

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB341

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2025

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

Legislative Bill 341 would adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act to set forth standards and procedures for settling claims involving minors if a claim is \$35,000 or less, not including reimbursement for medical expenses, liens, reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit.

Current practice for settlements involving minors includes a court process involving the establishment of guardianship, limited guardianship, or conservatorship to approve the settlement and oversee the proceeds. LB 341 creates a process to eliminate the involvement of a court for settlements \$35,000 or less involving minors but also allows the anyone acting on behalf of the to utilize the court process if so desired. Settlements over \$35,000 involving minors would still require a court process.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Hallstrom