

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB292

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing:

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

LB292 changes provisions relating to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Central Registry of child protection cases. This bill deals with a youth's placement on the central registry and additional due process and notification procedures for when placement does occur.

LB292 states that in no case, may a youth age 11 and under may be placed on the central registry, regardless of the nature of the crime; youth aged 12 and older may only be listed as "agency substantiated" or "court substantiated" as defined in 28-720. This bill also requires DHHS to report annually on the number, ages, and classification of the youth placed on the central registry. The report shall be distributed to the Governor and Chairs of the HHS and Judiciary Committees in the Legislature annually by September 15.

LB292 also requires that a mandatory expungement hearing for a juvenile shall take place when: the Department classifies a youth as "court substantiated" or "agency substantiated"; the youth does not return a signed and notarized waiver of a mandatory expungement hearing, or within 60 days of the subject's nineteenth birthday. The mandatory expungement hearing may take place in person or by telephone.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash