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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB923

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2014

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

There are children facing depression and thoughts of suicide every day in our communities.

LB923 requires the Nebraska Department of Education to work with behavioral health experts and suicide prevention organizations to develop a suicide prevention and awareness training for teachers, administrators, school nurses, and other appropriate personnel.

One hour of training would be provided within the current framework of existing in-service training programs.

LB923 is not intended to burden professionals with additional work, but provide a framework for training and potentially save lives.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill