

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB533

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2021

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

LB533 extends the temporary four thousand dollar per year exclusion in income received for participation in grant-funded research on child development when determining eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the child care subsidy program. As a result of disruptions in research from COVID-19, LB533 moves the sunset on this exclusion from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2026.

The exemption allows Nebraska's continued participation in a national study on the effect that income has on the brain development of infants and toddlers from low-income families. Without the exclusion, benefits will be reduced or lost due to receipt of income directly from the study, effectively cancelling out the "increase" which is to be studied and making it difficult or impossible to continue such research.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jen Day