ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB132

Hearing Date: Thursday February 14, 2019

Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Pansing Brooks

One Liner: Change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under nineteen years of age

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks,

Wayne

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Slama

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks Introducer

Juliet Summers Voices for Children in Nebraska

Kenny Jacobs Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

LaVon Stennis Williams ReConnect, Inc.
Spike Eickholt ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents: Representing:

Tressa Alioth Douglas County Attorney's Office

Larry Storer self

Neutral: Representing:

Kellee Kucera Moreno self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 28-105 provides the penalties for various classifications of felonies. Class IC felonies have a mandatory minimum of five years and a maximum sentence of fifty years. Class ID felonies have a mandatory minimum of three years and a maximum sentence of fifty years.

LB132 would amend Sec. 28-105 to add a new subsection to provide that Class IC and ID felonies do not have a mandatory minimum sentence when the person is convicted of an offense that was committed when that person was under nineteen years of age.

A person sentenced pursuant to this new subsection would be eligible for probation pursuant to Sec. 28-105(4). A person sentenced under this new subsection would also begin to accrue good time credit immediately pursuant to Sec. 83-1.110.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson