

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB204

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 8, 2011

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

To improve health and remove impediments to the academic achievement of Nebraska's children by adding a *blood lead level* test to the tests and immunizations currently required for enrollment in kindergarten. Blood lead level testing will facilitate early detection and referral for treatment of lead poisoning, reduce the incidence, impact and cost of lead poisoning; inform parents and guardians of the educational services available to children impacted by lead poisoning; and promote the importance of reducing exposure to lead as an integral component of preparation for school and learning.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brenda Council