



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 617**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 22, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 617 amends the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act to require the appointment of a coordinator of adult behavioral health services, and a coordinator of children's behavioral health services within the Division of Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The bill also requires the Division to submit a children's behavioral health implementation plan to the Governor and the Legislature by September 1, 2007. LB 617 requires the Division to communicate regularly with the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature during preparation of the plan. The Commission is required to review the plan and provide written recommendations to the Division by November 1, 2007. The Division is required to respond to those recommendations, in writing, to the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and the Commission by December 1, 2007.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Dwite Pedersen**