

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 511

FINAL READING

Introduced by Cook, 13.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state findings; and to require
- 2 schools to develop return-to-learn protocols for pediatric cancer
- 3 survivors returning to school as prescribed.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) Pediatric cancer is the number one cause of death due to disease
3 in the United States for children from birth to fourteen years of age;

4 (2) Nebraska ranks fifth in the United States in incidence of
5 pediatric cancer;

6 (3) Eighty percent of children with the most common types of
7 pediatric cancer will survive but the majority of pediatric cancer
8 survivors will have chronic medical conditions for the rest of their
9 lives; and

10 (4) Pediatric cancer survivors returning to school after successful
11 treatment have specific cognitive, behavioral, physical, developmental,
12 and social impairments that must be accommodated in order for the
13 survivors to achieve their full educational potential.

14 Sec. 2. Each approved or accredited public, private,
15 denominational, or parochial school shall establish a return-to-learn
16 protocol for students returning to school after being treated for
17 pediatric cancer. The return-to-learn protocol shall recognize that
18 students who have been treated for pediatric cancer and returned to
19 school may need informal or formal accommodations, modifications of
20 curriculum, and monitoring by medical or academic staff.