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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB677

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 09, 2023

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

LB677 would create the Nebraska KIDS pilot program. The program would create a grant for nonprofits to assist TANF families with removing barriers to employment and education.

Specifically, KIDS requires a nonprofit receiving the grant to provide the following services:

- Youth development
- Adult Education
- Mental and behavioral health
- Access to weekend food
- Basic needs support
- Job training program for youths

The rationale for providing mental health services to TANF families is based on research showing that TANF families and other low-income populations are at-risk for mental health conditions that may affect their ability to obtain and/or maintain employment.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jen Day