

# 2018 Nebraska Legislation Affecting Early Childhood



z Bill enacted into law   o Included in the budget bill   A Provisions/portions amended into different bill   x Bill no longer active

Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Summary	Status
<b>First Five Nebraska's Legislation to Watch</b>			
<a href="#">LB295</a>	Smith et al. Linehan Priority Bill	Provides for a tax credit against income tax due for any individual taxpayer that contributes to a scholarship-granting organization as defined by the bill as non-public elementary and secondary schools.	5/23/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB768</a>	Quick et al.	This bill would amend §18-2705 of the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act. It would redefine economic development program to include early childhood infrastructure development for cities of the first and second class and villages.	1/26/2018 Placed on General File
z <a href="#">LB803</a>	Stinner Scheer Priority Bill as Speaker	This bill would change the teacher certification requirements for early childhood education, increase the hours of daily instruction for kindergarten programs, and change the age a child can stay in early childhood education programs.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB829</a>	Erdman et al. Erdman Priority Bill	If passed, beginning January 1, 2019, each taxpayer who is a homeowner will receive a refund that equals 50% of the amount of local property taxes they paid to public schools.	1/18/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, January 25, 2018
<a href="#">LB876</a>	Kolowski	This bill would amend current statute and allow the Department of Education to reimburse each school district at least 80% of the total excess allowable costs for all special education programs and support services provided by each school district.	1/19/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 30, 2018
<a href="#">LB877</a>	Kolowski	This bill would amend current statute and provide details on how to calculate funding for early childhood education programs as part of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Act.	1/19/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 30, 2018
<a href="#">LB880</a>	Hansen	This bill would amend current statute and require counties and municipalities to include an assessment of early childhood care for any new comprehensive plan or updates to existing plans.	2/8/2018 Placed on General File
z <a href="#">LB944</a>	Scheer at the request of the Governor	This bill is the main budget bill and includes the Governor's 2018 mid-biennium budget adjustment recommendations for the 2017-2019 biennium. This bill contains an emergency clause.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
z <a href="#">LB945</a>	Scheer at the request of the Governor	This bill includes the Governor's 2018 mid-biennium budget adjustment recommendations for the 2017-2019 biennium. This bill authorizes fund transfers and contains an emergency clause.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
z <a href="#">LB946</a>	Scheer at the request of the Governor	This bill includes the Governor's 2018 mid-biennium budget adjustment recommendations for the 2017-2019 biennium. This bill authorizes transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and contains an emergency clause.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor

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<a href="#">LB947</a>	Smith at the request of the Governor Smith Priority Bill	LB947 would provide all residential homeowners a refundable tax credit equal to a percentage of property taxes paid during the taxable year. This bill would also provide residents that pay a property tax on agricultural land and farm sites, a refundable income tax credit equal to a percentage of the property taxes paid during the taxable year. Finally, this bill would eliminate exemptions under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act and eliminate credits under the Property Tax Credit Act to pay for the tax credits and reductions proposed in this bill.	3/21/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB1088</a>	Wayne	This bill would adopt the Remote Seller Sales Tax Collection Act as another form of incoming revenue and allow Nebraska's Department of Revenue to collect taxes from remote sellers of goods who reside outside of Nebraska. This bill would also change the school aid formula and terminate TEEOSA (current funding formula) on July 1, 2020 and would eliminate certain tax exemptions.	2/13/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Tuesday, February 27, 2018
<a href="#">LB1108</a>	Harr Harr Priority Bill	LB1108 would amend current statute and adopt the Occupational Learning Opportunities Act to encourage employers to offer educational and workforce development programs. This bill would also repeal the sunset provision of the School Readiness Tax Credit Act and increase the tax credit by \$5 million.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, February 01, 2018
<a href="#">LB1110</a>	Vargas	This bill would amend §79-760.06 and require the State Board of Education create an annual report on the performance of public schools and school districts.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1135</a>	Vargas	This bill would require the State Board of Education grant a teaching certificate to any person in good standing who has a valid teaching certificate from another state and who annually completes the requirements to maintain the teaching certificate. Additionally, this bill would allow the board to grant a temporary teaching certificate to anyone who has a valid bachelor's degree or higher, passed the basic skills and subject area tests, and is enrolled in an alternative teacher certification program approved by the board. This temporary certificate would only be valid for two years. After that time, the individual is required to have a valid Nebraska teaching certificate.	1/23/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 05, 2018
<a href="#">LR270CA</a>	Kolowski	This proposed constitutional amendment would lower the age and provide free instruction for children ages 3-21 years old for those who opt in.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 23, 2018
<a href="#">LR285CA</a>	Murante	This constitutional amendment would eliminate the State Board of Education and make the Department of Education report directly to the Office of the Governor.	2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 20, 2018
<b>Additional Legislation Affecting Early Childhood</b>			
<a href="#">LB6</a>	Krist	Allows for the public release of a report issued by the Inspector General of Child Welfare if that report is determined to be in the public's best interest, as determined by the Chair of either the Health and Human Services or Judiciary Committees. Provisions or portions of LB6 were amended into LB207 by AM507.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB207
<a href="#">LB10</a>	Krist	Increases the number of judges of the juvenile court from 5 to 6 judges in counties that have a minimum of 400,000 residents.	5/22/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB22</a>	Scheer	Introduced at the request of the Governor, LB22 sets forth reduced appropriations for the current biennium to address the shortfall (FY15/16). A \$200,000.00 cut to the Early Childhood Grant program (children aged birth-3) is included, reducing the appropriation from \$5M to \$4.8M.	2/15/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB40</a>	Hilkemann	Prohibits school bus operators in direct contract with pupils or parents, and not owned or contracted with a school district or non-public school from using any wireless communication device other than to dispatch communications while the bus is in motion.	3/9/2017 Indefinitely Postponed

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<a href="#">LB41</a>	Hilkemann	Increases the failure to use a child restraint system to a primary offense with a fine of \$50.00, instead of the previous secondary offense and \$25.00 fine. Multiple children not using restraint systems will not count as separate offenses.	2/2/2017 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Monday, February 27, 2017
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB42</a>	Hilkemann Hilkemann Priority Bill	Requires Nebraska drivers use a restraint system which meets federal standards for all children up to 8 years of age and that the child occupies the rear seat of the vehicle if a back seat is available. All children up to 2 years of age will be required to use a rear-facing child seat until they outgrow the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB44</a>	Watermeier et al. Watermeier Priority Bill	Applies state sales tax to online sales from sellers without a physical presence in Nebraska. Sellers qualify if the gross revenue produced by sales into Nebraska is more than \$100,000 or the services are more than 200 separate transactions.	3/7/2018 Placed on Final Reading
<a href="#">LB52</a>	Schumacher	Adopts the Modern Tax Act, which imposes a 5.5% tax on interest paid by a debtor.	1/11/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, January 18, 2017
<a href="#">LB60</a>	Lindstrom et al.	Requires any party who has been granted any parenting time to a child to provide written notice to others with custody rights before allowing a sex offender to reside in the party's residence or have unsupervised access to the child.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, February 09, 2017
<a href="#">LB69</a>	Pansing Brooks	Beginning in 2019, increases the earned income tax credit for low income workers from ten, to 13%. In 2020 it increases to 17%, and 20% in 2021.	1/25/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 01, 2017
<a href="#">LB73</a>	Riepe	Any individual under the ages of 21, instead of the current 18 years of age, in Nebraska who uses any form of tobacco or alternative nicotine products would be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: General Affairs Committee Monday, February 13, 2017
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB91</a>	Hilkemann et al.	All infants born in Nebraska shall also be screened for inherited or congenital infant or childhood-onset diseases, and sets forth the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to provide food supplements and treatment to individuals that suffer from tested diseases. Also defines pharmaceutically manufactured foods. Provisions or portions of LB401 were amended into LB91 by AM331.	4/27/2017 Approved by the Governor
<b>x</b> <a href="#">LB106</a>	Brasch	If a family includes a child who was conceived by the victim of a sexual assault, and the biological parent is convicted of said crime, that parent will not be considered a part of the child's family for purposes of requiring reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family. If the parent is not found guilty, paternity of the child shall proceed.	1/23/2017 Bill withdrawn
<a href="#">LB108</a>	Crawford	Establishes guidelines for police departments, state patrol, and county sheriffs to ensure child safety in the case of arrest of the guardian. Including procedures to inquire if arrestees have a minor or dependent, proper arrangement of temporary care, and education of police officers of effects of children witnessing violent crime. Also allows for phone calls during booking for guardians to arrange care of the minor or dependent.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Wednesday, February 08, 2017
<a href="#">LB109</a>	Blood et al.	Military spouses with teaching certificates from other states may be granted a temporary license to teach in Nebraska for 6 months, in order to keep working. After the 6 months, the temporary license cannot be renewed.	1/13/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, January 23, 2017
<a href="#">LB118</a>	Hilkemann et al.	Sets an option to establish an Educational Savings Account for students, grades kindergarten through grade 12 for students attending public, private, and denominational or parochial schools in Nebraska. Savings may go towards tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, equipment, uniforms, extracurricular activities, computers, internet access, distance education, and college entrance exams. Contributions are limited to \$2,000 per contributor.	1/18/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, January 26, 2017
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB119</a>	Groene et al.	Establishes June 1, 2017, and on or before March 1 thereafter for TEEOSA distribution calculations.	2/15/2017 Approved by the Governor

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<a href="#">LB120</a>	Schumacher	By September 1, 2017 the Department of Health and Human Services must submit a state plan to federal centers for providing family planning services for persons whose family income is at or below 185% of FPL. Provided services, not to include elective abortion services, are listed.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, March 15, 2017
<a href="#">LB128</a>	Groene	Persons with one or more felony convictions for possession or use of controlled substances or a person with one or more felony convictions involving sale or distribution will only be eligible for SNAP benefits if they are participating, or completed a state-licensed or nationally accredited substance abuse program, or voluntarily submits to drug testing.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, March 22, 2017
<a href="#">LB129</a>	Morfeld	Beginning before 2018, increases the earned income tax credit for low income workers from ten, to 11%. In 2019 it increases to 12%.	1/25/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 01, 2017
<a href="#">LB144</a>	Friesen	For calculation of state aid, special valuation of agriculture land shall be set as FY2018-19 50%; FY19-20 40%; FY20-21 30%; FY21-22 20%. Prior to FY18-19, special valuation shall remain at 72% of actual value.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 06, 2017
<a href="#">A LB175</a>	Morfeld	If passed, will disallow operators of webpages, applications or web services from engaging in targeted advertising, using information gathered from the site, application or service to amass a profile about a student; or sell or rent a student's information, based on any information the operator has acquired because of the use of that operator's site, service, or application for elementary, middle, or high school purposes. Provision or portions of LB175 were amended into LB512 by AM724.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB512
<a href="#">A LB188</a>	Howard et al.	If a family includes a child who was conceived by the victim of a sexual assault, and the biological parent is convicted of said crime, that parent will not be considered a part of the child's family for purposes of requiring reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify the family. If the parent is not found guilty, paternity of the child shall proceed. Provisions or portions of LB188 were amended into LB289 by AM599.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB289
<a href="#">LB189</a>	Howard et al.	Appropriates \$500,000 in both FY17-18 and FY18-19 to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Program 33, specifically for recruitment and retention of child welfare case workers, in order to maintain caseload standards set forth by state statute.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Tuesday, March 14, 2017
<a href="#">A LB191</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	Any victim of domestic abuse may renew a protection order if a petition and affidavit for renewal is filed on or after 30 days before the expiration of the existing order. Orders will stand for one year. Provisions or portions of LB191 were amended into LB289 by AM599.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB289
<a href="#">z LB198</a>	McCullister	Eliminates the Crimes Against Children Fund and transfers any money in said fund to the State General Fund. This fund is established to reduce the costs incurred by county attorneys in consulting and retaining expert witnesses among other expenses in the investigation and prosecution of crimes against children.	2/15/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">z LB203</a>	Kuehn	Establishes limits on annual unemployment benefits available to Nebraskans based on weekly benefit amounts and wages from previous employment. Provisions or portions of LB301 were amended into LB203 by AM350. Provisions or portions of LB273 were amended into LB203 by AM350.	3/29/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB205</a>	Krist	Distributes \$7,081,564 of state general funds to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Program 424 (Medicaid) for services rendered on or after October 1, 2016 for which no federal funds were used.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Tuesday, March 14, 2017
<a href="#">z LB207</a>	Krist	Adds language under Inspector General of Child Welfare investigations to include injury or death to a child that the office determines to have occurred not by chance, as well as including protections for those who disclose information to the office regarding evidence of wrongdoing under the office of Inspector General of Child Welfare. Provisions or portions of LB6 were amended into LB207 by AM507.	4/27/2017 Approved by the Governor

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<a href="#">LB214</a>	Halloran et al.	Eliminates the Master Teacher Program under the Nebraska Department of Education after July 1, 2017. The program provides for bonus pay statewide up to \$1m evenly distributed among the teachers in the program. Those accepted into the program do so by applying to a credentialing organization recognized for their master requirements by the Department of Education.	1/23/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 31, 2017
<a href="#">LB224</a>	Crawford et al.	Family net worth limitations update for eligibility for state public assistance under Nebraska guidelines under 392 N.A.C. 3-006, or \$1m in total net worth.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, March 02, 2017
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB225</a>	Crawford et al.	Change provisions relating to alternative response to a report of child abuse or neglect and provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, requiring a briefing to the commission by November 15, 2018. Alternative response may be used until the end of 2020, when any further use must be approved by the Legislature. The bill also includes the Child Advocacy Center as an investigator provided with all reports regarding a case of abuse or neglect. Provisions or portions of LB297 were amended into LB225 by AM611. Provisions or portions of LB298 were amended into LB225 by AM611. Provisions or portions of LB336 were amended into LB225 by AM611.	4/27/2017 Approved by the Governor
<b>A</b> <a href="#">LB235</a>	Walz	Funds to the Summer Food Service Program may be expended up to the full cost of a qualifying expense incurred by a provider of the service, and if those funds are solely for the benefit of child nutrition programs administered. Provisions or portions of LB235 were amended into LB512 by AM724.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB512
<a href="#">LB240</a>	Baker	Meetings held by any school board may be held via videoconferencing or telephone conference call, as long as they are in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.	1/18/2017 Notice of Hearing: Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Wednesday, January 25, 2017
<a href="#">LB242</a>	Bolz	Provides for \$595,803 to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to be used for the recruitment of students that choose to become behavioral health professionals, by using said funds to develop and offer clinical rotations at state correctional facilities, and provide stipends, clinical supervision, coordination, and other recruitment services for students.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 27, 2017
<a href="#">LB246</a>	Morfeld	For districts with more than 1,000 students, up to \$100,000 dollars, and for districts with 1,000 or fewer students \$50,000 will be provided for expanded learning opportunity programs as defined in statute, or for school based or school linked activities that utilize school-community partnerships to expand opportunities for students to participate in educational activities outside the normal classroom.	3/22/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB247</a>	Morfeld	Allows for additional property tax levy for specific projects, now to include addressing cybersecurity vulnerability. Also allows for these funds to be used for existing schools or administration buildings.	2/7/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 14, 2017
<a href="#">LB248</a>	Harr	Offers training services that encourage young people to identify individual abilities and interests by exposing them to potential employment opportunities within Nebraska, with the goal of teaching young people the soft skills necessary to succeed in employment, identifying demand occupations, and assessing the required skills.	2/28/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB260</a>	Hansen	Appropriates \$150K to the Department of Agriculture to establish and administer a state food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program. Such program may award state grants to grantees under the federal food insecurity nutrition incentive grant program established under the federal Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.	1/20/2017 Notice of Hearing: Agriculture Committee Tuesday, February 07, 2017
<a href="#">LB265</a>	Friesen	Adjusts the state aid distributed to local systems as follows: \$1,500 per formula student in FY18-19, \$2,500 in FY19-20, \$3,500 in FY20-21, \$4,500 in FY21-22, and \$5,500 in FY22-23 and for each school fiscal year thereafter.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 06, 2017



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<a href="#">LB266</a>	Friesen	The valuation of agriculture land, starting in 2018 would be valued at 50% of its special valuation, reducing to 40% in 2019, and 30% in 2020 and after.	2/7/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, February 16, 2017
<a href="#">LB270</a>	Kolowski	Appropriates funds for FY17-18 and FY18-19 to the Nebraska Department of Education of \$750,000 in order to carry out the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Tuesday, March 07, 2017
<a href="#">LB279</a>	Hilkemann et al.	For each seat on a school bus built on or after the bill goes into effect, and purchased on or after January 1, 2018 will be required to be equipped with lap-shoulder belts, with one belt per child. This applies to those buses used for the transportation of public school children in Nebraska.	2/2/2017 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Monday, February 27, 2017
A <a href="#">LB282</a>	Riepe et al.	Strikes current language that prevents behavioral health services to be provided by telehealth for children. Currently those services are only covered if the child lacks access to comparable service within 30 miles of his or her residence. Provisions or portions of LB282 were amended into LB92 by AM609.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB92
<a href="#">LB284</a>	Riepe et al.	For those applying for a Child Care license with the state of Nebraska, national criminal background checks are required, at the applicant's or licensee's expense.	1/13/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Friday, January 20, 2017
Z <a href="#">LB285</a>	Linehan et al.	Those practicing obstetrics attending to pregnant women in Nebraska shall test the patient's blood for presence of human immunodeficiency virus infection, unless the patient has given written consent that she does not choose to be tested.	2/28/2018 Approved by the Governor
A <a href="#">LB287</a>	Wishart	Allows for the Maternal Death Review Team to enter into written agreements with qualified entities to provide for the secure storage of electronic data containing information and records collected by the team. Provisions or portions of LB287 were amended into LB506 by AM851.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB506
A <a href="#">LB297</a>	McCollister	Creates and appoints members to a Children and Juveniles Data Pilot Project. The project will meet at least twice a year in order to manage and discuss data-related items, including the technological and system issues of each member agency's current data system, specific barriers that impact the implementation of a data warehouse, and steps necessary to establish and sustain a data warehouse. Included is the Information-Sharing subcommittee to manage and discuss regulatory barriers to establishing such warehouse and to identify solutions. Provisions or portions of LB297 were amended into LB225 by AM611.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB225
Z <a href="#">LB300</a>	Krist et al.	Removes the statute of limitations for brining actions for injury or injuries suffered by a victim of sexual assault. Current statute limits actions to twelve years after the plaintiff's 21st birthday.	5/9/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB302</a>	Crawford	Appropriates General Fund dollars in FY17-18 and 18-19 to the University of Nebraska to provide for one-year post grad psychiatric and behavioral health medicine fellowships for physician assistants to prepare the participants to provide advanced psychiatric and behavioral health care in order for Nebraska to recruit, retain, and increase the competence of the psychiatric prescriber workforce.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 27, 2017
<a href="#">LB303</a>	Crawford	Appropriates funds in FY17-18 and FY18-19 to the University of Nebraska to provide funds for 12 one year behavioral health master's level internships to take place in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 27, 2017
<a href="#">LB305</a>	Crawford	The Commissioner of the Department of Insurance will administer the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Fund. The fund shall consist of contributions from covered individuals. Contributions will be collected by covered employers as payroll deductions from individuals.	1/27/2017 Notice of Hearing: Business & Labor Committee Monday, February 06, 2017

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<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB307</a>	Brasch et al.	In cases of mediation proceedings, a fee of \$50 and a civil legal fee of \$15 will be collected by the clerk of the county or district court in any proceeding by a party subsequent to the paternity filing to award child support or to establish or modify custody, parenting time, visitation, or access. \$25 will be collected and distributed to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund.	5/12/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB308</a>	Brasch et al.	Requires that Nebraska school boards currently required Committees on Americanism meet at least three times per year, with at least one meeting allowing public testimony, with minutes of meetings being kept. Any curriculum recommended or approved by the committee must be made accessible to the public, and contains a reference to the statute requiring it.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, March 20, 2017
<a href="#">LB326</a>	Kolowski	Any school district that has disbursements that are below the statewide median of that disbursement divided by their daily membership, may levy up to an additional three cents per \$100 of taxable valuation of property, so long as that levy is approved for each fiscal year by 2/3rds majority vote of the school board after a public hearing.	2/14/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, March 02, 2017
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB327</a>	Scheer	Introduced by Speaker Scheer by request of the Governor, LB327 appropriates funds for the state government over the FY2017-18 and FY2018-19. This budget will address the nearly \$1B estimated shortfall for the stated fiscal years.	5/15/2017 Approved by the Governor with line-item veto
<b>X</b> <a href="#">LB334</a>	Scheer et al.	Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to end contracts using the Family Finding model. Currently under the project, a portion of all cases involving children who are wards of the state in foster care or in the Bridge to Independence program are referred to the project in order to locate family members or wards, engage and empower family members, and create a plan to achieve a safe, permanent legal home for the ward when possible.	3/13/2017 Indefinitely Postponed
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB335</a>	Scheer et al.	Eliminates the market rate survey adjustment for child care providers in the state for the year 2017 only. The rate after 2017 will continue to be adjusted using the market rate survey.	5/12/2017 Approved by the Governor
<b>A</b> <a href="#">LB336</a>	Scheer et al.	The Department of Health and Human Services may charge a fee, set by the department, to recover expenses in carrying out central registry records checks. The fee can be no more than three dollars, and the department may waive the fee if the requesting party shows the fee would be an undue financial hardship. Provisions or portions of LB336 were amended into LB225 by AM611.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB225
<a href="#">LB337</a>	Smith	Establishes new income tax rates for the top income bracket in Nebraska. New rates will be implemented only if growth in the General Fund receipts from a current fiscal year meet percentage increase goals. If the goals laid out in this plan are not met, the increase is deferred until the receipts grow by the required percentage. The top rate, if all growth requirements are met, will drop from 6.84% to 5.99% between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2027.	1/25/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 08, 2017
<a href="#">LB338</a>	Brasch	Agriculture and horticultural land will be valued at agricultural use value, or the income-producing characteristics of the land, instead of the current percentages of assessed value, which relies on market values.	1/25/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 08, 2017
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB347</a>	Geist	Removes the requirement for a special operators permit for school buses under the Department of Motor Vehicles. Those wishing to operate a school bus would still be required to be examined by a licensed physician as to meeting the physical and mental standards established. The bill also strikes the DMV fees for the special operators permit, specifically for school bus drivers.	2/14/2018 Approved by the Governor
<b>X</b> <a href="#">LB358</a>	McCollister et al.	Will increase the gross income eligibility limit to 158% of the Federal Office of Management and Budget income poverty guideline for FY17-18, and to 185% in FY18-19 and after. This will not increase the net income eligibility limit.	4/11/2017 Failed to advance to E&R Initial
<a href="#">LB361</a>	Kolowski	Adopts a sales tax holiday between 12:01am the first Friday of August and 11:59pm the following Saturday. Clothing \$100 or less, and footwear \$150 or less will not be subject to state sales tax.	3/1/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Friday, March 17, 2017

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<a href="#">LB372</a>	Crawford	Adds family care responsibilities to the list of discrimination rights for employees, along with those currently in statute: race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.	1/27/2017 Notice of Hearing: Business & Labor Committee Monday, February 06, 2017
<a href="#">A LB401</a>	Hilkemann	Adds X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) and mucopolysaccharidoses type 1 (MPS-1) and Pompe disease to the required list of screenings required to all infants born in the state of Nebraska. Provisions or portions of LB401 were amended into LB91 by AM331.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB91
<a href="#">z LB409</a>	Groene et al.	For FY17-18 and 18-19, the base limitation for Nebraska school districts would be decreased from 1.5% to 0%. The base limitation is the budget limitation rate applicable to districts and the limitation on growth of restricted funds by a supermajority of the governing board of the district.	5/10/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">A LB428</a>	Vargas et al.	Beginning May 1, 2018, each district in Nebraska will adopt a written policy to begin the following school year (2018-2019) which gives guidelines to accommodate pregnant and parenting parents. These policies will include methods to keep these students in school by allowing coursework at home, tutoring visits, online courses, lactation accommodation, identifying local child care providers or a staff person to assist student parents in placing their children in child care facilities, and training for teachers, counselors, and administrators on the policies. Provisions or portions of LB428 were amended into LB427 by AM739.	5/23/2017 Provisions/portions amended into bill: LB427
<a href="#">LB438</a>	Howard et al.	The tax on cigarettes would increase to \$2.14 per pack, instead of the current \$.64 per package, and 65% of purchase price for tobacco products other than snuff. \$1. Funds of \$61,250,000 will be placed in the Health Care Cash Fund by the state treasurer each year. \$1.24 of the funds collected will be placed in the state General Fund, unless the full \$61,250,000 requires a portion of that \$1.24 in order to be met. The funds from the Health Care Cash Fund shall be distributed as laid out in the bill, including: \$2m for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe-Meyer Institute of Neurobehavioral Clinic program to study and improve methods for intervening early in the lives of children with behavioral and mental health problems; \$5m for the Nebraska paid-family-medical-leave program; \$1, 100,000 for the Division of Children and Family Services for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs; and \$1,150,000 for other early childhood programs (not program-specifically assigned in the bill).	3/1/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Friday, March 17, 2017
<a href="#">LB443</a>	Bolz	Allows for any qualified employer to receive a tax credit of up to 50% of the total amount they reimburse an employee for student loan payments, up to \$1800, over a calendar year by applying through the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Qualified employees will have attended a 2 or 4 year college or university that is accredited by the United States Department of Education, has earned a degree from said college or university, and has been employed by the employer for at least 480 hours in Nebraska during the calendar year of the credit application. Any employer that is an individual, partnership, limited liability partnership or company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative will be eligible for the tax credit.	2/14/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, March 08, 2017
<a href="#">LB456</a>	Briese et al.	For parents who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or handicapped, support services assisting said parent or disabled prospective parent in the effective use of alternative methods to enable the parent to discharge their parental responsibilities as successfully as a parent who is not disabled. A parent's disability will not serve as a basis for denial or restriction of visitation or custody, denial for public or private adoption when the adoption is otherwise to be in the best interest of the child, or denial for foster care.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, February 08, 2017
<a href="#">z LB464</a>	Watermeier et al.	When legislation is enacted requiring adoption or change in agency rules or regulations, or when the agency proposes a change, the agency shall adopt and promulgate the rules/ regulations within one year after the public hearing. If after 3 years the rules and regulations have not been adopted, the legislative committee with jurisdiction over the agency shall hold a public hearing to determine why.	5/10/2017 Approved by the Governor



