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**(Neb.)- New Laws Kick In Around US; Some Neb. Changes**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Several new laws will take effect in Nebraska this September because most state laws take effect three months after they are passed.

Starting Sept. 6, juveniles who commit first-degree murder will face sentences ranging from 40 years to life instead of mandatory life sentences. The change was made because of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Anyone convicted of human trafficking in the state will face tougher penalties if they target minors.

Nebraska lawmakers approved a law intended to prevent local governments from artificially increasing the cost of providing public records.

Several other new laws already took effect. Those include a package of tax incentives for wind power and increased funding for higher education to ensure a tuition freeze at the University of Nebraska and state colleges.