

## LB428

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### Bill History

Introduced by: Sen. Tony Vargas

Heard by: Education Committee

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### Bill Summary

LB428 would require public school districts to develop plans to accommodate pregnant and parenting students, including providing safe and sanitary facilities for mothers to breastfeed and express breastmilk.

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### Talking Points from Testifiers

#### For LB428

- Many young women chose to drop out of school, not because they do not want to receive an education, but because they are often forced to choose between their education and taking care of their children.
- Babies who are breastfed exclusively for the first 6 months, without any formula, have fewer ear infections, respiratory illnesses, and bouts of diarrhea. They also have fewer hospitalizations and trips to the doctor.
- Providing pregnant and parenting students access to clean facilities allow them to make more healthful choices for their children and will save the time and money while continuing their education.

#### Against LB428

- Teenage pregnancy is not an issue that equally impacts every school district in the state. Requiring smaller, rural districts to implement the same type of policy as a much bigger, urban district is an unfunded state mandate.
  - Many smaller schools do not have existing facilities that can accommodate pregnant and parenting students. Therefore, many will have to spend taxpayer dollars to retrofit schools to accommodate a scenario that may never happen.
  - Individual school districts should have the flexibility to address pregnant and parenting students on a case-by-case basis. Circumstances are different for each student and should be treated as such.
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### Further Research

Nebraska Legislature: [nebraskalegislature.gov](http://nebraskalegislature.gov)

Unicameral Update: [update.legislature.ne.gov](http://update.legislature.ne.gov)

Committee Statement: [nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/CS/LB428.pdf](http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/CS/LB428.pdf)