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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2025

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

LB 217 requires suicide awareness and prevention training for all staff involved in the child welfare system of the Department of Health and Human Services that provide direct services to children or families or interact directly with children or families, and any other appropriate personnel as determined by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services. Requirements established in LB 217 follow recommendations made by the Nebraska Office of Inspector General for Child Welfare to reduce risk of suicide for system-involved youth.

Principal Introducer:	
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