

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB727**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 19, 2019**

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

LB 727 requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide each school district with a registry of state and local mental health resources in their geographic area. It also requires that each school district designate one or more mental health points of contact for each school building or other division as determined by the school district. Each point of contact shall be trained in mental health issue identification, facilitate student access to mental health services, and have knowledge of community service providers and other resources available to students and families. These points of contact shall be reported to the Department of Education prior to the beginning of each school year.

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

Senator Lynne Walz