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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 727**

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide duties for school
- 2 districts, the State Department of Education, and the Department of
- 3 Health and Human Services with respect to mental health services.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) On or before August 1 of each year, the State  
2 Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Health and  
3 Human Services shall provide each school district with a registry of  
4 state and local mental health resources available to work with students  
5 and families by geographic area. The registry shall be updated at least  
6 annually and include resources for both school-based services and  
7 services accessed by families and individuals outside of schools.

8           (2) Each school district shall designate one or more mental health  
9 points of contact for each school building or other division as  
10 determined by the school district. A mental health point of contact may  
11 be an administrator, a school nurse, a school psychologist, or another  
12 designated school employee. Each mental health point of contact shall be  
13 trained in mental health issue identification and have knowledge of  
14 community service providers and other resources available for students  
15 and families.

16           (3) Each mental health point of contact shall facilitate access to  
17 mental health services during the school day at the school the student  
18 attends whenever possible.

19           (4) Each school district shall report the designated mental health  
20 points of contact to the State Department of Education prior to the  
21 beginning of each school year.