

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB465

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 07, 2017

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

LB 465 would appropriate \$500,000 in each year of the biennium to the Department of Education for the Nebraska Information Technology Initiative under the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act.

The Nebraska Information Technology Initiative (IT) is a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Career and Technical Education, Microsoft and Certiport. Currently, 85 Nebraska high schools and 12 community colleges are participating in the Initiative. The Nebraska IT Initiative provides students with information technology skills that they will need for entering a post-secondary institution or the workforce.

The number of students certifications under the Nebraska IT Initiative more than tripled from the first year of the program to the second year and is on pace to increase even further this year. There is currently a waiting list of schools that would like to participate in the Initiative.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier