

Licensure (department) based on the sincerely held religious beliefs of the child's parent or guardian.

The parent or guardian assumes all liability for medical costs that may result from and are directly related to the decision to request the exemption. The bill provides that the State of Nebraska and the department would assume no liability for such medical costs.

The bill provides immunity for criminal or civil liability for physicians, registered nurses, health care providers, hospitals, or other birthing facilities, clinical laboratories, or the officers or employees of a physician, hospital, or other birthing facility for reporting information in good faith to the department or its designee prior to the filing of a written objection by the parent or guardian.

The bill provides that the ability of a parent or guardian to file such an objection be part of written materials prepared by the department explaining the requirements of the mandatory metabolic disease screening program.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson