is not required to meet the continuing education requirements in the year in which he or she first becomes fully certified.

This bill also exempts a law enforcement officer while he or she is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States.

Lastly, the bill includes a reserve employee, a full and/or part time Game and Parks Commission Conservation officer, and a full and/or part time deputy state sheriff, as a law enforcement officer, for purposes of training.

Principal Introducer: _____

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