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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 957**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 16, 2010

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

Legislative Bill 957 would require the State Board of Education to enter into memoranda of understanding with the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and the board of governors of each community college area to adopt a policy for sharing student data. Each of the aforementioned public postsecondary education governing bodies would also be required to enter into such a memorandum of understanding with the State Board of Education. The bill would require such memoranda of understanding to be entered into on or before September 1, 2010.

The policies for sharing student data that are ultimately adopted would have to ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in conformance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Such policies would also require public education governing bodies to share student data with qualified researchers upon request. For purposes of the bill, qualified researchers would include postsecondary educational institutions, school districts, and public policy and research advocacy organizations, though additional entities could also be included.

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