

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB374

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2023

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

This bill adopts the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act, eliminates provisions relating to parental involvement in public schools and provides operative dates, and repeals sections 79-530, 79-531, 79-532, and 79-533, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

The Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act:

- Verifies that parents are the foremost decision maker in every child's life.
- Provides for the creation of a Transparency Portal.
- Deploys a process for a parent to appeal the access of a potentially inappropriate (sexual content, excessive violence) book for minors.
- Provides educators with moral and conscientious protections
- No student or educator will be compelled to adopt values in violation of Title IV or Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Aims to prevent data mining by surveying children.
- Allows parents to opt their child out of content or activities they deem inappropriate.

This legislation protects the role of Parents in being the foremost decision maker in every child's life.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Murman