

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB590

Hearing Date: Friday February 08, 2019
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Briese
One Liner: Provide for reporting of staff training for early childhood education

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Tom Briese
Adam Feser
Darrell Klein
Melody Hobson

Representing:
Introducer
First Five Nebraska
Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services
Nebraska State Board of Education

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 590 relates to child care programs and the use of the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System (NECPRS).

Section 1 of LB 590 amends the Quality Child Care Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to use NECPRS to document training levels of staff in specific child care settings and to verify minimum training requirements of employees in child care programs that are required to be licensed. (Page 2, lines 11-18.)

Section 2 of LB 590 amends the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act to require that child care programs licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act maintain a provider profile in NECPRS and each employee of the program must report his or her educational degrees, professional credentials, and work history. (Page 3, lines 27-31, Page 4, line 1.)

The effective date of both provisions is January 1, 2020.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 330 replaces the green copy and becomes the bill. It amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-2606 to require that the Department of Health and Human Services use the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System (NECPRS) to document training levels of staff in specific child care settings and verify minimum training requirements of employees for any child care program that is already reporting into NECPRS.

Sara Howard, Chairperson