

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372

Introduced by Baker, 30; McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: Since the 1970s, school shootings have increased in communities across the nation. School shooters do not have a shared profile, nor a common reason for their attacks.

School violence is a whole community issue and must be addressed at all levels of government to ensure safe learning environments for elementary and secondary school students, teachers, administrators, and others.

In its February 2018 report, "Making Schools Safer," the U.S. Secret Service states, "There are many aspects to creating positive school climates and school safety. School administrators manage reports of all types of concerning behavior, ranging from vandalism to bullying, fights to drugs, suicidal behaviors and violence. With limited resources, schools must be creative in how they address these issues."

The purpose of this resolution is to examine school violence and identify steps that can be taken at the state level to support the efforts of local communities and school districts in preserving our schools as safe environments for learning and growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.