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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 517**

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-2,144, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to
- 3 duties of the state school security director; to require each school
- 4 district to provide certain security information to the school
- 5 security director; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 79-2,144, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3           79-2,144 (1) The state school security director appointed pursuant  
4 to section 79-2,143 shall be responsible for providing leadership and  
5 support for safety and security for the public schools. Duties of the  
6 director include, but are not limited to:

7           (a) (1) Collecting safety and security plans, required pursuant to  
8 rules and regulations of the State Department of Education relating to  
9 accreditation of schools, and other school security information from each  
10 school system in Nebraska. School districts shall provide the state  
11 school security director with the safety and security plans of the school  
12 district, annual inspection information of protective door assemblies,  
13 door-locking systems, and double-entry doors of school buildings within  
14 the school district, and any other security information requested by the  
15 director, but any plans or information submitted by a school district may  
16 be withheld by the department pursuant to subdivision (9) of section  
17 84-712.05;

18           (b) (2) Recommending minimum standards for school security on or  
19 before January 1, 2016, to the State Board of Education;

20           (c) (3) Conducting an assessment of the security of each public  
21 school building, which assessment shall be completed by August 31, 2019;

22           (d) Establishing standards related to protective door assemblies in  
23 each school building that is used for the instruction of students, which  
24 shall include requiring that every school board cause an annual  
25 inspection of all applicable protective door assemblies to be conducted  
26 by a trained inspector with appropriate knowledge, training, and  
27 experience relating to door assemblies and building security;

28           (e) (4) Identifying deficiencies in school security based on the  
29 minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Education and making  
30 recommendations to school boards for remedying such deficiencies;

31           (f) (5) Establishing security awareness and preparedness tools and

1 training programs for public school staff;

2 ~~(g) (6)~~ Establishing research-based model instructional programs for  
3 staff, students, and parents to address the underlying causes for violent  
4 attacks on schools;

5 ~~(h) (7)~~ Overseeing behavioral and mental health training, with a  
6 focus on suicide awareness and prevention in public schools pursuant to  
7 section 79-2,146;

8 ~~(i) (8)~~ Establishing tornado preparedness standards which shall  
9 include, but not be limited to, ensuring that every school conducts at  
10 least two tornado drills per year;

11 ~~(j) (9)~~ Responding to inquiries and requests for assistance relating  
12 to school security from private, denominational, and parochial schools;

13 ~~(k) (10)~~ Recommending curricular and extracurricular materials to  
14 assist school districts in preventing and responding to cyberbullying and  
15 digital citizenship issues; and

16 ~~(l) (11)~~ Carrying out the department's responsibilities under the  
17 School Safety and Security Reporting System Act.

18 (2) For purposes of this section, protective door assemblies means  
19 (a) doors with panic hardware or fire exit hardware, (b) door assemblies  
20 in exit enclosures, (c) electronically controlled egress doors, and (d)  
21 door assemblies with special locking arrangements, such as delayed  
22 egress, sensor-released egress doors, and elevator-lobby doors.

23 **Sec. 2.** Original section 79-2,144, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is repealed.