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LEGISLATIVE BILL 567

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require the State Board of
- 2 Education to adopt a model policy relating to community engagement
- 3 and authorize school districts to adopt a policy consistent with the
- 4 model policy.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** (1) On or before December 1, 2025, the State Board of
2 Education may develop and adopt a model policy for use in school
3 districts relating to community engagement to increase engagement between
4 schools, students and their families, and surrounding communities. Such
5 policy shall include:

6 (a) Integrated student supports representing a school-based approach
7 to promoting students' well-being by providing and coordinating services
8 for students and families that target academic and nonacademic barriers
9 to educational and life success;

10 (b) Extended learning time and opportunities before and after the
11 typical school day, and over summer vacation and other breaks, and
12 augment the learning opportunities offered during the traditional school
13 day and year;

14 (c) Collaborative leadership practices that engage stakeholders with
15 different types of experience and expertise, including parents, students,
16 teachers, principals, and community partners in working together and
17 sharing decisions and responsibilities toward a commonly held vision or
18 outcome for the school; and

19 (d) Authentic family engagement that encompasses a broad array of
20 interactions among parents, students, educators, and community members
21 that fall along a spectrum in which families and community members
22 exercise varying degrees of power within schools.

23 (2) A school district may adopt a policy relating to engagement
24 between schools, students and their families, and surrounding
25 communities. Such policy shall be consistent with the model policy
26 described in subsection (1) of this section if developed by the State
27 Board of Education.