## ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB31

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 04, 2025

Committee On: Education Introducer: Conrad

One Liner: Require school policies relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking

technology by school districts

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 7 Senators Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Juarez

**Present Not Voting:** 

**Testimony:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Danielle Conrad Opening Presenter

Sue Greenwald Nebraska Education Coalition

Steve DaviesSelfKathy FaucherSelfColby WoodsonSelf

Opponents: Representing:

Kyle McGowan NE Council of School Administrators, Schools Taking

Action for Nebraska Children's Education, Greater Nebraska Schools Association, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, Nebraska State

**Education Association** 

Kirk Langer Lincoln Public Schools, Nebraska Association of

**Technology Administrators** 

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 31 mandates that the State Board of Education create and distribute a model policy for the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts by December 1, 2025, at the latest. The policy must, at a minimum, include provisions for identifying and inventorying all such tools, detailing the companies or entities that provide them, and disclosing the costs of purchasing and maintaining them. It should also describe each



<sup>\*</sup> ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

tool, including its privacy protections, how data is collected, shared, and used, and whether parents can opt their students out. Furthermore, the policy must explain how data may be shared with law enforcement or used in student discipline, ensure accommodations for students with disabilities or IEPs, and outline the handling of biometric or personally identifiable information. Finally, the policy should specify remedies for privacy violations, referencing relevant laws such as the Consumer Protection Act.

Starting May 1, 2026, each school board must adopt a written policy, to be implemented at the start of the 2026-27 school year, outlining standards and guidelines for the purchase and use of mass surveillance tools. Each policy must meet the minimum standards set by the State Board of Education.

Dave Murman Chairperson