

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454

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AN ACT relating to drug court programs; to state findings; and to provide for court rules relating to administration of drug court programs.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that drug use contributes to crime in Nebraska, costs millions of dollars in lost productivity, and contributes to the burden placed upon law enforcement, court, and correctional systems in Nebraska.

The Legislature also finds and declares that drug court programs are effective in reducing recidivism of persons who participate in and complete drug court programs. The Legislature recognizes that a drug court program offers a person accused of drug offenses an alternative to traditional criminal justice or juvenile justice proceedings.

Sec. 2. Drug court programs shall be subject to rules which shall be promulgated by the Supreme Court for procedures to be implemented in the administration of such programs.