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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB87

Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 02, 2021

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

Under LB 87, the State Department of Education shall create a mental health first aid training program for teachers and other personnel employed by a school district or educational service unit. Training will be by nationally certified trainers and shall include training on skills needed to assist a student in crisis, including knowledge of available resources for referrals; de-escalation skills; recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness; and, making timely referrals for students needing treatment. The State Board shall establish innovation grant programs in this area and others with funding from the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Adam Morfeld