

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB852**

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**Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2022**

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

There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of children and youth being diagnosed with mental health conditions in recent years, that has been magnified even more by the Pandemic. LB 852 is a common sense step to ensure access to behavioral health services in communities by identifying points of contacts in each school building that have access to current listings of community behavior providers located in their geographic area that would be available to parents and students for any needed services.

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

**Senator Jen Day**