

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB511

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: 2/28/2017**

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

LB 511 amends sections of statutes that pertain to the Education of State Wards in the following instances:

- Reorganizes a section of statute to clarify who pays for certain students in "out of home" for state ward placements as between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services;
- Requires that a "Best Interest of Child" determination be made before removing a child who is in an out of home placement from their school;
- Amends section 79-215 to include the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), and the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions act of 2008 that both require states to provide educational stability when a child is removed from the home; and
- Updates references in sections 79-1125.01 and 79-1142 by incorporating changes made under this act in sections 79-215.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mike Groene, Chairperson  
Education Committee