

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB444**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2021**

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

LB444 amends Nebraska law regarding credit for good time for jail sentences. Under current law, an inmate serving a jail sentence can earn good time for compliance with jail rules and not engaging in prohibited conduct. Like the ratio for state prison inmates, jail inmates earn day-for-day credit towards their sentence.

Unlike state prison sentences, jail inmates do not earn any good time credit on the first 14 days served on a jail sentence. LB444 amends the good time rate for jail sentences to match the rate for state prison sentences and provides that those serving jail sentences receive day-for-day credit towards their sentences.

LB444 also provides judges with the authority to apply any unused jail credit if a person is arrested on one charge and prosecuted on another charge growing out of conduct which occurred prior to such person's arrest. This provision is identical to the authority judges have to impose state prison sentences as provided in section 83-1,106.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Matt Hansen**