

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 727

Introduced by Walz, 15; Hilkemann, 4; Kolowski, 31; Linehan, 39; Pansing Brooks, 28; Wishart, 27.

Read first time January 23, 2019

Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide duties for school
2 districts, the State Department of Education, and the Department of
3 Health and Human Services with respect to mental health services.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) On or before August 1 of each year, the State
2 Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Health and
3 Human Services shall provide each school district with a registry of
4 state and local mental health resources available to work with students
5 and families by geographic area. The registry shall be updated at least
6 annually and include resources for both school-based services and
7 services accessed by families and individuals outside of schools.

8 (2) Each school district shall designate one or more mental health
9 points of contact for each school building or other division as
10 determined by the school district. A mental health point of contact may
11 be an administrator, a school nurse, a school psychologist, or another
12 designated school employee. Each mental health point of contact shall be
13 trained in mental health issue identification and have knowledge of
14 community service providers and other resources available for students
15 and families.

16 (3) Each mental health point of contact shall facilitate access to
17 mental health services during the school day at the school the student
18 attends whenever possible.

19 (4) Each school district shall report the designated mental health
20 points of contact to the State Department of Education prior to the
21 beginning of each school year.