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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1020

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2012

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

It is the intent of LB 1020, the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Act, to create a grant program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Education, to assist with capital construction and startup costs for the establishment of a school-based health center, as defined in 68-907.

To be eligible for a grant award through the Coordinated School Health Program, a school district must:

- Demonstrate a relationship with a sponsoring facility as defined in 68-907;
- Demonstrate long-term financial sustainability of the school-based health center; and,
- Provide fifty percent matching funds for the establishment of a school-based health center, obtained from any source available to the school district.

Preference for grants shall be given to school districts that:

- Are located in an area that has been designated as a health profession shortage area pursuant to section 71-5665 or federal law or as a medically underserved area or population pursuant to state or federal law; or,
- Have a majority of students that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

A school district is not eligible to receive a grant under the program more than once for the same school-based health center. A school district may apply for and receive a grant for multiple school-based health centers but may only receive one such grant per fiscal year.

If, within five years following the receipt of a grant for a school-based health center project pursuant to the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Act, the school district uses the facility purchased, constructed, or remodeled with grant funds for purposes other than those stated to qualify for the grant, the school district shall repay the grant to the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Fund with interest.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist