

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1052**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 02, 2016**

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

The purpose of Legislative Bill 1052 is to enable schools to receive and keep the reimbursement from the federal government under the Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS) Act. Currently, approximately 88% of the federal reimbursement schools are to receive under this program will be counted as a resource under the Tax Equity and Education Opportunities Support Act, which would result in the state receiving the benefit from schools providing these services. This bill will enable schools to retain the benefit of these resources.

LB 1052 also takes \$250,000 of the total amount received from the MIPS program and appropriates it to the Nebraska Whole Child Project. The Nebraska Whole Child Project is an interlocal corporation made up of school districts and ESUs. The objective of this program is to get the education and the medical communities to collaborate to address physical and mental health needs of Nebraska children.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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