

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1216

Hearing Date: Friday February 27, 2026
Committee On: Education
Introducer: McKinney
One Liner: Provide for educational services for prisoners

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Murman, Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, G., Sanders
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Terrell McKinney
Lauren Micek Vargas
Kaelyn Kinnaman
Jason Witmer
Charlotte Walker

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Education Rights Council
Voices for Children in Nebraska
ACLU Nebraska
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1216 amends section 83-182 of the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act to require the Director of Correctional Services to provide educational programming for individuals under twenty-one years of age in custody who have not earned a high school diploma or equivalency, including required special education services, and establishes minimum standards aligned with the State Department of Education.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2440 changes the duties of the Director of Correctional Services to require that the director offer and make available educational services and programming to individuals under twenty-one committed to the department who have not earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency, but clarifying that participation in such educational programming is not required except to the extent necessary to provide special education services required by state or federal law.



Dave Murman, Chairperson



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