

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB568**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: March 18, 2019**

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

Under LB 568, the State Department of Education shall create a mental health first aid training program for teachers and other personnel employed by a school district or educational service unit.

Training will be by nationally certified trainers and shall include training on skills needed to assist a student in crisis, including knowledge of available resources for referrals; de-escalation skills; recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness; and, making timely referrals for students needing treatment.

The State Board shall establish innovation grant programs in this area and others with funding from the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund.

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

Senator Adam Morfeld