

AMENDMENTS TO LB923

Introduced by Education

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. The position of state school security
4 director is created within the State Department of Education. The
5 Commissioner of Education shall appoint the director based on
6 experience, knowledge, and skills in the field of school security.

7 Sec. 2. The state school security director appointed
8 pursuant to section 1 of this act shall be responsible for
9 providing leadership and support for safety and security for the
10 public, private, denominational, and parochial schools. Duties of
11 the director include, but are not limited to:

12 (1) Collecting safety and security plans, required
13 pursuant to rules and regulations of the State Department of
14 Education relating to accreditation of schools, and other school
15 security information from each school system in Nebraska. School
16 districts shall provide the state school security director with
17 the safety and security plans of the school district and any other
18 security information requested by the director, but any plans or
19 information submitted by a school district may be withheld by the
20 department pursuant to subdivision (8) of section 84-712.05;

21 (2) Recommending minimum standards for school security on
22 or before January 1, 2015, to the State Board of Education;

23 (3) Conducting an assessment of the security of each

1 public school building, which assessment shall be completed by
2 January 1, 2016;

3 (4) Identifying deficiencies in school security based on
4 the minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Education
5 and making recommendations to school boards for remedying such
6 deficiencies;

7 (5) Establishing security awareness and preparedness
8 tools and training programs for public school staff;

9 (6) Establishing research-based model instructional
10 programs for staff, students, and parents to address the underlying
11 causes for violent attacks on schools; and

12 (7) Overseeing suicide awareness and prevention training
13 in public schools pursuant to section 4 of this act.

14 Sec. 3. The State Board of Education, based on the
15 recommendations of the school security officer, may adopt and
16 promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum school
17 security standards on or before July 1, 2015.

18 Sec. 4. (1) Beginning in school year 2014-15, all
19 public school nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists,
20 administrators, school social workers, and any other appropriate
21 personnel shall receive at least one hour of suicide awareness and
22 prevention training each year. This training shall be provided
23 within the framework of existing inservice training programs
24 offered by the State Department of Education or as part of
25 required professional development activities.

26 (2) The department, in consultation with organizations
27 including, but not limited to, the Nebraska State Suicide

1 Prevention Coalition, the Nebraska chapter of the American
2 Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Behavioral Health Education
3 Center of Nebraska, the National Alliance on Mental Illness
4 Nebraska, and other organizations and professionals with expertise
5 in suicide prevention, shall develop a list of approved training
6 materials to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1) of this
7 section. Such materials shall include training on how to identify
8 appropriate mental health services, both within the school and
9 also within the larger community, and when and how to refer youth
10 and their families to those services. Such materials may include
11 programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable
12 suicide prevention materials.

13 (3) The department may adopt rules and regulations to
14 carry out this section.