

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB816

Hearing Date: Thursday February 01, 2018

Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer: Chambers

One Liner: Designate Nebraska State Patrol as agency to investigate criminal activity within Department of Correctional Services correctional facilities

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Chambers

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ernie Chambers

James Davis

Benny Noordhoek

Jim Maguire

Representing:

Introducer

Deputy Ombudsman for Corrections

self

Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would expressly authorize the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) to conduct criminal investigations relating to conduct within facilities operated by the Department of Correctional Services (NDCS). On the bill's effective date, all correctional investigators currently employed by NDCS would become employees of NSP. The bill then requires the NSP superintendent to issue a report to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2019 on the question of whether the transferred investigator positions should become sworn positions within NSP. All funds used by NDCS for the outgoing investigator position salaries would be transferred to NSP. The bill has a delayed operative date of January 1, 2019.

Laura Ebke, Chairperson