

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB444

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 10, 2021
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Hansen, M.
One Liner: Change provisions relating to credit against jail terms

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Slama

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Matt Hansen	Representing: Introducer
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents: George Dungan	Representing: Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 444 changes the good time credit for inmates sentenced to city or county jails. The bill would strike language that doesn't allow for a sentence reduction for the first 15 days of incarceration. The proposal would also add language to allow credit for time served on a charge where the person was arrested but prosecuted and sentenced on a different charge occurring before the arrest.

Section by section

Section 1 Amends Sec. 47-502 regarding good time credit in city or county jails, to strike language that allowed the credit after serving fifteen days. The change allows the credit to be earned from the first day.

Section 2 Amends Sec. 47-503 regarding credit against time served, by adding a new subsection (2) that allows credit when the person is arrested on one charge but is then prosecuted on another charge occurring before the arrest. The credit for time in jail on the arrest can be credited on the sentence from the subsequent prosecution.

Section 3 Repeals original sections.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson