

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB792

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 22, 2023
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Provide for a pilot program for assessing and treating post traumatic stress disorder

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Walz
Nay: 2 Senators Hardin, Riepe
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Justin Wayne
Lavon Stennis-Williams
Kevin Williams LMHP
Sheriff Aaron Hanson
Charity Evans
Daniel Martin
Bill Reay
Micheal Dwyer
Jenni Benson

Representing:

Introducer
ReConnect Inc
Williams Counseling PC
Douglas County Sheriffs Office
Nebraska Medicine
Omaha Police Officers Association
OMHI
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association
NSEA

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
SUMMARY

LB 792 directs DHHS to create a pilot program for assessing and treating post-traumatic stress disorder. The program is funded by a \$25million appropriation from the General Fund.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Sec. 1: The Department of Health and Human Services shall create a pilot program located in a city of the metropolitan class for assessing and treating post traumatic stress disorder. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate twenty-five million dollars from the General Fund to carry out this section.

Sec. 2: Emergency Clause

Explanation of amendments:

AMENDMENT(S)

AM 765 is a white copy amendment that strikes the original sections and inserts:

Sec 1: (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall create a statewide pilot program for assessing and treating post-traumatic stress disorder through the reduction of community gun violence.

(2) DDHS Shall:

- a. assess community exposure to gun violence
- b. identify treatment services
- c. Ensure pilot program providers use best available procedures and strategies
- d. build a sustainable program beyond the pilot community
- e. conduct periodic evaluations

(3) It is the intent of the legislature to appropriate \$25million from the general fund

Sec 2: Emergency Clause

Ben Hansen, Chairperson