

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB769

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2014

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

LB 769 facilitates arrangements that allow military children subject to a parenting plan under Nebraska's Parenting Act to spend time with their military parent's family when the military parent is deployed.

- Allows for the creation of a delegation plan as part of the parenting plan in which a military parent designates a family member or another trusted adult who has had a preexisting, significant relationship with the child
- Allows courts to grant, upon petition of a military parent, a delegation of parenting time to a family member or trusted adult if the judge finds such delegation to be in the best interest of the child. Courts may terminate a delegation plan if the court determines the plan is no longer in the best interest of the child.

The delegation of parenting time does not change the military parent's duties to pay or receive child support under an existing child support order nor does it establish separate rights to parenting or visitation for the delegate.

LB 769 also allows courts to approve military parents' request to present testimony and evidence by electronic testimony with reasonable advanced notice if the military parent's military duties make personal appearance unduly difficult or unreasonable.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford