

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB565

Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2021

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

LB565 would direct the Nebraska State Department of Education to develop and implement a youth-initiated mentoring pilot program for school fiscal year 2021-22 in consultation with a mentoring program that is in operation on a statewide basis. The pilot program would be implemented in a high-poverty area in each of the three congressional districts. The Legislature would appropriate \$750,000 from the General Fund in FY 2021-22 to the State Department of Education to carry out the act.

Youth initiated mentoring model has, typically, deployed to support youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system, a population of youth who have not been well supported by a traditional mentoring model.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell