

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB427

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2017

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

Current law provides that employees may breastfeed their children in any public or private location where the mother is otherwise authorized to be. LB427 would broaden this accommodation to include breastfeeding mothers who are students in our schools.

LB427 also requires public, private, denominational or parochial day schools which meet the requirements for legal operation under Nebraska law, to provide for private or appropriate facilities for milk expression and storage for student mothers. The intent of this accommodation is for schools to provide a sanitary and appropriately private setting for student mothers to express milk and to store such milk. This could include a school nurse's office, an empty classroom, or any similar setting which allows for privacy and is consistent with the ability for the schools to monitor and supervise students.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas