

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB645

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 07, 2017
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Add dyslexia for purposes of special education

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ebke, Erdman, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks
Eileen Vautravers
Victoria Molfese
Dennis Molfese
Julian Sidak
Finn McInerny
Alex Filing
Hunter Gilbertson
Sydney Shaw
Darlene Merz
Rebecca Miller
Tiffanie Faimon
Shellie Cook
Scott Scholz

Kathy Anthes
Amy Rhone
Jay Sears

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Medical Association
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of Nebraska Lincoln
Self
Self
Nebraska Dyslexic Association
Self
Self
Self
Fixlexia L3C, LLC
Self
Nebraska Speech Language Hearing Association
Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service
Self
Nebraska Department of Education
Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jane Byers

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill amends Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-1118.01, which lists what qualifies as a disability under Nebraska's Special Education Act (Sec 79-1110-1167), by adding dyslexia as a covered disability.

The bill includes a technical definition of dyslexia.

Explanation of amendments:

This is a technical amendment that on page 3, line 4, after "disability" adds "under subdivision (13) of this section." This ties the technical definition of dyslexia to the list of specific learning disabilities.

Mike Groene, Chairperson