

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB945

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 24, 2024
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Hughes
One Liner: Require certain documents, information, and materials be provided to children before leaving foster care

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Bosn, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jana Hughes
Sarah Helvey
Karolina Yoder
Payne Ackerman
Maralee Bradley
Bethany Bradley
Jerry Milner
Kristin Ageton

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Children and Family Foundation
Nebraska Children's Commission
Self
Self
Family Justice Group
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 43-1311.03(9) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide certain documents, information, records, and other materials when the child is leaving foster care. LB945 would amend this section to require DHHS to provide additional documents, information, records, and material.

A copy of the child's medical records must already be provided, but LB945 would specifically include psychological care and evaluations and a list of health care providers. A copy of educational records must already be provided, but LB945 would specifically include awards, certificates, and grade reports.



LB945 would add requirements to provide documents related to the child's care, placement, services, and permanency plan, Foster Care Review Office reports, all case numbers and court records, available photographs, and a written explanation of the reason the child is leaving foster care.

LB945 would also authorize a child or a child's guardian ad litem to request access to any other documents, information, or materials pertaining to the child's case.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson

