

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB192**

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**Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2011**

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

To improve the health and quality of life of the citizens of Nebraska by providing the educational tools necessary for good decision-making as it relates to sexual health. Currently, the Nebraska State Board of Education does not require HIV, STD, or pregnancy prevention education to be taught in schools, rather sexual health instruction is left to individual school districts. School districts that choose to teach sexual health are not required to follow a specific curriculum, nor are there any limitations on what can be taught. Studies and evaluations published in peer-reviewed literature have found that comprehensive, age appropriate education about sexual health and programs that teach students about both abstinence and contraception/disease prevention are effective strategies to help young people delay their initiation of sexual intercourse, reduce the frequency of intercourse, reduce the incidents of Sexually Transmitted Disease/Infection and reduce the instances of unwanted pregnancies.

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