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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB623

Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2021

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

LB623 establishes a framework for remote learning in Nebraska with the intention of providing standards to create equity in remote learning environments for students and teachers.

LB623 does the following:

- Asks schools districts, through their Boards of Education, to create a Remote Learning Plan with one or more Remote Learning Options, aligned with district-approved curriculum and state standards, address attendance and grading criteria, and ensure access to teachers in the remote setting;
- Requires teacher training on skills necessary to carry out remote instruction, permits families to select among remote options if a district offers more than one, and provides a process for families to address remote-learning complaints to their school board;
- Clarifies that conditions of work subject to collective bargaining include remote synchronous instruction and remote-instruction professional development; and
- Defines conditions which make in-person learning options impossible or impracticable as an accessibility barrier for purposes of specific abatement projects.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas