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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1271

Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to adopt the Law
- 2 Enforcement Marketing Act.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Law Enforcement Marketing Act.

3 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that:

4 (1) The State of Nebraska and cities and counties in this state have
5 experienced a dramatic decrease in applications for law enforcement
6 officer positions;

7 (2) Law enforcement officers in Nebraska are leaving the law
8 enforcement profession;

9 (3) Law enforcement agencies are not retaining law enforcement
10 officers at a rate sufficient to ensure public safety;

11 (4) Law enforcement officers are the critical element of public
12 safety in Nebraska communities;

13 (5) Maintaining a robust law enforcement workforce is in the best
14 interests of all Nebraskans;

15 (6) Opportunities exist to hire experienced law enforcement officers
16 from other states; and

17 (7) Hiring experienced law enforcement officers from other states
18 would be beneficial to Nebraska.

19 Sec. 3. (1) The Law Enforcement Marketing Program is created. The
20 Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council shall administer the program.

21 (2) Under the program, the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory
22 Council shall market and promote law enforcement job opportunities in
23 this state to law enforcement officers from other states in order to
24 encourage such officers to relocate to Nebraska.

25 (3)(a) The Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council shall create a
26 subcommittee to advise the council in matters relating to the program.
27 The subcommittee shall include:

28 (i) A member of a national organization representing police
29 officers;

30 (ii) A member of an organization representing police officers in a
31 city of the metropolitan class;

1 (iii) A member of an organization representing police officers in a
2 city of the primary class;

3 (iv) A member of an organization representing police chiefs in this
4 state;

5 (v) A member of an organization representing sheriffs in this state;

6 (vi) Two members of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council;

7 and

8 (vii) A member representing the office of the Attorney General.

9 (b) The members of the subcommittee shall serve without
10 compensation, but they shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for
11 expenses incurred incident to such service as provided in sections
12 81-1174 to 81-1177.

13 Sec. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one
14 million dollars each fiscal year to the Nebraska Police Standards
15 Advisory Council for purposes of carrying out the Law Enforcement
16 Marketing Act.