

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1201**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

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

LB1201 Directs DHHS to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to include a program of early literacy promotion and intervention during the well child visits covered by Medicaid for children from birth to age 5. This benefit is also referred to as EDSPT. Currently in Nebraska, the EDSPT visit includes a comprehensive health exam, as well as social determinants of health, such as nutritional status, behavioral assessment, and anticipatory guidance.

Including a literacy component into the standard well child visit would allow providers to gain a deeper understanding of the growth and development of young children, as well as encourage parents and caregivers to read to their young children at home. This provides a strong foundation that will be built upon when these children enter kindergarten and begin learning to read.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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