

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB390

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2019

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

LB390 allows that school districts accommodating the presence of school resource officers (SROs) or security officers shall only utilize those resources for school safety and actual law violations and not disciplinary issues. The bill further requires the adoption of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between school districts and law enforcement with certain minimum requirements, including training for law enforcement, administrators and teachers in school law, student rights, understanding special needs students and student with disabilities, conflict de-escalation techniques, ethics for school resource officers, teenage brain development, adolescent behavior, diversity and cultural awareness, trauma-informed responses and preventing violence in school settings.

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice shall develop and distribute a model MOU that includes policies required by section 4 of this act. School districts may adopt their own MOU that meets the minimum standards of this act or they may adopt the model developed by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks