

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1203

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 01, 2022

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

LB1203 appropriates \$100,493,000 from federal funds for the following purposes:

\$5,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to assist families and waive copayments for child care subsidy and cover lost income of child care providers.

\$2,900,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to support the Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative's Teen and Young Parent Program.

\$500,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an outside organization to support the Child Care Referral Network for an additional three years.

\$250,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an outside organization to provide licensing materials, guidance and support to help unlicensed and potential child care providers fulfill state licensing requirements.

\$150,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an outside organization to help family child care home providers achieve National Association for Family Child Care Accreditation.

\$300,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an outside organization to increase statewide access to All Our Kin.

\$400,000 to the Department of Education to support the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.

\$480,000 to the Department of Education to contract with an outside organization for an early childhood mental health and education consultation service.

\$19,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to contact with an outside organization to increase child care capacity in areas of need.

\$12,518,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the preschool development grant.

\$750,000 to the Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services to translate licensing and Step Up to Quality materials into Spanish.

\$3,580,000 to the Department of Education to support the Child Care WAGES Nebraska program.

\$1,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to extend state funding for fingerprinting and background checks for license-exempt providers, child care providers, staff, volunteers, and household members in licensed child care programs.

\$165,000 to the Department of Education to support the department's scholarship program to help child care providers cover the costs of professional development requirements.

\$3,500,000 to the Department of Education to support the T.E.A.C.H Early Childhood Nebraska program.

\$50,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for retention and recruitment bonuses for child care professionals.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Briese