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<a href="#">LB484</a>	Kolowski	Creates a commission consisting of 20 members, with membership requirements listed in the legislation. The Commission will be tasked with examining an in-depth review of the financing of public schools, including; using income, sales tax, other states methods as a component of financing schools. Also included are examining financing as it relates to quality and performance in Nebraska schools, expansion of prekindergarten services, financing for college-readiness and career readiness programs, and examine the costs and resources necessary to educate poverty and limited English proficiency students.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, March 06, 2017
<a href="#">LB511</a>	Education Committee	For any ward of the state in a school district, the Department of Health and Human Services will be required to pay the cost for that child's education and any required transportation associated with education, so long as that child does not reside in a foster home that is licensed or approved by the Department.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 28, 2017
<a href="#">z LB512</a>	Education Committee	Annual bill from the Nebraska Department of Education that is known as the technical clean-up bill. Provisions or portions of LB123 were amended into LB512 by AM724. Provisions or portions of LB175 were amended into LB512 by AM724. Provisions or portions of LB235 were amended into LB512 by AM724. Provisions or portions of LB398 were amended into LB512 by AM724. Provisions or portions of LB457 were amended into LB512 by AM724.	5/22/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">x LB515</a>	Bolz	Establishes the Nebraska Integrated Education and Training Program, which will provide grants to community colleges in order to develop and implement local programs of integrated education and training. The committee will develop the program, grant applications, procedures, and guidelines. Grants will be up to 3 years in duration to a community college after an application from said college.	1/22/2018 Failed to advance to E&R Initial
<a href="#">z LB518</a>	Williams et al.	For Nebraska census tracts with fewer than 100,000 residents, 30% or higher than the statewide average rate and has a per capita income 30% below the statewide average, and has had a population decrease of 20% between census decennials are allowed to receive funds from a workforce housing grant established by a nonprofit and distributed by the Department of Economic Development. Housing may not already receive federal or state low-income housing tax-credits, community development block grants, HOME funds, or funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.	4/27/2017 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB521</a>	Walz	For aid calculated for FY18-19 and after, state funding for qualified early childhood education will be calculated at 80% of the average daily membership of students who will be eligible to attend kindergarten in 1 of the 2 following school years. The current level is 60%. The bill also addresses calculation for early childhood education transportation costs as the number of miles traveled by vehicles owned, leased or contracted by a district/districts in a local system on a regular route exclusively for the transportation of early childhood education students.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 28, 2017
<a href="#">LB525</a>	Morfeld	Beginning in FY17-18, 1% of funds from the Expanded Opportunity Grant Fund to the Department of Education Innovative Grant Fund (17% total) will be allocated to the Master Teacher Program Fund.	2/7/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 14, 2017
<a href="#">LB537</a>	Hughes	Applicants for cash assistance programs that test positive for drugs will be ineligible for said assistance. If the individual does test positive for substances not prescribed by a physician, that person must complete a substance abuse treatment program and job skills program, failure to do so will ban the individual from benefits for a 12 month period, or until the programs have been completed. If the applicant is the parent or guardian of a minor child, the department may approve a protective payee, recommended by the parent/guardian to receive the payments for the child's benefit.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, March 02, 2017

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<a href="#">LB552</a>	Walz et al.	Establishes the Children's Connection program in each of the behavioral health regions, which shall be a partnership between the region and Nebraska schools serving children k-8th grade. The program will identify children with social and emotional challenges, and work with the child's parents, school, and health care provider(s) to provide family-centered services in order to prevent child welfare or juvenile justice system involvement.	2/3/2017 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Friday, March 17, 2017
<a href="#">LB554</a>	Smith	The Nebraska State Board of Education will issue a request for proposals to create a web site that translates the expenditures for each of the major categories of expenditures for schools, school districts, and ESUs into a format that is readable by a layperson. The board will also establish a financial policies and procedures advisory committee to work with the Department of Education and the company awarded construction of the site to ensure that it is layperson friendly. This site must be made available by July 1, 2018 and updated each year.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 07, 2017
<a href="#">LB568</a>	Erdman et al.	A temporary teach certificate, valid for 5 years may be given to any candidate that meets the following: 21 years of age or older, possess a high school diploma, completes 24 hours of in-service training, 10 hours of classroom observation in elementary or early childhood, middle, and high school, completes a course and exam with a score of at least 80% on both the U.S. and Nebraska Constitutions, submits to fingerprints for a criminal history, completes an application for the certificate, and submits a fee of no more than \$80 for residents of at least two years, or \$100 for any other applicant.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, March 14, 2017
<a href="#">LB571</a>	Friesen	For FY18-19 and after, the amount of assistance paid to a local system will be an amount equal to 20% of the aggregate statewide income tax liability of all residents in the district, using data certified by the Tax Commissioner.	1/24/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 06, 2017
<a href="#">LB576</a>	Brewer et al.	Limits the increase an owner's property tax bill for 2017 and 2018 shall not exceed the tax bill the owner had for 2016.	2/14/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, March 09, 2017
<a href="#">LB595</a>	Groene	Under the Student Discipline Act, a teacher or administrator may use physical restraint to subdue any student exhibiting destructive behavior towards school property until the student ceases such behavior or is removed from the classroom. Any action by the teacher or administrator will not be considered corporal punishment, and will not be subject to legal action or administrative discipline. Teachers may remove a student if he/she determines the student to be unruly, disruptive, or abusive.	3/16/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB602</a>	Erdman et al.	Agriculture and horticultural land will be valued based on the net earning capacity.	2/7/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Friday, February 24, 2017
<a href="#">LB633</a>	Kolowski	Allows schools districts, with a 2/3rds majority vote of the school board to levy a maximum of \$0.01 on every \$100.00 of taxable property to establish a school security fund, and/or a student technology fund for use on student security or student technology expenditures only.	2/14/2017 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Thursday, March 02, 2017
<a href="#">LB634</a>	Wayne	For the year-end reports required for submission by each superintendent to the Commissioner of Education on annual statistics, including the number of classes a student is required to enroll in for full-time enrollment per grade level, the definition of a class used by the district for determining full-time and part-time, and the number of classes completed by each virtual student.	4/5/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">z LB645</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	Dyslexia will be added under special education in Nebraska Schools. Dyslexia will be defined as a specific learning disability that is neurobiological, characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition, poor spelling and decoding, and typically results from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to their cognitive abilities and effective classroom instruction.	5/10/2017 Approved by the Governor

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<a href="#">LB650</a>	Linehan et al.	Any individual that is: awarded a doctoral degree from a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency; any individual holding a teaching certificate issued by a national or regional educator credentialing agency approved by the board of education and who annually completes requirements to maintain said certificate; any person that possesses a certificate from another state and annual completes requirements to maintain; and to any person who has at least two years of postsecondary teaching experience, will be granted a teaching certificate.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, March 14, 2017
<a href="#">LB651</a>	Linehan et al.	School districts in Nebraska shall offer an accelerated reading intervention program for the purpose of ensuring that students can read at or above grade level at the end of 3rd grade. The program will: be provided to all kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade who are identified as having a reading deficiency; provide development in phonics, fluency, vocab, and reading comprehension; monitor reading progress in students; be implemented during regular school hours.	5/2/2017 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB662</a>	Linehan	On or before August 1, 2020 the State Board of Education will establish an accountability system with a scale measuring performance for schools and districts based on a A, B, C, D, E, F grading system. The grades will be a combination of: percent of students scoring proficient or higher on statewide assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and science; and the number of students earning a high school diploma in four years, among other requirements.	2/16/2017 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, March 07, 2017
<a href="#">LB668</a>	Executive Board	This bill would remove language that is inconsistent with the enrollment option program.	2/14/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB669</a>	Executive Board	This bill would repeal out of date language from the educational bridge program.	2/14/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB670</a>	Krist Judiciary Committee Priority Bill	This bill would allow no less than fifteen and no more than thirty individuals to serve on the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice. This bill would also determine the criteria for membership for this Coalition and outline the duties and responsibilities for the Coalition. This includes preparing at least one annual report, identifying juvenile justice issues, and creating guidelines to develop or expand programs for juveniles.	4/18/2018 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause
<a href="#">LB671</a>	Krist	This bill would change requirements for certain driving permits and prohibit any person from using any type of wireless communication device while driving a school bus.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Tuesday, January 23, 2018
<a href="#">LB673</a>	Krist	This bill would repeal a section of the Nebraska Juvenile Code. If a juvenile violates a term of his/her probation, he/she may request a preliminary hearing to determine the validity of the allegations. This bill would clarify which individuals may be allowed to take part in this hearing.	1/9/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Wednesday, January 24, 2018
<a href="#">LB677</a>	Krist	This bill would restore funding to certain health and human services programs in Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities to levels approved by the Legislature in the 2017 legislative session. This bill has the emergency clause.	1/24/2018 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB688</a>	Blood et al.	This bill would allow a child that attends a public recreational facility or program to use sunscreen without a note or prescription from a doctor. An employee at the recreational facility may help apply sunscreen to the child only if there is written consent from the parent. Finally, this bill outlines what type of sunscreen can be used in this situation.	1/9/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, January 25, 2018
<a href="#">LB689</a>	Blood	This bill would exclude juveniles from the Sex Offender Registration Act.	1/9/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Wednesday, January 24, 2018
<a href="#">LB696</a>	Ebke et al.	This bill would increase the number of judges in Douglas County from sixteen to seventeen judges.	1/9/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, January 19, 2018

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<a href="#">z LB697</a>	Ebke Scheer Priority Bill as Speaker	As recommended by the Judicial Resources Commission, the bill changes the judicial district boundaries of the 1st, 2nd and 10th judicial districts for the district court only by moving Otoe County from the 2nd into the 1st judicial district, and by moving Clay and Nuckolls counties from the 1st into the 10th judicial district to equalize caseloads.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">z LB701</a>	Kolterman et al.	This bill would allow physicians and physician assistants to use different forms of telehealth to treat and prescribe medicine to their patient.	4/11/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">z LB702</a>	Kolterman et al. Scheer Priority Bill as Speaker	This bill would amend current statute and remove language that details why an incarcerated individual might not be able to provide child support.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">z LB708</a>	Bolz	This bill would amend current statute and when necessary require juvenile courts to obtain child custody determinations from foreign jurisdictions.	4/11/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB715</a>	Howard	This bill would increase funding to the 18 local public health departments for improving preventive health efforts and worksite wellness.	1/24/2018 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">z LB717</a>	Howard	This bill would revise language in § 43-2606 regarding training requirements for providers of child care and school-age care programs to include pre-service orientation and training on sudden unexpected infant death syndrome.	4/11/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB726</a>	Wayne	This bill would require insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures. These procedures would only be covered if the patient has health care coverage, has a history of infertility, has been unable to get pregnant through less costly applicable infertility treatments, uses sperm from spouse, and the procedure is performed at a medical facility that conforms to the minimal standards for in vitro fertilization.	1/23/2018 Notice of Hearing: Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee Monday, February 05, 2018
<a href="#">z LB732</a>	Riepe	This bill would change language in statute 43-4207 and require the Nebraska Children's Commission to submit its report to the Governor on or before September 1 instead of December 1 of every year.	4/11/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB770</a>	McCollister et al.	This bill would amend §68-1017.2 regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It would allow participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Program to still receive aid while they are employed and seeking employment with higher wages.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, February 07, 2018
<a href="#">LB771</a>	Walz et al.	This bill would allow all students who are eligible for reduced-price breakfasts or lunches to receive free meals. The Department of Education will reimburse all qualified schools who participate in this program.	1/8/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 16, 2018
<a href="#">LB778</a>	Groene et al. Education Committee Priority Bill	This bill clarifies that the special tax (building fund) under §79-10,120, could not be used to build a new school building, add additional footage to an existing school building, or purchase sites where new buildings will be located. School districts looking to use the building fund for the above, must receive approval through a vote of its citizens at a general or special election under §79-1098.-1098.	3/13/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB779</a>	Groene	This bill would amend current statute and change a levy requirement, change the poverty and limited English proficiency requirements, change requirements of the diversity plan and change the reporting deadline for learning communities.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, January 22, 2018
<a href="#">LB781</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	This bill would amend §28-105 and require that a person who is nineteen years or younger and convicted of a Class 1C or Class 1D felony be sentenced to a minimum term only and not a mandatory minimum term.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 09, 2018

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<a href="#">LB783</a>	Vargas et al.	This bill would amend §20-150 and define who can be considered an educational interpreter for special education.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, January 22, 2018
<a href="#">LB795</a>	McDonnell	This bill would amend §71-601 and clarify the legal process to identify the birth mother and biological mother when both are present at the birth of a child.	1/16/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 02, 2018
<a href="#">LB801</a>	Stinner	This bill would develop a pilot program to be in operation through 2023 called Panhandle Beginnings. This bill would provide therapeutic day treatment, day school, and intensive outpatient services for school-age children in the Panhandle of Nebraska. The pilot's intent is to reach self-sufficiency within the timeframe and be replicated in other areas of Nebraska where similar service deficits exist. This bill has the emergency clause.e	1/31/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB804</a>	Brasch	This bill would include elementary and secondary schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan and change tax benefits.	1/18/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Friday, January 26, 2018
<a href="#">LB808</a>	Harr Agriculture Committee Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and establish the Community Food Production Water Fund to provide financial assistance for water-related costs associated with community gardens.	2/26/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB826</a>	Vargas	This bill would amend §43-1238 of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. It would allow the judicial court, referenced in this act, to make factual findings regarding the abuse or neglect of a child, the likelihood of reuniting with at least one of the child's parents, and whether it would be in the best interest for the child to be removed to their country of origin. .	3/8/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB828</a>	Lowe Sr. et al.	This bill would allow the guardians of an eligible student the opportunity to apply for an empowerment savings account on behalf of the student. Each school district will use the funds available to them to pay up to 3% of the anticipated state average per student spending into each empowerment savings account. The empowerment savings account can be used for expenses related to online programs, educational therapy or services, tutoring services, testing fees, etc.	1/19/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 30, 2018
<a href="#">LB834</a>	Howard et al.	This bill would amend §38-101 and waive all initial occupational licensing fees and fees from licensing requirements for low-income individuals, military families, and young workers.	1/17/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, January 24, 2018
<a href="#">LB836</a>	Howard	This bill would amend §38-2001, 38-2101, and 38-3101. It would allow a psychiatrist, psychologist, or mental health practitioner to provide diagnostic testing, evaluation, and treatment for outpatient mental health, alcohol addiction, and drug addiction services to a minor without the consent from their guardian.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Wednesday, February 14, 2018
<a href="#">LB840</a>	Riepe	This bill would amend §43-1303. It would specify the dates the Foster Care Review office must submit their reports to the Legislature and provide information on how those reports will be submitted.	4/11/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB844</a>	Crawford et al.	This bill would allow employees of a company to accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe time for every thirty hours worked. This bill would provide specific details regarding the sick and safe time for employees and outline the employer's responsibility to its employees.	1/26/2018 Notice of Hearing: Business & Labor Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB845</a>	Briese et al. Scheer Priority Bill	This bill would create legal safeguards to protect a parent with a disability who is raising his/her child. This bill states that a parent's disability will not serve as a reason to deny his/her custody of his/her child when it's shown that it is in the best interest of the child. Also, if there is concern, the party raising the allegation must show concrete evidence that the disability is endangering the health and safety of the child.	4/18/2018 Passed on Final Reading



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<a href="#">LB851</a>	Linehan	This bill would amend current statute and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, January 22, 2018
<a href="#">LB852</a>	Bolz	This bill would amend current statute and allow certain committed offenders early medical release and access to substance abuse and rehabilitative programs. This bill would also allow certain funds to be used for peer and family support programs for parolees.	1/16/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, February 01, 2018
<a href="#">LB863</a>	Howard	This bill would amend §43-292 and allow the courts to terminate parental rights of a child if a child, 3-years-old or younger, has been in and out of home placement for total period of six months or longer and the parent has refused to remedy the circumstances.	1/16/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 02, 2018
<a href="#">LB869</a>	Pansing Brooks	This bill would amend current statute and allow a juvenile's records to be sealed if he/she meets certain requirements.	2/28/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB870</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	This bill would amend §83-4, 134.01 and outline the specific circumstances a juvenile shall be placed in room confinement, for how long, and the type of resources that should be made available to the juvenile while confined to the room.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Wednesday, January 24, 2018
<a href="#">LB874</a>	Urban Affairs Committee et al. Urban Affairs Committee Priority Bill	This bill relates to community redevelopment authorities and allows for non-voting members and eligibility for tax increment financing if it is determined the area meets the criteria for blighted or substandard.	3/21/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB875</a>	Bolz	This bill would amend current statute and prohibit the courts from sentencing any person who committed a crime while they were 18 years or younger to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole or be given the death penalty. Also, this bill states that any person who committed a 1B felony while he/she was 18 years or younger, shall be given a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and minimum sentence of 20 years.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 09, 2018
<a href="#">LB879</a>	Ebke	This bill would amend current statute and require the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt a parenting time summary report to be used during custody cases and to monitor child abuse, chemical dependency, domestic violence, etc.	1/16/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 02, 2018
<a href="#">LB888</a>	Wayne	This bill would require all public schools in Nebraska to post the child abuse and neglect toll-free telephone number in an area that is highly visible and accessible to all students.	1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, January 23, 2018
<a href="#">LB911</a>	Bolz	This bill would allow the school board of any school district the ability to impose a local option income surtax. The tax will only be imposed on individuals who reside within the school district, it would be equal to the individual's state income tax liability, and it would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the state individual income tax.	2/7/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 14, 2018
<a href="#">LB912</a>	McCullister et al.	This bill would allow public schools in Nebraska to post a highly visible sign in English and Spanish that includes a toll-free telephone number to report child abuse and neglect. In lieu of a sign, schools may post a link to the Department of Health & Human Services website that includes the toll-free number.	2/21/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB920</a>	Bolz	This bill would amend §77-2715.07 and adjust the gross incomes for the child and dependent care tax credit.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Friday, February 02, 2018
<a href="#">LB922</a>	Vargas	Physical and Mental Health; Economic Assistance/Public Benefits Summary: This bill would amend §4-110 and allow all children under nineteen years of age to be eligible for health care coverage. Their family income must be equal to or less than two hundred percent of the Office of Management and Budget's income poverty guideline and meet all eligibility requirements under the Medical Assistance Act except their immigration status.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, February 15, 2018

