

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1146

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

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

LB 1146 amends section 79-209 to revise provisions relating to student absences and reports by a school district to a county attorney. The bill provides that a student may have up to twenty unexcused absences in a school year before a school district is required to refer the matter to the county attorney. The following shall not be considered unexcused absences.

Absences excused by a parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker due to a student's physical or mental illness; absences of pregnant or parenting students in accordance with a developed policy as defined in section 79-530; absences of students with an individualized family service plan (IFSP); absences of students with an individualized education program (IEP); absences of students receiving accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or absences of students receiving special education services or who are eligible for services under the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program, when such absences are related to an applicable plan, services, special education, or program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad