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LEGISLATIVE BILL 658

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Office of Inspector General of the
- 2 Nebraska Correctional System Act; to amend section 47-901, Revised
- 3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require a study and a
- 4 report; to state intent regarding appropriations; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 47-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 47-901 Sections 47-901 to 47-920 and section 2 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska
5 Correctional System Act.

6 Sec. 2. (1) The Inspector General shall commission a study
7 regarding preparedness of individuals to return to society from the
8 Nebraska correctional system. The Inspector General may, subject to the
9 approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, contract for
10 professional services to undertake this study. The study shall include
11 all reports produced or provided by the office regarding this topic.

12 (2) At the conclusion of the study, a report shall be produced which
13 includes the results of the study concerning:

14 (a) Risk assessment;

15 (b) Ways to provide individuals with incentives to prepare to take
16 advantage of parole;

17 (c) Services necessary to make parole more effective both inside the
18 Nebraska correctional system and outside the Nebraska correctional
19 system;

20 (d) Specific resource needs of the Nebraska correctional system in
21 order to increase opportunities for individuals to acquire vocational
22 skills and skills applicable to finding employment;

23 (e) Reentry services necessary to assist individuals released on
24 parole or released from prison without supervision; and

25 (f) The role of community corrections in preparing individuals for
26 reentry in order to reduce recidivism and lower the cost of
27 incarceration.

28 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two hundred
29 fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2021-22 from the General Fund to
30 the Legislative Council for the purposes of this section.

31 Sec. 3. Original section 47-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative

1 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.