

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB825

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 21, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Ballard
One Liner: Require training on domestic abuse for mental health practitioners under the Uniform Credentialing Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G.
Nay:	1	Senator Quick
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Riepe

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Beau Ballard
Amy Cirian, LIMHP

Susan Reay
Nathan Arentsen
Lindsey Turner
Sarah Kirkwood
Tom Venzor
Maureen Brase
Christon MacTaggart

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Atty Gen Office, NE Domestic Abuse Death
Review Team
self
self
Voices of Hope
Institute of Resilience
Nebraska Catholic Conference
self
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic
Violence

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 825 amends the Mental Health Practice Act by adding two domestic abuse training requirements. For licensed practitioners, a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education in domestic abuse counseling is required every two years, delivered by a qualified instructor who has completed the base domestic abuse training required under §38-2123, has at least 3 years of experience working with domestic abuse victims or offenders, and has completed 40 additional hours of domestic abuse-related training. For provisional license applicants, 3 hours of domestic abuse training is



required as a condition of licensure, covering seven topics: (1) screening tools for victims; (2) indicators of high lethality or risk; (3) documentation standards; (4) referrals to domestic abuse services, advocacy, and systems navigation professionals; (5) impact on children; (6) ethical practice and boundaries; and (7) trauma-informed, victim-centered care and safety planning. For purposes of LB 825, "domestic abuse" is defined by reference to §42-903. The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2027.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2443 adds "and licensed independent mental health practitioners" to the continuing education requirement found in section 2 of LB 825. Additionally, it sets September 1, 2027, as the beginning date for the domestic abuse training requirement applicable to provisional mental health practitioner license applicants. Lastly, it requires training providers to submit all training materials to the Board of Mental Health Practice for approval.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