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<a href="#">LB925</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	This bill would change current statute and change certain penalty provisions relating to sexual assault and abuse of a child. The changes would also apply to any offenses committed prior to this act and are still within the statute of limitations.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 09, 2018
<a href="#">LB927</a>	Howard	This bill would amend current statute and change the duties of the Office of Probation Administration, the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, and juvenile courts with regards to the care and custody of juveniles in out-of-home placements.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, February 22, 2018
<a href="#">LB930</a>	Hansen	This bill would amend §43-249 and prohibit the use of any confession made by a juvenile while in custodial interrogation unless the juvenile's guardian was present, and they were advised of the juvenile's right to counsel and right to remain silent.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Friday, February 09, 2018
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB931</a>	Howard et al. Howard Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and require a medical practitioner, who is prescribing an opiate for a patient younger than nineteen years of age, to limit the prescription to a seven-day supply. However, if the patient requires more opiates to treat his/her pain, the practitioner must document the patient's use of opiates in their medical record and indicate why a non-opiate alternative was not appropriate.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB933</a>	Lindstrom et al.	This bill would amend current statute and require a medical practitioner discuss the risks and side effects of opiates with a patient prior to writing a prescription. If the patient is younger than 18-years-old, the medical practitioner must discuss this issue with his/her legal guardian.	2/12/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB985</a>	Howard et al.	This bill would amend §68-972. If federal funding is no longer available, this bill would provide state funding to cover the costs of prenatal care under the medical assistance program.	1/24/2018 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB986</a>	Hansen Hansen Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and allow municipalities to raise funds for public improvements and provide a fast method of approving the financing for these improvements.	2/26/2018 Placed on General File
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB990</a>	Wayne Wayne Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and make it illegal for a juvenile offender to possess a firearm. It would also create a process to reinstate the right of said juvenile to possess a firearm.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB995</a>	Linehan	This bill would require individuals who hold an elective office of a school district to file a statement of financial interests.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Thursday, February 01, 2018
<a href="#">LB998</a>	Walz et al. Bolz Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and create the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program. This program would provide each educational service unit with a social worker to train teachers and school personnel and to work with parents, schools, and other community resources to provide effective family-centered services.	4/18/2018 Passed on Final Reading
<a href="#">LB999</a>	Vargas et al.	This bill would amend current statute and change provisions relating to the intent, suspension, expulsion, reassignment, and discipline of students under the Student Discipline Act.	2/6/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 13, 2018
<a href="#">LB1001</a>	Briese et al.	This bill would require the State Department of Education to conduct a review of the financing for public elementary and secondary schools.	1/23/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 05, 2018
<a href="#">LB1007</a>	Kolowski	This bill would amend current statute and allow school districts to levy for maintenance and construction for existing school district facilities. If the school district makes a levy for the maintenance and construction of existing facilities, the school board of each school district will create a school district facilities fund for the proceeds of the levy.	2/7/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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<a href="#">LB1033</a>	Murante	This bill would amend current statute and eliminate learning communities and allow Douglas and Sarpy counties to jointly operate early childhood education programs, elementary learning centers, or other services for children in poverty.	2/15/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 26, 2018
<a href="#">LB1034</a>	Riepe Riepe Priority Bill	This bill would amend §71-1913 and state that a school-age child care program meets the required standards, outlined by the Department of Education, for care and protection of children if that program operates in a facility that already meets these required standards.	4/18/2018 Passed on Final Reading
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB1040</a>	Albrecht et al. Albrecht Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and allow a person to request a certificate of nonviable birth.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1041</a>	Wishart	This bill would amend current statute and require all foster care licensees to receive specific training on sexual abuse.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, February 07, 2018
<a href="#">LB1044</a>	Krist	This bill would amend current statute and allow the Department of Health and Human Services to provide social services to a child and family regardless of whether the department or law enforcement agency is investigating an allegation of child abuse.	3/6/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB1046</a>	Bolz	This bill would require that an emergency be declared by the Governor if the Department of Health and Human Services is out of compliance with their caseload requirements for two consecutive calendar quarters. Within 90 days after the declaration of emergency, the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop and implement a plan to correct the situation.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, February 08, 2018
<a href="#">LB1049</a>	Harr	This bill would amend current statute and redefine low-speed vehicle.	2/1/2018 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB1051</a>	Pansing Brooks	This bill would amend current statute and clarify the rules for visitation between a family member and a resident at a health care or nursing home facility.	2/28/2018 Placed on General File
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB1052</a>	Pansing Brooks et al.	This bill would require specific instruction for students who exhibit characteristics of dyslexia, require each teacher education program include instruction on dyslexia, and require the State Department of Education to create a technical assistance document for dyslexia to be distributed to all teacher education programs, educational service units, and school districts.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1056</a>	Hansen	This bill would require the State Board of Education to implement a statewide system for collecting data on school disciplinary measures and law enforcement referrals.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 06, 2018
<a href="#">LB1060</a>	Wayne	This bill would require the seller of any residential property to conduct a lead dust wipe assessment prior to the sale of the property. This must be conducted ninety days before the sale and will be paid for by the seller.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, February 15, 2018
<a href="#">LB1062</a>	McDonnell	This bill would appropriate an additional two million four hundred thousand dollars to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.	1/24/2018 Notice of Hearing: Appropriations Committee Thursday, February 15, 2018
<a href="#">LB1063</a>	McDonnell	This bill would amend §60-4,115 and create the Brain Injury Cash Fund. This fund would be used to assist victims of traumatic brain injury by paying for contracts with outside sources that specialize in traumatic brain injuries, providing support services and community-based services, and by educating professionals on traumatic brain injuries. The fund may also be used to support research in the field, evaluate how brain injuries are treated throughout the state, etc. This bill would also increase fees for certain driver licenses.	2/1/2018 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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<a href="#">LB1069</a>	Brasch et al. Brasch Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and require every school board of a school district to appoint members to be on a committee on Americanism. The committee would hold no fewer than three public meetings a year and ensure that each school district incorporates a social studies program that is aligned with §79-760.1. Each district will test their students on their mastery of social studies and the committee will use that data to provide a report to the school board.	3/29/2018 Placed on General File
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB1070</a>	Brewer et al.	This bill would amend §79-499 and would require people in school districts with fewer than twenty-five students in high school grades vote to determine whether the high school should remain open. Each year the school board will determine if there needs to be a vote on this issue. This election requirement will only be applied until the school has more than thirty-five students in each grade or until it has less than fifteen students and it dissolves.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1073</a>	Crawford	This bill would amend §43-1303 and would require more information on foster care placements.	2/22/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB1077</a>	Friesen	This bill would amend current statute and would eliminate levy limits for school districts.	2/7/2018 Notice of Hearing: Revenue Committee Wednesday, February 14, 2018
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB1078</a>	Crawford Executive Board Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and would require juvenile facilities to report any allegations of sexual abuse to the office of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare. This bill would also require the Department of Health and Human Services provide a report regarding the sexual abuse allegations to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.	4/4/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1079</a>	Howard	This bill would amend §71-1936 and require the Department of Health and Human Services determine within five days after receiving a report whether to investigate the alleged violation. If there is an investigation, the department must submit a report within thirty days after the decision to investigate.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Thursday, February 08, 2018
<b>z</b> <a href="#">LB1081</a>	Education Committee Education Committee	This bill would amend current statute and require each learning community submit an annual financial report to the Commissioner of Education. This bill would also change the provisions regarding the penalties, residency, boundaries, priority schools, subpoena authority, poverty and limited English proficiency.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<b>x</b> <a href="#">LB1085</a>	Wayne	This bill would amend current statute and redefine certain provisions of the Community Development Law. This bill would require that a redevelopment project for an extremely damaged area only occurs when a governing body declares that at least fifty percent of the property in the redevelopment project area be considered extremely damaged and in need of redevelopment. Finally, this bill would change provisions regarding tax-increment financing.	2/15/2018 Indefinitely Postponed
<a href="#">LB1086</a>	Wayne	This bill would amend §25-328 and allow an individual claiming to be the biological parent to intervene in a court proceeding involving a juvenile who is in custody because he/she for violating a reason outlined in §43-247. Both the biological parent and the juvenile must submit to a DNA test.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, February 22, 2018
<a href="#">LB1092</a>	Smith	This bill would amend current statute and redefine the term autocycle.	2/1/2018 Notice of Hearing: Transportation & Telecommunications Committee Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LB1093</a>	Walz	This bill would amend current statute and create the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Public Health to conduct investigations and other reviews of state-owned facilities that provide health care and state-licensed health care facilities. This office would be housed within the Public Counsel's Office.	2/14/2018 Notice of Hearing: Health & Human Services Committee Wednesday, February 21, 2018

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<a href="#">LB1094</a>	Hilgers	This bill would amend current statute and require the State Board of Education adopt model measurable academic content standards that include financial literacy and entrepreneurship for either elementary, middle, or high school grades. The State Board of Education will review and update the model every seven years.	1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 06, 2018
<a href="#">LB1103</a>	Friesen Friesen Priority Bill	This bill would amend current statute and require a minimum amount of state aid for each school district.	3/27/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB1112</a>	Vargas et al.	This bill would amend current statute and require that juveniles be placed at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center only if it is an immediate and urgent necessity. Additionally, this bill would require a juvenile be detained only if the juvenile is a threat to the public or a flight risk. Finally, this bill would allow for additional uses of funds under the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program.	3/8/2018 Placed on General File
<a href="#">LB1116</a>	Linehan	This bill would amend current statute and create the Quality Education Accountability Commission and the Quality Education Accountability Office. The commission will adopt and maintain an accountability and reporting system to compare and analyze the Nebraska public schools. The Quality Education Accountability Office will serve as staff for the commission and help develop guidelines and implement the accountability and reporting system.	2/6/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 13, 2018
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB1119</a>	Riepe et al. Hilgers Priority Bill	This bill would develop a pilot program for two years that would require the Nebraska State Insurance program to provide direct primary care health plans for state employees and their dependents on a first come first serve basis. A report is to be submitted to the Legislature at the end of the pilot program.	4/13/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LB1125</a>	Groene	This bill would amend current statute and change the school finance base limitation and local effort rate. It would also change the dates regarding the distribution of aid.	2/15/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Monday, February 26, 2018
<a href="#">LB1131</a>	Riepe	This bill would amend §42-347 and redefine the term minor child as it pertains to the dissolution of a marriage.	1/30/2018 Notice of Hearing: Judiciary Committee Thursday, February 15, 2018
<b>Z</b> <a href="#">LB1132</a>	Pansing Brooks et al. Quick Priority Bill	This bill would amend §29-3523 and create a process for victims of sex trafficking to petition a court to have their convictions overturned and their records expunged.	4/17/2018 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">LR288</a>	Bolz	This resolution would create the Nebraska Child Welfare Death and Abuse Special Committee of the Legislature. This committee would be responsible for investigating the children in the care of the Department of Health and Human Services.	2/1/2018 Notice of Hearing: Executive Board Monday, February 12, 2018
<a href="#">LR291</a>	Kolowski	This resolution recommends that school administrators, teachers, parents, and students be educated about the potential health risks of heavy backpacks.	2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing: Education Committee Tuesday, February 20, 2018