

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB411**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 24, 2017**

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

LB411 clarifies that reasonable efforts should be made to place children with their siblings whether or not the siblings had a prior relationship. Additionally, LB411 requires the department to file a written sibling placement report to include efforts made by the department to locate the child's siblings, and details as to why or why not joint sibling placements are made and provides for rights of siblings to seek joint-sibling placements, sibling visitations or ongoing interactions with their sibling.

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

Senator Kate Bolz