

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB928

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB928 creates a full-time mental health director position at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, appointed by the Director of Correctional Services, who shall have relevant mental health experience and be licensed by the State of Nebraska as a physician or mental health practitioner. The mental health director shall work in collaboration with the medical director at the Department to coordinate mental and behavioral health services, recommend all necessary programs for mental and behavioral health services and ensure inmates receive required programming and oversee training of mental health care staff. The mental health director shall also collaborate with community mental health providers to ensure services within the facilities and continuity of mental and behavioral health care services upon inmate reentry into the communities. Other duties for this position may be assigned by the Director of Correctional Services.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Fredrickson