

## 2017 Advocacy Committee Bill Summaries

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB6
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for release of a summarized report by the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor (I don't think there will be resistance)
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Repeals original section and declares an emergency. Adds that a report from the Inspector General will be shared publically when it is in our best interest.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 7
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist51
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for suspension of medical assistance under the medical assistance program for detainees in public institutions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Adds language to the current law to include "detainee" where it was previously only "inmate"; provides for medical benefits to be suspended rather than terminated and immediately reinstated upon release for a period of time.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 8
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for graduated response sanctions and incentives relating to juvenile probation
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Adds language to require a graduated response for both sanctions & incentives system be developed; adds language requiring proof to be offered when graduated response is not utilized before more restrictive means; takes out language that a violation is believed to be pending.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 10
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Increase number of judges of the separate juvenile court as prescribed
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend section 43-2,119 to increase the number of judges of the juvenile court to provide an operative date, repeal the original section, and to declare an emergency.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 11
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to transfer of juvenile cases
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost

<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend sections 29-1816 and 43-274. Bill would change provisions relating to transferring juvenile cases to harmonize provisions and repeal the original sections.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 22
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Scheer, At the request of the Governor
<b>One Liner:</b>	To provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and to reduce appropriations.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- Defines the Appropriations period, the language of appropriations, unexpanded balances, certified encumbrances, appropriations of balances, Nebraska accounting systems manual definitions, drawing and paying warrants, and the supreme court.
- The Salary limits are drawn for the State Treasurer, Supreme Court, and Department of Human Health and Services.
- \$7,803,559 General Funds for Department of Health and Human Services and Developmentally Disability Aid.
- \$1,163,144 General Funds for Department of Administrative Services.
- \$13,800,000 to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 259.
  - \$13,800,000 General Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
- The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2016, less \$407,510, is hereby reappropriated.
- \$580,109 the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
- The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2016, less \$1,596,783, is hereby reappropriated.
- The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2016, less \$999,114, is hereby reappropriated.
- The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2016, less \$225,806, is hereby reappropriated.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 23
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<b><u>Introducer:</u></b>	Senator Scheer, At the request of the Governor
<b><u>One Liner:</u></b>	Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds.
<b><u>Committee Member:</u></b>	Terry
<b><u>Recommendation:</u></b>	Oppose
<b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>	

**Brief Description:**

State Treasurer shall transfer by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

- \$1,200,000 from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- \$150,000 from the Racing Commission's Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- \$ 200,000 from the Supreme Court Attorney Services Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- \$250,000 from the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- \$200,000 from the Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Fund to the General Fund.
- \$500,000 from the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- \$3,700,000 from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund.
  - It is the intent of the Legislature that the transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to the Wholesale Drug Distributor Licensing subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund.
- \$10,560,000 from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund.
- \$7,000,000 seven million dollars from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- the unobligated balance in the Nebraska Snowmobile Trail Cash Fund to the General Fund.

State Treasure shall transfer by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

- the unobligated balance in the City of the Primary Class Development Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2017.

Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

Any amount in the Oral Health Training and Services Fund not awarded by contract prior to February 15, 2017, shall be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2017.

<b><u>Bill Number:</u></b>	LB 24
<b><u>Introducer:</u></b>	Senator Scheer, At the request of the Governor
<b><u>One Liner:</u></b>	Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund.
<b><u>Committee Member:</u></b>	Terry
<b><u>Recommendation:</u></b>	Oppose
<b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill amends section 84-612.

The State Treasurer will transfer \$92,000,000 the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or before March 31, 2017, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 25
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Provisions for presidential electors.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Return Nebraska to a winner-take-all-for presidential election votes. Currently the congressional districts each have their own vote based on the voting within the district.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 26
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change service requirements for harassment protection orders
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend section 28-311.09 to change service requirements for such orders' and to repeal the original section.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 44
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Watermeier
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Remote Seller Sales Tax Collection Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Collect sales tax from online retailers with \$100K income from NE. Will raise from \$45 - \$100 million in new revenue.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 50
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Schumacher
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide reporting duties relating to behavioral health entities
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Calls for a detailed annual report to the division from each of the behavioral health regions that can be shared publically if requested.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 53
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Schumacher
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change sentencing relating to mandatory sentencing, and sentencing of habitual criminals.

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** A 3 judge panel will decide if a mandatory minimum sentence is appropriate. If it isn't, it will not be imposed. A 3 judge panel must unanimously agree that a person is a habitual criminal for the person to be sentenced as one.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 59
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kintner
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh Nelsen
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Letter to the committee

**Brief Description:**

This bill will require the Department of Human Health and Services to develop and maintain a dedicated Internet web page on the web site of the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the information over abortions. It also requires a video of ultrasound images of an unborn child. It would require abortion providers to include a link to this website on their own website home pages.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 60
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Lindstrom
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Parenting Act provisions relating to limitation or denial of custody or access to a child
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Registered sex offenders cannot have custody or access (unsupervised parenting time or visitation) to children unless the court determines there is no risk to the child. Custody or access will also not be given if a registered sex offender lives in the household.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 62
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Scheer
<b>One Liner:</b>	Eliminate prohibition on teachers wearing religious garb.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh Nelsen
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Eliminates restriction on teachers wearing religious garb. It will also eliminate penalties for wearing the garb.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 64
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Adrenal Insufficiency Diagnosis Information and Support Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No our issue to follow
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No Action

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 65
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide income tax credits for caregivers.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor



<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** Allow qualified resident individuals a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed in the amount of \$300.00

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 69
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing-Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Increase the earned income tax credit
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** increases tax credit from 10% current to 13% next year, 17% year after, and 20% after 2021. More generous than Morfield's bill

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 70
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to operator's license revocation
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows court discretion on revocation of driver's license if the person is on probation.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 73
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Prohibit the sale or transfer to or use by persons under twenty-one years of age of tobacco, vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** LB 73 would raise the age in NE to purchase tobacco products and vaping products from 18 to 21. (California and Hawaii are the only states that have a 21 year minimum age to purchase and use tobacco products. Some cities and counties across the country have raised the age from 18 to 21. This information is from Wikipedia) It would remain a class V misdemeanor for the teen unless they report who provided the tobacco products to them. It would also remain a class III misdemeanor for anyone who provides tobacco or vaping products to persons under 21.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 75
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wayne; Senator McDonnell; Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Amends law so that voting rights for individuals with felony records are restored immediately once completing sentence (incarceration and parole)

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 76
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wayne; Senator McDonnell; Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require notice for Secretary of State regarding completion of felony sentence for purposes of voting rights
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph Clark

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Page 2 (line 12 & 23) & Page 5 (line 5/6) doesn't amend the language to immediately instead of 2 years (am I reading that rights?) Adds language that Department of Corrections, parole office, and clerk of court will communicate monthly to provide info to the Secretary of State regarding individuals whose voting rights should be restored

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 88
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Blood
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for temporary credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act for military spouses
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for six month temporary credentials for Military spouses across a broad range of medical fields including drug counseling, mental health. Cannot be renewed past six months. Is six months enough?

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 91
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hilkemann
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to infant health screenings.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** LB 91 would make some changes to the mandatory tests that are required any time a baby is born in Nebraska. It adds “congenital” in front of “primary hypothyroidism”. Replaces “metabolic” “with “inherited or congenital infant or childhood-onset” diseases. Also raises the cost to the hospital/birthing facility from \$10.00 to \$20.00 as an administrative fee.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 92
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kolterman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require health carriers to provide coverage for telehealth services
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sally Smith
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 100
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Stinner
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to removal of firearm-related disabilities under the Mental Health Commitment Act.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Additions made to current law that the petitioner shall prove to the mental health board by clear and convincing evidence that they can safely have a handgun. If the mhb determines that the petitioner has proven by clear and convincing evidence, then they can apply for a handgun.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 102
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hilkemann
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change a penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend section 28-919 to change penalty relating to tampering with witnesses or informants; and to repeal original sections.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 103
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to accelerated or differentiated curriculum programs for high-ability learners.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate McDougall
<b>Recommendation:</b>	This meets SW values of social justice and dignity & worth of the person; if we're looking for something to support, this fits our values
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Revise education statutes for accelerated and/or differentiated curriculum for high-ability learners to affirm diversity (cultural, racial, gender, physical ability, socioeconomic) of high-ability learners, to provide education free of socioeconomic and cultural bias, and encourage greater parental involvement via focus groups at school district level. Focus groups would be comprised of parents or high-ability learners, teachers from an approved accelerated curriculum program, and administrators with responsibilities directly related to the school district's accelerated or differentiated curriculum program.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 104
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz

<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for a surrogate to make healthcare decisions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with discussion
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Provides for an individual to name a health care surrogate through a POA, but also for classes of surrogate who can act in the absence of POA paperwork. Allows individuals to disqualify family members/individuals from becoming surrogates.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 106
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brasch
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to parental rights of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend sections 43-254, 43-283.01, 43-292.02, 43-1411.01, and 43-2933 to change provisions relating to parental rights of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault to harmonize provisions and repeal original sections. (if courts determine child was conceived via sexual assault, they cannot get custody, visitation, etc unless the other biological parent agrees to it).

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 107
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Prohibit sexual assault of a patient, client, or student as prescribed

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Judiciary Committee. Bill would amend sections 28-101, 28-318, 28-319, 28-319.01, 28-320, 28-320.01, 28-320.02, 228-813.01, 28-1463.04, and 28-1463.05 to prohibit sexual assault of a patient, client, or student to harmonize provisions and repeal the original sections.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 108
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require guidelines to ensure safety of minor or dependent whose parent or guardian is arrested
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Adds provisions for law enforcement to discuss care of dependent children even when they may not be present; to allow the individual to make arrangements; and to be educated in trauma and how they can assist in mitigating this for kids beginning 7/1/18; guidelines written and filed by 11/15/18.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 109
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Blood
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for a temporary teaching certificate or permit for military spouses
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with 88
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for six-month temporary teaching certificate for military spouses. Cannot be renewed. Is six months enough?

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 120
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Schumacher (HHS)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for Medical Assistance Act coverage for family planning services
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Becca Brune
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Letter of support - Hearing March 15
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Expands Medicaid to provide for family planning services for person whose family's earned income is at or below 158% FPL - includes coverage of all approved methods, cancer screenings and vaccinations, if possible covers parent education (no state funds to be use for abortion services)

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 122
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for family member visitation petitions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	



**Brief Description:** Provides family members the ability to petition for visitation of a resident of a health care facility or home where they are receiving care and supports residents remaining connected.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 128
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Groene
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** A person with 1 or more felony convictions for possession and use of a controlled substance or 1 or more convictions involving sale and distribution shall be eligible for SNAP if he/she participates or has completed a substance abuse treatment program or voluntarily submits to periodic drug tests.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 129
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Increase the earned income tax credit
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Support Pansing Brooks LB60 instead. This bill only increases tax credit by 2% over 3 years.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 139
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Authorize change to nonpartisan election of county officers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>None</b>

**Brief Description:** Changes some county seats ballots to non-partisan. Not our issue to monitor

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 145
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Providing a hearing to determine financial ability to pay fines and costs to traffic citations and provide for community service
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill addresses the problem of people going to jail because they are unable to pay court fines and costs. A hearing will be held to determine an individual's financial ability to pay fines and costs. Community service will be one of the options the courts could use if it determines an individual is unable to pay.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 155
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brasch
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require successful completion of a civics examination as a prerequisite to high school graduation.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** All students in NE must take the entire Civics portion of the US citizenship test before they graduate from high school. Passing grade is 70%.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 158
<b>Introducer:</b>	Pansing Brooks (Judiciary)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for juveniles
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Becca Brune
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support- Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	None- Hearing on 1.26.17

**Brief Description:** Expands appointment of counsel in juvenile court statewide

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 160
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McCollister
<b>One Liner:</b>	Expand the definition of victim as relates to crime victims' rights
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Aubrey Yost
<b>Recommendation:</b>	

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** This bill wants to amend 29-119 to reissue revised statutes of NE; to redefine victim; and to repeal the original section. Current definition is: Victim means a person who, as a result of a homicide under sections 28-302 to 28-306, a first degree sexual assault under section 28-319, a first degree assault under section 28-308, a sexual assault of a child in the second or third degree under section 28-320.01, a sexual assault of a child in the first degree under section 28-319.01, a second degree assault under section 28-309, a first degree false imprisonment under section 28-314, a second degree sexual assault under section 28-320, or a robbery under section 28-324, has had a personal confrontation with the offender and also includes a person who has suffered serious bodily injury as defined in section 28-109 as a result of a motor vehicle accident when the driver was charged with a violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197 or with a violation of a city or village ordinance enacted in conformance with either section.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 163
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require additional polling places prior to elections in certain counties.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate McDougall
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** In counties with a population greater than 100,000, provides for additional polling places for early voting.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 165
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brewer
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require employer identification numbers and use of the federal immigration verification system
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	None

**Brief Description:** Brings state law into compliance with federal law around hiring practices.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 166
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kolterman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions of Uniform Controlled Substances Act and Pharmacy Practice Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No Action-Not our Issue

**Brief Description:** Pharmacy Issue, not social work, around inventory in pharmacies

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 167
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Ebke
<b>One Liner:</b>	Include cannabidiol as a Schedule V controlled substance
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Unsure--may like second review

**Brief Description:** Legalizes use of Marijuana or cannabidiol in FDA approved Products, also may prevent the seizing of this if brought in from another state where legal.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 173
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Amy West
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Possibly Testify and/or writer letter

**Brief Description:** Amends sections to prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity in employment.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 178
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for sexual assault protection order
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Include sexual assault and valid foreign sexual assault protection orders in current Nebraska law that spell out how orders are obtained and implemented.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 179
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<b>Introducer:</b>	Bolz (HHS)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Becca
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Hearing on 2.23 - Letter

**Brief Description:** Allows youth who are adjudicated under probation or status to be eligible for Bridge to Independence if they have no supports and age out of the system.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 180
<b>Introducer:</b>	Bolz (Judiciary)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for bridge orders transferring juvenile court jurisdiction of a juvenile to a district court
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Hearing on 1.26.17 - letter provided

**Brief Description:** Allows juvenile court to establish custody/visits and then transfer cases to district court when a child can safely reside with non-adjudicated legal parent in order to close the juvenile docket

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 188
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Howard
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to paternity of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** Provides clarification that if a child conceived through sexual assault and the parent is convicted they are not considered part of the family for purposes of reasonable efforts in juvenile court, termination of parental rights can be filed/granted, and they can't be granted custody, parenting time, or visits without the consent of the custodial parent.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 189
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Howard - Appropriations
<b>One Liner:</b>	Appropriates funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for recruitment and retention of caseworkers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Becca Brune
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support - Testify (Terry?)
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Appropriates \$1 million for FYs 2017-2019 to HHS for child welfare caseworker retention and recruitment to ensure caseload standards are met

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 191
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for renewals of domestic violence protection orders.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate McDougall
<b>Recommendation:</b>	support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	letter



**Brief Description:** Any victim of domestic abuse may file a petition and affidavit to renew a protection order. Petition can be filed 30 or fewer days before expiration of the previous order. Renewed order shall be effective for one year from the date the previous order is set to expire

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 194
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions of the Credit Services Organization Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, and Nebraska Installment Loan Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor/Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** The bill is intended to minimize payday loans predatory lending practices – but very complicated!

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 195
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Craighead
<b>One Liner:</b>	Notification Follow Mammography as Prescribed
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor/Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No Action

**Brief Description:** Not really our issue, likely brought forth by radiology. Doesn't hurt to provide additional information knowledge to the patient.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 197
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kowalski
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for electronic application for early voting ballot
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** The Secretary of State in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles shall, on or before January 1, 2019, develop and implement an early voting application process which may be used statewide to apply electronically using the Secretary of State's web site to receive an early voting ballot for early voting to vote by mail

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 198
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McCollister
<b>One Liner:</b>	Terminate the crimes Against Children Fund.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Terminates the Crimes Against Children Fund. Sen McCollister's office said that this is a housekeeping Bill. The Crime Commission asked him to introduce this Bill. This fund has not been funded since 2003/2004 and needs to be removed from the statues.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 202
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Lowe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Creates the offense of obstructing to government operations if one does not agree to submit to a chemical test ordered by a search warrant.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 203
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kuehn
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to maximum annual unemployment benefits and disqualification for benefits
<b>Committee member:</b>	Kelly Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No Action recommended – looks to be specifying cause of separation
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 207
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<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Adds provisions for action of the final report and includes the ability of parties to request modification if additional facts can be provided. Also adds that employees who provide information as part of the investigation can not have personnel action taken against them by their employer.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 211
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change the minimum wage for persons compensated by way of gratuities
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Action Alert if it hits the floor

**Brief Description:**

- Minimum wage for employees compensated by way of gratuities
- \$2.13 per hour prior to August 1, 2017
- 40% of minimum wage prior to January 1, 2018
- 50% of minimum wage thereafter

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 223
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kuehn
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh Nelsen
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill will amend a section that states that prescription information will be available to the designated statewide health information exchange for access by participants if access is in compliance with security and privacy protections. Before access, the individual must go through training on proper usage of prescription drug monitoring.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 224
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change asset limitation provisions relating to public assistance
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** In determining eligibility for public assistance, the applicant's family net worth shall not exceed the amount described in 392N.A.C. 3-006, as it exists on Jan. 9, 2017. (\$1,000,000.00) The income guidelines and work requirements for aid to dependent children shall apply when determining eligibility.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 225
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford & Senator Howard
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to alternative response to a report

	of child abuse or neglect and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Follow
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows AR to be utilized statewide with a report to the Children's Commission by 11/2018 which will also include (in addition to previous requirements) challenges, barriers, and opportunities if AR remains permanent

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 226
<b>Introducer:</b>	Wishart - Judiciary
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for purchase of motor vehicles and insurance by certain juveniles, change foster care transition proposal provisions and provide immunity from liability for caregivers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Becca Brune
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support - Monitor or letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** reduces barriers to foster youth access to driver's licenses - clarifies permission, creates foster parent liability protections, and ensures caseworkers are supporting older youth in planning or and obtaining a DL

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 227
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate McDougall

<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Creates a Brain Injury Trust Fund from appropriations from the Legislature, transfers authorized by the Legislature, grants, and private contributions. Monies will be used to support the Brain Injury Council, whose voting members will be appointed by the governor. Ex-officio members include heads of VA, Behavioral Health of DHHS, Public Health of DHHS, and the Commissioner of Education. The Council will represent the interests of individuals with brain injury and their families through advocacy, education, training, rehabilitation, research and prevention.

Something to pay attention to: Council will develop criteria and standards which may be required for future funding or licensing of facilities and other specialized services for individuals with a brain injury and their families.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 228
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Harr
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to rent-restricted housing projects
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No Action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Bill is not in regards to those living in projects but rather those who own them. Allows for the Valuation Committee to adjust the capitalization rate if necessary.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 235
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Walz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Clarify grant requirements for the Summer Food Service Program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Funds used in the Summer Food Service Program may be used to expand the program.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 242
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Appropriate funds for the recruitment of students who study to become behavioral health professionals
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Appropriates \$600,000 from the 17/18 general fund and \$600,000 from the 18/19 general fund to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to recruit students to study to become behavioral health professionals. They will develop clinical rotations, stipends and supervision at correctional facilities with a follow up report to determine if the students stayed in the field in Nebraska.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 243
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require reporting of certain information concerning assaults that occur in state institutions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Defines what must be reported when an assault takes place in a secure state institution.



<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 244
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to mental injury and mental illness for workers' compensation
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Related to workers' compensation, includes mental injury for first responders when the employment conditions cause the mental injury or mental illness.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 248
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Harr
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate McDougall
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

To address skill gap between employers and 16-24 year olds by offering training services, exposure to potential employment opportunities, teaching soft skills, identifying demand occupations and assessing required skills. Grants will be available to 1) employers seeking to secure training for young people and 2) nonprofit corporations that provide young people with career counseling and career readiness training. Asking to appropriate \$20,000,000 from the general fund for FY 2017-18 to carry out this act.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 254
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to making and serving alcoholic liquor by non licensed persons as prescribed
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	None

**Brief Description:** Basically allows for serving of alcohol at festivals, brewing parties etc.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 258
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide opportunity for inmates to obtain state identification card or driver's license before discharge
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** As simple as the one-liner – an obvious supportive step to help inmate transition.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 260
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program and state intent regarding appropriations.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh Nelsen
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Letter

**Brief Description:** Department of Agriculture shall establish and administer a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program. Such program may award state grants to grantees under the federal food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program established under the federal Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, as such act existed on January 1, 2017, to offset startup and operational costs associated with projects awarded under the federal grant program. \$150,000 will be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	261
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	adopt the Nebraska Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with letter
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Provides for advanced notification of employees and municipalities of a pending mass layoff. Provides for rapid response teams to help in these communities. Provides for penalties for failure to provide notice.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 267
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Linehan
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to onsite vaccinations
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Makes a separate section for nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities that will make flu and pneumonia shots available to employees and residents.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 268
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Schumacher
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change court and other provisions relating to medical assistance reimbursement
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** provides for the state to capture real estate transfers to recoup costs for medical care. Not sure how it is any different than current practice – does not appear to be trying to defend the vulnerable.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 282
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Telehealth Provisions related to Children's Behavioral Health
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** (c) Services provided by means of telecommunications technology, other than telehealth behavioral health services received by a child, are not covered if the child has access to a comparable service within thirty miles of his or her place of residence

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 284
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Criminal history record information checks under the Child Care Licensing Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Makes the required criminal investigation for the applicant or members of their household, staff and employees at the applicant's or licensee's expense.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 286
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Craighead
<b>One Liner:</b>	to adopt the Nebraska Flexible Loan Act;
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor/Support – with Vargas 194
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** I do not feel qualified to make recommendation on specifics of the bill, but it does appear to be attempting to limit the predatory practices of payday lending

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 289
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions and penalties relating to pandering, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and sex trafficking and prohibit solicitation of a trafficking victim.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh Nelsen
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No action needed

**Brief Description:** This bill amends sections 28-802, 28-830, 28-831, and 43-1303.

- Pandering is a Class II felony.
- Forced labor or services means labor or services that are performed or provided by another person and are obtained or maintained through:
  - Labor or services means work or activity of economic or financial value.
  - Labor trafficking of a minor means knowingly recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining by any means or attempting to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain by any means a minor intending or knowing that the minor will be subjected to forced labor or services.
  - Omits a long-lasting relationship between actor and another person.
    - § Sex trafficking means knowingly recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining by any means or knowingly attempting to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain by any means a person eighteen years of age or older for the purpose of having such person engage in commercial sexual activity, sexually explicit performance, or the production of pornography or to cause or attempt to cause a person eighteen years of age or older to engage in commercial sexual activity, sexually explicit performance, or the production of pornography against his or her will.

- Any person who engages in labor trafficking of a minor or sex trafficking of a minor is guilty of a Class IC felony, except, if the actor uses overt force or the threat of force or the trafficking victim has not yet attained the age of sixteen years the actor is guilty of a Class IB felony.
  - Any person who knowingly or recklessly solicits a trafficking victim to engage in commercial sexual activity, sexually explicit performance, or the production of pornography commits solicitation of a trafficking victim. Solicitation of a trafficking victim includes solicitation through any means and through any intermediary. Any person who commits solicitation of a trafficking victim is guilty of a Class II felony.
  - Any person, other than a trafficking victim, who knowingly or recklessly benefits from or participates in a venture which has, as part of the venture, an act that is in violation of this section is guilty of a Class IIA felony.
  - The crimes defined in this section shall be treated as separate and distinct offenses and sentences imposed under this section shall be consecutive to any other sentence imposed.
- It is not a defense in a prosecution under subsection (1), (3), (4) of this section that a minor consented to engage in commercial sexual activity or that the defendant believed the child was an adult.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 293
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Larson
<b>One Liner:</b>	Include U-47700 as a Schedule I controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie Abdul
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Lists Designer drug as Class I drug, (synthetic opiod)

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 297
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<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McCollister
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Stephanie Clark
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No Action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Creates a pilot project in an attempt to create an independent, external data warehouse able to receive, store, and analyze data across systems to be administered by the FCRO (there is currently a group meeting that I'm a part of that has been looking at some of this)

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 298
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Baker
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act and a task force
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** The normalcy task force will become the strengthening families act committee, adds guidelines for preventing sex trafficking, guidelines for children missing from foster care, recognizing the importance of parental rights, defines foster placement, foster children will have normalcy plans, etc.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 300
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Eliminate the statute of limitations on civil actions for sexual



	assault of a child
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Andrea Phillips
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support (don't foresee much resistance)
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Eliminates time limitation for reporting sexual assault of a child.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 302
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	State intent to appropriate funds for psychiatric and behavioral health medicine fellowships
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	None

**Brief Description:**

- Provide \$271,320 for one-year postgraduate psychiatric and behavioral health medicine fellowships for physician assistants

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 303
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Testify, Letter and Action Alert

**Brief Description:**

- Provide \$450,000 for twelve one-year behavioral health master's level internships in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 305
<b>Introducer:</b>	Sen Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Paid Medical Leave Insurance Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Lays out options for Paid Medical Leave. Set up like insurance. People pay and can file a claim. Guidelines are laid out regarding: eligibility, amount to be paid, claims, length of time to be on leave for various situations and employment status, military participants, intermittent leave, job availability upon returning to work, federal income tax ramifications. All new legislation.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 307
<b>Introducer:</b>	Brasch
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for mediation, child abuse prevention, and civil legal services fees in certain proceedings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	N/A

**Brief Description:**

Changes \$75 mediation fee to \$50, and adds additional \$25 fee as a child abuse prevention fee. The \$25 fees goes to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the \$50 mediation fee goes to the Parenting Act Fund. Changes mediation docket fee to \$50 and adds in a \$15 civil legal services fee to be collected by the court for paternity proceedings, additional complaints to modify child support orders, custody orders, parenting time, visitation or other additional child welfare court hearings. The \$15 fee shall go to the Legal Aid and Services Fund and the \$50 mediation fee goes to the Parenting Act Fund.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 311
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	eliminate a provision relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as prescribed
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with Testimony
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Eliminates past felonies as disqualifiers for SNAP

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 312
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Briese
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor/Neutral at this point
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- Repeals some sales tax exemptions and adds services to sales tax
  - Including school lunches, motor vehicle repair
- Raises revenue going forward
- To offset the regressivity, it includes an EITC increase to 17%

This bill does not fully offset the regressivity, but is a good effort at fairness to the poor.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 313
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brieese
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change the sales tax rate and the earned income tax credit and provide property tax credits
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor/Neutral at this point
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- Increases the sales tax rate to 6.5% with revenue going towards property tax credit
- EITC increase to 17%

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 321
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Lowe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill changes provisions of unlawful possession of a firearm at school. It defines the act as a Class IV felony. It states any weapon will be confiscated without warrant by a peace officer. However, if the weapon is surrendered before being confiscated, it is considered a common nuisance.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 323
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kolterman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support with Testimony
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Create a council on palliative care, to expand educational opportunities for best practices.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 333
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Eliminate and Independent Review of denial of aid to the disabled
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Write letter or testify

**Brief Description:** Bill moves to state that in order for someone to receive disability they now have to show that they will be disabled for at least a year instead of 180 days. It also takes away the Department's ability to conduct an independent review and make an independent decision

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 334
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Scheer (for Gov Ricketts)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Eliminates pilot program on family finding for wards of the state

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 335
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe (for Gov Ricketts)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to a child care market rate survey
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill amends a section that states that the department shall adjust the reimbursement rate for child care every odd-numbered year, except 2017 at a rate not less than the sixtieth percentile and not to exceed the seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate survey.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 337
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Smith at the request of the Governor
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change income tax rates and provide for deferrals of the rate changes
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Creates tax triggers

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 338
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brasch at the request of the Governor
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Agricultural Valuation Fairness Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Property tax change from market to value assessments, with a 3.5% cap

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 340
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante (for Gov Ricketts)
<b>One Liner:</b>	Transfer powers and duties from Division of Veterans' Homes of Department of Health and Human Services to Department of Veterans' Affairs
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No action needed

**Brief Description:** Just bringing departments in line with current structure of Veterans Affairs

<b>Bill Number:</b>	342
<b>Introducer:</b>	Erdman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact and provide for temporary nursing license for military spouses
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for licensing of military spouses and licensing agreement across states



<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 343
<b>Introducer:</b>	Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change credentialing and regulation of cosmetology, nail technology, audiology, massage therapy, and barbers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kelly
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 344
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Albrecht
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change credentialing and regulation of mental health substance abuse centers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill amends section . It states that a license shall be administered to an individual in another jurisdiction if the person meets:

- the requirements of the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Practice Act.
- Meets the requirements determined by the department
- Holds license or certification that is current in another jurisdiction that authorizes the alcohol and drug counseling
- At least 270 of drug and alcohol counseling education
- At least 3 years of a full time alcohol and drug counseling practice following initial licensure or certification and has passed the alcohol and drug counseling examination.

It also listed approved education programs:

- The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education;
- The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs;
- The Council on Rehabilitation Education;
- The Council on Social Work Education;

- The American Psychological Association for a doctoral degree program enrolled in by a person who has a master's degree or its equivalent in psychology.

To qualify for a provisional mental health practitioner license, a person shall have a master's degree, a doctoral degree or the equivalent of a master's degree. The degree should have included in the coursework of an internship in a mental health program.

The applicant is not required to have a supervisor in his/her placement.

Mental health substance use a treatment center shall mean a facility licensed as a mental health substance use treatment center by the Department of Human Health and Services.

Defines mental illness and substance abuse disorder.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 352
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Wind, Solar and Fuel Bill Financing Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Letter of Support

**Brief Description:** Simplifying application process to support alternative forms of energy, to save time and money and encourage application.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 355
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Letter

**Brief Description:**

This bill has an addition to section 7 and 8. The department shall design license plates known as Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The license plates can be personalized. Beginning October 1, 2017, individuals may apply for the plate.

There is an extra fee of \$5 for the alphanumeric plates, this money will go towards Native American Scholarship and Leadership Fund.

There is an extra fee of \$40 for the personalized plates, this money will go towards Native American Scholarship and Leadership Fund.

The Native American Scholarship and Leadership Fund is created. This fund will provide scholarships to Native Americans attending post secondary education in this state and leadership opportunities.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 358
<b>Introducer:</b>	McCollister; Crawford; Howard; Morfeld; Pansing Brooks; Walz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change income eligibility provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph C
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Amends current statute- By 10/1/17 requires an increase to gross income eligibility to 158% of poverty guideline for SNAP benefits for fiscal year 2017-2018; increase to 185% poverty guideline for 2018-2019 and thereafter.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 362
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Health Savings Account Act and provide an income tax deduction
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Monitor, no action needed

**Brief Description:** Creating state version of HSA's

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 367
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to payment of costs in juvenile matters
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph C
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No Action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Provides specific definition as to who is responsible for payment for services pre and post adjudication for youth alleged to have committed a crime; county pays pre-adjudication and probation post

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 372
<b>Introducer:</b>	Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide protections for employees with family care responsibilities under the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Revises Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act to include protections for persons with family care responsibilities. Cannot be denied right to obtain employment for those with care responsibilities, cannot fire someone for their care responsibilities etc. Family care responsibility shall mean providing direct and ongoing care for a person's spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent or a child or parent of such person's spouse.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 373
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Schumacher
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change and eliminate revenue and taxation provisions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Undoes bills that reduced revenue by \$5 million over the last decade

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 377
<b>Introducer:</b>	Education Committee
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to classification of school districts
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Lengthy Bill. Changes the classification of school districts and allows for re-establishment of the classification of schools. Eliminates high schools with fewer than 25 students in high school.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 394
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to possession of a deadly

	weapon by person subject to a domestic violence protection order.
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill will make it a felony if an individual, who is subject to a domestic violence protection order, possesses a deadly weapon.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 397
<b>Introducer:</b>	Wayne
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require application of the Nebraska Evidence Rules at parental termination hearings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Unsure - follow? This could be a major change in the ability to quickly terminate rights on parents.
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Evidence that is inadmissible in criminal court will not be allowed to be presented during hearings to terminate parental rights.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 402
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hilkeman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions of the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney

<b>Recommendation:</b>	?
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** “The Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act was enacted in 1985 with the intent of creating a process to review the necessity of regulating unregulated health professions and to review proposed changes in the scope of practice of regulated health professions in order to protect the public and lessen the adversarial nature of the process. The Legislature provided for technical committees to be factfinding bodies in regard to the need for regulation or a change in scope of practice. The Legislature finds that changes to the process are needed in order to be more advisory in nature and less adversarial.” This is new language included in LB 402. Modifies how to make changes in the scope of practice process. Refers to “health professions”, but is not specific.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 407
<b>Introducer:</b>	Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create and provide duties for the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill creates a task force to understand the depth and breadth of the situation at Whiteclay using analysis of data. Three reports will be submitted. These reports will include a long -range strategic plan; summary of actions taken by the task force; a discussion of policies and procedures that have been implemented or modified to help rectify the Whiteclay public health emergency, and task force recommendations on how the state should act to solve issues relating to the emergency.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 411
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Nebraska Juvenile Code provisions relating to placement of siblings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Testify or Letter

**Brief Description:** Requires placement change notices be provided to siblings of children in HHS custody

Allows for siblings to file a motion for joint-sibling placement, visits, etc; adds right of any party who has intervened and “whose substantial rights” are affected by an order can appeal; allows for sibs to file as intervenors for the purpose of placement/visits

clarifies that attempts should be made to place sibs together even when there is no preexisting relationship

Requires a written report be submitted to the court outlining efforts to locate siblings place siblings together; and assessment of safety and well-being. When sibs are not placed together report to include why it is contrary to safety and well-being, continued efforts to place together; and efforts to facilitate sib visits

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 417
<b>Introducer:</b>	Sen. Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change and eliminate provisions relating to public health and welfare
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose;
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Need Letter

**Brief Description:** This will would decrease accountability of DHHS for services provided under its responsibility, and it would decrease the amount and type of information DHHS must provide to the Legislature. Basically, it eliminates reporting requirements. This further distances the Legislature from the work of DHHS.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 420
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McCollister



<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Fair Chance Hiring Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Specifically bans asking criminal history until applicant is deemed eligible for the position, unless it is required by federal law

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 421
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill inserts the 2 words 'shall be' into the following sentence: "Except as otherwise provided in section 49-1445, a committee shall be formed and (here is the insert) shall be subject to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act upon raising, receiving, or spending more than \$5000.00 in a calendar year as prescribed in this section.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 422
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Changes provisions of the Election Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:** Changes the use of the terms 'commissioner or county clerk' and uses the term 'administrator'.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 424
<b>Introducer:</b>	Ebke
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for earned time and discontinue use of good time in the Department of Correctional Services
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Related to the Good time laws - for anyone sentenced moving forward, they will be able to accrue earned time rather than good time. Good time still applies to those sentenced prior to the date of the bill. Earned time means any reduction of sentence granted pursuant to section 83-1,107 and 83-1,108 for sentences imposed on or after the operative date of this act; The department may apply earned time only to eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision. Earned time does not otherwise affect a committed offender's term.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 425
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Provisions Related to the Nurse Practitioner Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our Issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	No action needed

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 427
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require breastfeeding accommodations for student-parents
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate
<b>Recommendation:</b>	support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a mother may breastfeed her child in any public or private location where mother is otherwise authorized to be, including, but not limited to, a mother who is attending a public, private, denominational, or parochial day school. The school shall also provide for private or appropriate facilities or accommodation for milk expression and storage.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 428
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require schools and the State Department of Education to adopt policies relating to pregnant and parenting students
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Require schools to support pregnant and parenting students by changing overly restrictive attendance and leave policies to accommodate medical appointments and provide opportunities to make up schoolwork or provide for alternative education for pregnant students. Require school to provide facilities or accommodations for breastfeeding or milk expression. Each school district shall adopt a written policy to be implemented at the start of school year 2018-19 which provides for standards and guidelines to accommodate pregnant and parenting students.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 434
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Ebke
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change videoconferencing provisions relating to certain juvenile hearings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Removes the phrase “and by stipulation of all parties” in reference to hearings that are held by video conferencing or telephonically in juvenile hearings.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 438
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Howard
<b>One Liner:</b>	Increase cigarette and tobacco taxes as prescribed and provide for the distribution of funds
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Should testify or write letter

**Brief Description:** Creates the Behavioral Health Provider Stabilization Fund. The fund shall be used to support reimbursement of behavioral health services providers through provider rates within, but not limited to, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Medical Assistance Act, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 439
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wishart

<b>One Liner:</b>	Change licensure and regulation provisions for assisted-living facilities
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** cleans up a lot of language – main policy changes are 1) allows flexibility in admission of residents based on facility's assessment of capacity to handle patient's needs and 2) allows for part-time or intermittent complex nursing in facility if resident needs it. This second part allows residents to remain in the assisted living longer and, potentially, until death as hospice may likely become involved if the resident should exceed the care allowance provided.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 441
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change eligibility provisions under the Medical Assistance Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

The department will create a state amendment plan, requesting an alternative benefit plan for Secretary-approved coverage that shall include full medicaid benefit coverage, including mandatory and optional coverage.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 442
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create the Medical Assistance Managed Care Organization Oversight Committee

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Letter to the committee and Action Alert

**Brief Description:**

- Create the Medical Assistance Managed Care Organization Oversight Committee
- The committee will gather information and analysis related to the delivery of services
- Report to a joint meeting of the Appropriations and HHS Committees

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 443
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows employers to pay half of student loans for employees. Provides that state can allow for 1.5 million in tax credits to businesses in Nebraska, giving priority to those businesses located in small communities.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 446
<b>Introducer:</b>	Chambers
<b>One Liner:</b>	Eliminate the death penalty and change and eliminate provisions relating to sentencing
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Removes death penalty from Nebraska criminal code, as well as Class I felony (for which the penalty is death). There will only be nine classes of felonies in the criminal code (instead of the current ten). If anyone has been sentenced to death prior to this bill, the sentences would be commuted to life in prison.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 450
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Chambers
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Patient Choice at End of Life Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for a 100% competent individual to make a decision to ask for aid-in-dying medication with provisions for competency, mental health evaluation, education about hospice and palliative care, potential risk. Allows for healthcare providers to not participate in the act, but the facility the patient resides in must not impede patient's request to transfer to a facility that will comply. Concern – physician cannot be a witness, I would want hospice providers to not be witnesses, as well. Concern – I would add in language as to how, specifically, a patient in a home is expected to safeguard the aid-in-dying medication from being used by others in the home.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 451
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to elections as prescribed
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill would allow an election commissioner to become a candidate for an elective office during his or her term of office. This bill changes deadline for certification, notification, notification and published deadlines. It demands a voter's oath for non residents and changes provisions relating to filing of a financial statements of financial interests by a candidate, and repeals the original section. Failure to sign the oath will invalidate the ballot. To sign the form knowing any part of it is not true will be a class IV felony.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 452
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Lindstrom
<b>One Liner:</b>	Impose sales tax on services and change income tax rates and personal exemption amounts
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Personal and corporate income tax cuts

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 456
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Briese
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for supportive services for disabled parents in family and dependency matters
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sally S.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill aims at protecting the rights of disabled individuals who wish to parent their children with means of support. Disabled individuals defined as blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or handicapped as defined in section 20-313. They are looking at adoptions and foster care.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 460
<b>Introducer:</b>	Smith
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions regulating the transportation of clients of the Department of Health and Human Services and other authorized agencies as prescribed



<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Rewrites legislation allowing Medicaid to contract with transportation providers to provide non-emergent transportation. I assume it was rewritten to support the managed medicaid transition? Still requires these providers to obtain a permit and comply with rules and regulations of the permit-providing company.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 467
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to certain tax incentive programs
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Freezes new contracts for two years for the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, and the Nebraska Advantage Act

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 468
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change revenue and taxation provisions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Freezes change provisions relating to certain property tax exemptions, inflation adjustments to income tax brackets, the tax treatment of certain extraordinary dividends and capital gains, the distribution of sales and use taxes, and property tax credits

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 473
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Walz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require rest periods for employees
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Employers with more than six employees must allow a 15 minute rest period every 4 hours in addition to a lunch break.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 480
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McColister
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Unsure
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Prohibits insurers from denying coverage for health claims for persons while in custody. Makes provisions for insurers to deny claims for injuries sustained in unlawful activity and for tests that are required by law for all inmates. **Questions – does this include mental health? If not, not sure this is our issue**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 485
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing-Brooks

<b>One Liner:</b>	Create Chief Standing Bear and Indigenous Leaders' Day
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Write Letter

**Brief Description:** Replace this holiday with Indigenous Leaders Day

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 487
<b>Introducer:</b>	Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide exception to certain crimes for persons witnessing or experiencing drug overdoses and provide protection from civil liability for emergency responders and peace officers administering naloxone
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This legislation would prevent someone who was seeking emergency medical help for themselves or a friend/family member that was overdosing on illegal drugs from being charged with a drug offense. It details specifically that the person has to be the first person to make the call and that the evidence of the drug-related offense would be obtained due to the interactions with the emergency medical personnel. It also prevents police officers and EMTs who administer naloxone to someone experiencing from being sued for damages, charged with a crime or held up for administrative action.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 495
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to developmental disabilities
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sally S.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill is amending prior legislation relating to individuals with developmental disabilities. Calling it the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 501
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brewer
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change prohibition on locations where permit holder may carry a concealed weapon
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** A gun permit holder does not violate the law by taking a gun into a place that does not allow guns, unless there is signage, and has told the permit holder to remove the gun from the area and then the permit holder defies that request, which is the new part of this legislation.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 502
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brewer
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the permitless concealed carry act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	(Need to discuss whether to get involved in gun legislation)
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 505
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<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Brewer
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Refugee Resettlement Notification Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Requires Refugee Resettlement Agencies to compile and submit statistics on the number of refugees resettled, from which country, and their federal and state benefits by type of benefit. The requirements of this bill are not horrible – what is horrible are the statements of what the legislature states as true: “The Legislature recognizes that these regimes and terrorist 26 organizations have recently been successful in Europe and the United 27 States with their intent to exploit refugee programs by infiltrating 28 refugee populations” and “The Legislature also recognizes that the federal government has not adequately supplied or appropriately informed the states with essential information regarding the refugees being placed and resettled into the states and the federal government's future intentions or estimates for refugee resettlement and placement” Neither of these two statements are fact, perhaps alternative fact?

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 506
<b>Introducer:</b>	Albrecht
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	It sounds like a positive program, but it also sounds like it is trying to place itself as an alternative to abortion. I would personally say oppose but what about the rest of the committee?

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:**

Creates perinatal hospice teams across the state to support women who are pregnant with a fetus that has a lethal fetal anomaly. “Perinatal hospice means comprehensive support to the pregnant woman and her family that includes support from the time of diagnosis, through the time of birth and the death of the infant, and through the postpartum period. Supportive care may include, but is not limited to, counseling and medical care by maternal-fetal medical specialists, obstetricians, neonatologists, anesthesia, specialists, clergy, social workers, and specialty nurses focused on alleviating fear and ensuring that the woman and her family experience the life and death of their child in a comfortable and supportive environment.”

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 511
<b>Introducer:</b>	The Education Committee
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions for payment of educational costs for state wards and students in residential settings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Outlines who is responsible for the cost of a ward of the state’s education and related transportation. Provides that a child who has been placed in care will remain attending the same school unless it is not in the best interests of the child to assist the child in maintaining continuity.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 515
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bolz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Create the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Grant Program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- Provide grants to community colleges to provide instruction and education services below the postsecondary level for any person who is sixteen years of age or older, who is not enrolled in high school and is not required to be enrolled in school, that increase the ability to read, write, and speak in English and perform mathematics or other activities necessary for the attainment of a high school diploma or a diploma of high school equivalency, for the transition to postsecondary education and training, and to obtain employment

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 516
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to a report on juvenile facilities
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

The juvenile facility will submit a report quarterly to Legislature on the juveniles placed in room confinement.

- The report shall redact all personal identifying information but shall provide individual, not aggregate, data.

Any person who intentionally and knowingly fails to comply with this section shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 517
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions regarding transfer of property upon death
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue

<b>Action Taken:</b>	
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**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 520
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hansen
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require notification when persons prohibited by state or federal law obtain a handgun or concealed carry permit
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Defines Commission as Nebraska Commission of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.  
The chief of police or sheriff shall be permitted up to three days in which to conduct an investigation to determine whether the applicant is a prohibited possessor.  
The chief of police or sheriff shall submit an electronic application which which will notify a prohibited possessor of a denial.

<b><u>Bill Number:</u></b>	LB 521
<b><u>Introducer:</u></b>	Sen Walz
<b><u>One Liner:</u></b>	Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
<b><u>Committee Member:</u></b>	Mary Bahney
<b><u>Recommendation:</u></b>	Not our issue
<b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>	



**Brief Description:** Provides for how children in early childhood programs should be factored in the formula for state aid to schools.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 526
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to debtor's rights, garnishment, attachment, and other debt collection procedures
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Prohibits imprisonment for debt unless the debtor is in willful contempt of court. Adds in rule that garnishers must leave \$2000 in account.

<b>Bill Number</b>	LB 529
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Harr
<b>One Liner:</b>	Authorize county courts sitting as probate courts in cases of guardianship to authorize abortions in judicial by-pass cases
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	Monitor

**Brief Description:** Adds Probate Court to those who can authorize termination of pregnancy similar to all other courts already written into law.

<b>Bill Number</b>	LB 534
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Vargas
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for a housing coordinator within the Department of Health and Human Services

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services shall hire a housing coordinator, who shall work with the behavioral health regions to 1) coordinate efforts as they relate to systemic housing goals, 2) provide assistance and expertise in finding resources, including fed, state, and nonprofit housing assistance, 3) share best practices, 4) serve in a leadership capacity within the division to advocate for consumers' needs in housing, and 5) disburse funds to nonprofit entities and programs which provide integrated housing services and support for individuals with serious mental illness. Such funds may be issued for drop-in centers, peer-operated supportive housing, and services designed to maintain independence in housing for people with serious mental illnesses.

It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$1.1 million for fy2017-18 to the Division of Behavioral Health of DHHS to carry out the purposes of this bill.

<b>Bill Number</b>	LB 537
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Hughes
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for drug screening for applicants receiving cash assistance
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	I think pros and cons to this bill. I like that they wrote in an alternative option if there is a minor child involved and that someone will get a referral to behavioral health. I do think that if someone has an active substance use problem they will likely spend their money on accessing the substance as that is the ch
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a program to screen any applicant for or recipient of cash assistance under the Welfare Reform Act for the use of a controlled substance not prescribed for him or her by a licensed health care provider if the department has reasonable cause to believe such applicant or recipient is using such a controlled substance. If the applicant or recipient tests positive pursuant to such screening program, he or she may request an additional test at a different drug testing facility at his or her own expense. If the second test results are negative, the department shall reimburse him or her for the costs of the test. If the results of a screening test pursuant to subsection (1) of this section are positive, the applicant or recipient shall complete a substance abuse treatment program and a job skills program. An applicant or a recipient who fails or

refuses to complete either program pursuant to this subdivision is ineligible for cash assistance for twelve months or until he or she has completed both the substance abuse treatment program and the job skills program. If an ineligible applicant or recipient under this section is a parent or guardian of a minor child, the department may approve a protective payee, recommended by the parent or guardian, to receive payments for the child's benefit. If the department determines that there is a reasonable likelihood the designated protective payee is using controlled substance not prescribed for him or her by a licensed health care provider, the designated protective payee shall submit to a screening test. If the screening test is positive, the department shall select another protective payee. The department shall refer an applicant or a recipient declared ineligible for cash assistance benefits under this section to the Division of Behavioral Health of the department for referral to a substance abuse treatment program.

<b>Bill Number</b>	LB 539
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Krist
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change investigation and report provisions relating to the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph C
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>No action</b>
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Requires DHHS to provide notice to the Inspector General if an employee is killed or seriously injured while conducting their work in addition the previously required notices

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 541
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Quick
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act relating to gross proceeds restrictions, special permits, and prize percentages
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Remove
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- Reduces the amount of lottery proceed from 65% to 45% to be used for the awarding of prizes

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 550
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Lindstrom
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not our issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Removes some reference to an independent actuary in the current law in reference to the comprehensive insurance pool

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 552
<b>Introducer:</b>	Walz
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for the Children's Connection program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

The goals of the programs are to identify children with social and emotional difficulties and to work with parents, schools, and health care providers to provide timely, effective, and family-centered services in order to prevent child welfare or juvenile justice system involvement. A Children's Connection program shall be created in each of the behavioral health regions established pursuant to section 71-807. Each

program shall be a partnership between the behavioral health region and Nebraska schools serving children in kindergarten through grade eight.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	560
<b>Introducer:</b>	Schumacher
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change restrictive housing and inmate discipline provisions
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

This bill clarifies what solitary confinement is and the length that inmates may remain in solitary confinement. It creates a process for inmates to have a review hearing after 90 days in solitary confinement, ensures that inmates are held in solitary confinement in the least restrictive manner possible and adds to the legislation to ensure members of vulnerable populations may not be placed in restrictive housing (to include pregnant inmates, inmates under 18 and inmates diagnosed with a mental illness).

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 564
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator McCollister
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Nebraska Main Street Fairness Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support/Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Collect sales tax from online retailers with \$25K income from NE. Will raise from \$45 - \$100 million in new revenue.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 567
<b>Introducer:</b>	Sen Bolz

<b>One Liner:</b>	Change Funding for county public assistance offices
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This Bill would require the state to pay for the offices for the administration of public assistance in the counties.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 586
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Linehan
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change requirements for the prescription drug monitoring system
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Clarifies who specifically is a prescriber and a dispenser of prescriptions. This change does not make a major change in the law related to the monitoring system that has been established. We should note what Senator Howard's position on this bill will be.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 589
<b>Introducer:</b>	Crawford
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for depositions of a child victim or child witness
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Sarah Hanify
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

If a child has a forensic interview on file, then it is recommended that the child not be deposed. If the deposition needs to go forward, it is recommended that the judge issue an order allowing for certain comfort measures within the courtroom (victim advocate present, excluding the defendant from physically being in room when child testifies, etc.) that will make it easier for the child witness to testify.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 595
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Groene
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for the use of physical force or physical restraint or removal from a class in response to student behavior
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill would allow for teachers and school administrators to use physical force and restraint on students who destroy school property, act out towards themselves, school staff or other students. These actions by school staff would not be considered corporal punishment which is prohibited in Nebraska. School staff would be exempt from legal or administrative actions.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 603
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Require a high-deductible plan for state employees' health insurance
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	None Needed

**Brief Description:** Any contract for group health insurance entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall provide for the option of a high-deductible health plan

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 604
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Nebraska Right to Shop Act and place duties on insurance carriers
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Christie
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Unsure--Doing some research-stay tuned
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 606
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Riepe
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Volunteer Care Act and change provisions governing remedies for injuries or damages
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Unsure – not our issue
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Very specific to volunteer nurses, doctors cannot be sued for care provided on volunteer basis

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 608
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Linehan
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Parental Choice Scholarship Program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney



<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Would create a voucher system which would allow state funds to pay for private or parochial schools.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 615
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wayne
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for expungement of criminal history record information in cases of arrests based upon mistaken identity
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No Action
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Requires law enforcement to file a petition with district court to request expungement of criminal history when they determine they have arrested a person in error due to mistaken identity including misidentification or confusion by a witness, informant or police

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 622
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<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wayne
<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for the use of medical marijuana for specific illnesses to be prescribed and outlines process for monitoring, distribution, etc.

I don't have a medical background so only know what I've read regarding this occurring in other states. The bill is very long and I only had time to skim. I'm open to hear what others think but haven't heard anything about why this wouldn't be positive. I'm wondering if there is someone else on the committee that has more of a background who would want to write a letter/testify if we choose to support.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 623
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wishart
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to assault on an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

- To change and eliminate penalties relating to assault of an officer, certain employees, or a health care professional
- This bill doesn't include mental health employees

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 630
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Larson

<b>One Liner:</b>	Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Bahney
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Establishes charter schools called independent public schools which would operate under separate boards from the public school district and would not be subject to most state education rules and regulations.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 637
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bostelman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Prohibit disclosure of information relating to firearm owners and concealed carry permit holders
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kate
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

Any information obtained by the Nebraska State Patrol or any other federal, state, county, or local department or agency regarding firearm registration, possession, sale, or use, whether obtained for purposes of application or issues as a permit or license, is confidential and shall not be considered a public record. The information shall be available upon request to all federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 638
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Bostelman
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide enhanced criminal penalties based upon a person's employment as prescribed

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Monitor</b>
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Outlines additional employments covered by law that would provides increased punishment to the offender if committing specific crimes against these employees.

QUESTION: the wording is confusing to me as it seems that the DHHS employees fall into the protected position only if “the person committing the offense is a dangerous sex offender” but it doesn’t seem to specify this for any other employment. Does that makes sense???

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 649
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Pansing Brooks
<b>One Liner:</b>	Prohibit additional services or populations under the medicaid managed care program
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Monitor
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

The department will not administer any additional services or populations until a critical is performed of the at-risk capitated managed care program of the medical assistance program and the success of such managed care program is proven.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 656
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Baker
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for claims against the state by persons wrongfully incarcerated
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support

<b>Action Taken</b>	
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**Brief Description:** adds wrongful incarceration provisions to existing bill for wrongful convictions and imprisonment

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 658
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Wayne
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for expert witness appointment as prescribed in certain juvenile proceedings
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Steph
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken</b>	

**Brief Description:** Allows for parent/guardian in juvenile cases to be provided with one expert witness at adjudication or dispo hearing paid by the county if the parent's can't afford it upon the approval of the court

I think this makes for a more balanced approach as currently the parent has no ability (unless they can personally pay) to present an equal defense of their case without the ability to call these types of witnesses. It might be good to have some type of limitation on the type/cost.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 661
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kuehn
<b>One Liner:</b>	Provide for confidentiality of information relating to performing a lethal injection

<b>Committee Member:</b>	Keller
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Uh, not just no but ... "Records containing any information reasonably calculated to lead to the identity of any person or entity that manufactures, supplies, compounds, or prescribes the substance or substances, medical supplies, or medical equipment utilized to perform a lethal injection shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure ... (especially if they lead to a small apartment in India ....wait, what?)

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LB 666
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Kintner
<b>One Liner:</b>	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Mary Sullivan
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** This bill changes the current law regarding the offense of carrying a concealed weapon so that a person can carry a concealed weapon as long as it is unloaded and stored in a case.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LR1CA
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Murante
<b>One Liner:</b>	Constitutional amendment to require voter identification
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

In order to vote, an individual must show a photo ID.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LR6
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Ebke
<b>One Liner:</b>	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Terry
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Oppose
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction for the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	LR15CA
<b>Introducer:</b>	Senator Morfeld
<b>One Liner:</b>	Constitutional amendment prohibiting requiring a voter to present identification prior to voting
<b>Committee Member:</b>	Kaleigh
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Support
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:** To protect the fundamental constitutional right of each eligible citizen, requiring a voter to present identification prior to voting shall be prohibited.

<b>Bill Number:</b>	
<b>Introducer:</b>	
<b>One Liner:</b>	
<b>Committee Member:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**

<b>Bill Number:</b>	
<b>Introducer:</b>	
<b>One Liner:</b>	
<b>Committee Member:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	
<b>Action Taken:</b>	

**Brief Description:**