

AMENDMENTS TO LB705

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1468)

Introduced by Murman, 38.

1           1. Insert the following new sections:

2           Sec. 65. Section 79-2,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3   2022, is amended to read:

4           79-2,144 The state school security director appointed pursuant to  
5   section 79-2,143 shall be responsible for providing leadership and  
6   support for safety and security for the public schools. Duties of the  
7   director include, but are not limited to:

8           (1) Collecting safety and security plans, required pursuant to rules  
9   and regulations of the State Department of Education relating to  
10   accreditation of schools, and other school security information from each  
11   school system in Nebraska. School districts shall provide the state  
12   school security director with the safety and security plans of the school  
13   district and any other security information requested by the director,  
14   but any plans or information submitted by a school district may be  
15   withheld by the department pursuant to subdivision (9) of section  
16   84-712.05;

17           (2) Recommending minimum standards for school security on or before  
18   January 1, 2016, to the State Board of Education;

19           (3) Conducting an assessment of the security of each public school  
20   building, which assessment shall be completed by August 31, 2019;

21           (4) Identifying deficiencies in school security based on the minimum  
22   standards adopted by the State Board of Education and making  
23   recommendations to school boards for remedying such deficiencies;

24           (5) Establishing security awareness and preparedness tools and  
25   training programs for public school staff;

26           (6) Establishing research-based model instructional programs for

1 staff, students, and parents to address the underlying causes for violent  
2 attacks on schools;

3 (7) Overseeing behavioral and mental health training, with a focus  
4 on suicide awareness and prevention training in public schools pursuant  
5 to section 79-2,146;

6 (8) Establishing tornado preparedness standards which shall include,  
7 but not be limited to, ensuring that every school conducts at least two  
8 tornado drills per year;

9 (9) Responding to inquiries and requests for assistance relating to  
10 school security from private, denominational, and parochial schools;

11 (10) Recommending curricular and extracurricular materials to assist  
12 school districts in preventing and responding to cyberbullying and  
13 digital citizenship issues; and

14 (11) Carrying out the department's responsibilities under the School  
15 Safety and Security Reporting System Act.

16 Sec. 66. Section 79-2,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 79-2,146 (1) Beginning in school year 2023-24 ~~2015-16~~, all public  
19 school employees who interact with students nurses, teachers, counselors,  
20 school psychologists, administrators, school social workers, and any  
21 other appropriate personnel, as determined by the school superintendent,  
22 shall receive at least one hour of behavioral and mental health training  
23 with a focus on suicide awareness and prevention training each year. Such  
24 training may include, but need not be limited to, topics such as  
25 identification of early warning signs and symptoms of behavioral and  
26 mental health issues in students, appropriate and effective responses for  
27 educators to student behavioral and mental health issues, trauma-informed  
28 care, and procedures for making students and parents and guardians aware  
29 of services and supports for behavioral and mental health issues. This  
30 training shall be provided within the framework of existing inservice  
31 training programs offered by the State Department of Education or as part

1 of required professional development activities.

2 (2) The department, in consultation with organizations including,  
3 but not limited to, the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition, the  
4 Nebraska chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the  
5 Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska, the National Alliance on  
6 Mental Illness Nebraska, and other organizations and professionals with  
7 expertise in behavioral and mental health and suicide prevention, shall  
8 develop a list of approved training materials to fulfill the requirements  
9 of subsection (1) of this section. Such materials shall include training  
10 on how to identify appropriate mental health services, both within the  
11 school and also within the larger community, and when and how to refer  
12 youth and their families to those services. Such materials may include  
13 programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable behavioral  
14 and mental health and suicide prevention materials.

15 (3) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
16 carry out this section.

17 2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so the sections  
18 added by this amendment become operative three calendar months after the  
19 adjournment of this legislative session.

20 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
21 accordingly.