

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB462

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2025

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

LB 462 seeks to update definitions and standards regarding entry into Nebraska's child welfare system to address overreporting and over-entry into the system. It updates the definition of child neglect to not include certain independent and age-appropriate childhood activities, or involuntarily being in poverty.

It additionally modifies mandatory reporting requirements to only require professionals regularly interacting with children and families to report suspected child maltreatment, while still permitting others to report. It also requires mandatory reporters to receive training on child maltreatment and cultural competency to ensure more accurate reporting.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney