

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB141**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 23, 2023  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Briese  
**One Liner:** Require the State Department of Education to provide guidance to school districts relating to a moment of silence in schools

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Albrecht, Briese, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Walz, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:** 1 Senator Conrad  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Tom Briese

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Rachele Walter  
Judy King  
Lacy Smith  
Carina McCormick

**Representing:**  
Lincoln Atheists, Secular Democrats of America  
Self  
Self  
Nebraska Legislative Study Group

**Neutral:**  
Josephine Litwinowicz  
Elizabeth Davids

**Representing:**  
Self  
Self

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 141 would authorize the Dept. of Education to provide guidance to schools that choose to provide a moment of silence.

Section 1: Finds that students can benefit from a moment of quiet reflection.

Section 2: The Department of Education is directed to provide guidance to school districts on the subject. School Districts have discretion in the decision as whether they choose to implement the practice.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 433 Adds the language that on or before January 1, 2024, the Department of Education shall develop guidelines

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which school districts may use for the purposes of this bill.

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Dave Murman, Chairperson