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AMENDMENTS TO LB1184

Introduced by Judiciary.

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 81-2009, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

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4 81-2009 (1) The Attorney General, or a member of his or her staff,

5 or a practicing attorney designated by the Attorney General, shall defend

all civil and criminal actions instituted against the Superintendent of

<u>Law Enforcement and Public Safety</u> superintendent or any subordinate

officer or employee of the Nebraska State Patrol arising from their

employment by the patrol.

10 (2) In any instance in which the actions or omissions of an officer

or employee of the patrol are the subject of an inquiry by a grand jury

or prosecutor, the officer or employee of the patrol shall be defended by

13 <u>the Attorney General or a member of his or her staff or, in the event of</u>

14 <u>a conflict of interest for the Attorney General, a private practice</u>

15 attorney chosen by the officer or employee of the patrol. Reasonable

16 attorney's fees and costs shall be paid pursuant to section 81-8,239.02.

17 (3) (2) The superintendent shall provide not less than three agency

18 legal counsels stationed with the Nebraska State Patrol to assist county

attorneys in the preparation of cases involving drug abuse and to advise

20 the patrol on all legal matters. Agency counsel shall not represent

21 individual officers or employees of the patrol whose actions or omissions

are the subject of inquiry by a grand jury or prosecutor. Agency counsel

may advise officers or employees of the patrol who are serving as

24 investigators for a grand jury or a prosecutor.