

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB645**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 07, 2017**

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

LB645 adds to Nebraska statute a definition of dyslexia as a specific learning disability.

Dyslexia means a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin, is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities, typically results from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and effective classroom instruction, and has secondary consequences that may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that may impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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