## One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz** 

**Committee: Education** 

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2021

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

LB359 expands the current definition of multicultural education to incorporate the histories, perspectives and contributions of African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian Americans. The bill specifies requirements for multicultural education in public and non-public schools and requires the Nebraska Department of Education to hire a multicultural education specialist.

Principal Introducer:	
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	Senator Patty Pansing Brooks