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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB998

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2020

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

LB 998 will give each school district the opportunity to provide basic training for all school employees with distributed money from the Behavioral Training Cash Fund. Behavioral awareness and Intervention Training will be required for administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses, and counselors. The training will be offered annually and every employee is required to go through the training every three years. The language for the training was created by consulting experts from the training community, administrators, teachers, school boards, ESU's, and a number of other individuals.

Behavioral Awareness and Training will need to include 6 Steps in the following order:

1. Recognizing detrimental signs
2. Positive behavior support and proactive teaching strategies
3. Verbal intervention and de-escalation techniques
4. Guidelines on removal from and returning students from a classroom
5. Behavioral interventions and supports that will take place when a student has been removed from a class
6. Physical intervention for safety

The bill will also designate one or more school employees in a school district as a behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact for each school building. Each school district will maintain a registry of local mental health and counseling services so that the Behavioral Awareness and Intervention Point of Contact can coordinate with to ensure the student students have access to any support that they need. School personnel will notify a parent or guardian of such student in writing unless law enforcement or child protective services are involved.

Each year school districts will need to submit a Behavioral Awareness and Intervention Training report of their plan to the State School Security Director at the Department of Education. If a school district does not submit their plan then they will not receive training funding for the school year.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Murman