

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB751**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 30, 2020  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Blood  
**One Liner:** Provide for a mental health exception to compulsory education requirements

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Slama

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Carol Blood  
David Miers  
Rose Godinez  
Maddie Fennell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition  
ACLU of Nebraska  
Nebraska State Education Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Under current law, a school may refer a case related to excessive school absences to the county attorney to pursue a truancy case in juvenile court. The school may not refer the matter until the student has been absent for more than twenty days that year and a collaborative plan has not successfully resolved the barriers to attendance.

The collaborative plan is developed by the school, the child, and the person with legal or actual charge or control of the child and is required to consider certain factors.

LB751 would replace one of the required considerations in the collaborative plan. The bill would amend Sec. 79-209 to change "Illness related to physical or behavioral health of the child" to "The physical, mental, or behavioral health of the child."

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson