

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB901

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:

There is a critical shortage of mental health services in Nebraska.

LB 901 Provides funding for 5 doctoral-level psychology internships in the first year with an increase to 10 by the third year.

The program will be coordinated by the Nebraska Medical Center Behavioral Health Education Center (BHECN) and the Munroe-Meyer Institute (MMI). It is estimated that the program will serve 7,000 patients. A progress report is required to be submitted to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

LB 901 is intended to increase access to behavioral health services for patients residing in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill