

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB275

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing:

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

It is the intent of the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Act to help school districts address the growing unmet health needs of their students to ensure that children can come to school healthy and ready to learn.

LB 275, the Nebraska Coordinated School Health Act, creates a grant program, to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education, that will provide 50% matching funds to assist with capital construction and startup costs for the establishment of a school-based health center, as defined in 68-907. The grant program sunsets on June 30, 2015.

LB 275 allows a school-based health center to serve as a child's medical or dental home or access point to a medical or dental home, if the child is unable to access a medical or dental home in the community.

LB 275 also amends statutory requirements for the School Health Center Advisory Councils.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist