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LEGISLATIVE BILL 599

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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 policy relating to cybersecurity as prescribed.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** The State Board of Education shall adopt a policy that
2 may be used in approved or accredited public, private, denominational,
3 and parochial schools and educational service units relating to
4 cybersecurity. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to:

5 (1) A cybersecurity framework guide for implementing cybersecurity
6 controls in a prioritized manner;

7 (2) The creation of a cybersecurity team that acts to assist schools
8 and educational service units with cybersecurity needs and addresses
9 cybersecurity issues from a statewide perspective to prevent and respond
10 to cybersecurity threats;

11 (3) A curriculum component that expands and defines digital
12 citizenship requirements for students, parents, and teachers;

13 (4) A pipeline for technology careers designed to recruit, retain,
14 and support students from rural areas in pursuing careers in technology
15 and encouraging such students to return and contribute to their local
16 economies; and

17 (5) A funding mechanism to assist in purchasing necessary
18 cybersecurity controls and facilitating the acquisition of cybersecurity
19 projects.