

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, bullying is an unfortunate reality in Nebraska schools; and

WHEREAS, on any given day, in schools and playgrounds across Nebraska, children are being victimized by their peers, from teasing, social rejection, and physical fights to text messaging and cyber tormenting; and

WHEREAS, bullying causes deep psychological pain and children who are bullied often experience low self-esteem and depression and more frequent school absences, poor academic achievement, and increased school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, children who engage in bullying behavior often go on to engage in more destructive, antisocial behaviors as teens and adults; and

WHEREAS, incidences of bullying in Nebraska schools can be reduced when students, teachers, and school administrators understand how to identify and manage bullying behavior through appropriate anti-bullying education and policy enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2008, the Governor signed into law a requirement that all schools develop policies to address bullying.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the week of October 5th through the 11th, 2008, be designated as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska during that time.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Department of Education.