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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1054

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2024

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

Currently, early care and education providers in the State of Nebraska often do not receive emergency response notifications for nearby incidents. LB1054 intends to mirror the emergency response notifications that school systems often receive from law enforcement. The bill facilitates the establishment of community-based partnerships to coordinate age-appropriate safety and reunification training, distribution of materials related to training and facility signage, and operation of an electronic emergency response notification system.

To ensure these partnerships coordinate their efforts effectively, three designations would be required through a memorandum of understanding:

- 1) A designee to operate an emergency response notification system to notify providers of local area emergencies,
- 2) a designee to coordinate age-appropriate safety and reunification training, and
- 3) a designee to provide safety and reunification materials.

This is intended to be at no cost to childcare and early education programs and participation in communities' safety and reunification efforts is entirely voluntary. LB1054 appropriates \$300,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund in FY2024-25.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lynne Walz