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FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 281

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require child sexual abuse
- 2 prevention instructional programs for students and staff.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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- 1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that when a child
- 2 is a victim of sexual abuse, his or her ability to learn suffers. The
- 3 Legislature further finds that at least thirty-seven states in the United
- 4 States have instituted preventative education programs to help reduce the
- 5 risk of child sexual abuse.
- 6 (2) Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that each school
- 7 district shall adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional
- 8 program for students in kindergarten through grade five for
- 9 implementation beginning in school year 2022-23.
- 10 (3) School districts shall include in the program:
- 11 (a) A minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with
- 12 each year's instruction building on the previous year's instruction;
- 13 (b) Age-appropriate curriculum, including role-playing, discussion,
- 14 <u>activities</u>, and books to educate students regarding body safety that
- 15 includes child sexual abuse prevention;
- (c) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to
- 17 communicate incidents of potential and actual sexual abuse;
- 18 (d) Instruction regarding safe touch, unsafe touch, safe secrets,
- 19 and unsafe secrets and how to escape and report a sexual abuse situation;
- 20 <u>(e) Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse, skills to reduce</u>
- 21 <u>vulnerability</u>, and encouragement to report child sexual abuse;
- 22 (f) A professional training component for administrators, teachers,
- 23 and other school personnel regarding communicating child sexual abuse
- 24 prevention techniques to students, effects of child sexual abuse on
- 25 children, receiving child sexual abuse reports and disclosures, and
- 26 mandated reporting; and
- 27 (q) A parental involvement component to inform parents about
- 28 preventative child sexual abuse topics, including characteristics of
- 29 offenders, grooming behaviors, and how to discuss child sexual abuse
- 30 prevention with children.
- 31 (4) Funding for curriculum to implement subsections (1) and (2) of

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1 this section shall be from money available under the federal Every

- 2 Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. 6301, as the act existed on January 1,
- 3 2021.
- (5) Each school district shall review its preventative education 4
- 5 program every two years and preserve a report of its findings.