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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2014

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

LB 728 revises the Developmental Disabilities Services Act (DDSA) to change criminal background check requirements.

Nebraska Revised Statute 83-1217, 83-1217.01 is out of compliance with Federal requirements regarding access to the results of FBI Fingerprint National Criminal Background Checks on potential employees of contracted Developmental Disability providers.

Specifically, this proposal will leave the FBI Fingerprint National Criminal Background Checks in place for state-operated services and facilities, but eliminate the requirement for these types of checks for contracted providers. Potential employees of contracted providers will still be required via an alternative method (private background check service) that will be outlined in Title 404 NAC, which will require revision.

Principal Introducer:

Senator John Harms