

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB868

Hearing Date: Monday January 24, 2022
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Morfeld
One Liner: Change provisions relating to a classification system administered by the State Department of Education

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Day, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Walz
Nay:	2	Senators Murman, Sanders
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Linehan

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Adam Morfeld
Emily Koopman
Katie Bass

Representing:

Introducer
Belmont Community Center, Self
First Five Nebraska

Opponents:

Gwen Easter

Representing:

Safe Haven

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 868 changes terminology within the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act as it relates to the employee classifications developed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) within the Nebraska Childhood Professional Record System (NECPRS).

Currently in Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1962(4), NDE is required to develop four levels of classification within NECPRS based on educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work history. LB868 changes "educational degrees and professional credentials held" to "educational attainment".

Furthermore, it changes the language in the minimum credentials for level one (the lowest level) from "a Child Development Associate Credential or a one year certificate or diploma in early childhood education or child development" to "a Child Development Associate Credential or an equivalent in educational attainment".

Lynne Walz, Chairperson