

107th Nebraska Legislature- 1st Session Children's Hospital & Medical Center Bill Watch List						Children's Priority Legislation	
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Bill no.	Position	Subject Matter	Introducer	Committee	Hearing Date	Status	Priority Bill
LB14	S	To adopt the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Sen. Blood	HHS	1/27/2021	Approved by Governor on March 31, 2021	Need 10 states to advance compact legislation to activate the compact; six states currently adopted (GA,NC,OK,UT,WV,WY). Supports telehealth. Support offered through the NHA.
LB15	S	To adopt the Occupational Therapy Proactive Interstate Compact	Sen. Blood	HHS	1/28/2021	In committee	NE is one of six states to introduce legislation, need 10 to activate. Supports telehealth. Support offered through the NHA.
LB20	M	Provide requirements for insurance coverage of contraceptives	Sen. Blood	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/1/2021	General File with AM585	Requires all plans to provide in-network coverage for contraception
LB26	M	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for residential water service	Sen. Wayne (Sen. Pahls Priority Bil)	Revenue	2/24/2021	General File	Removes the sales and use tax from residential water services to support families on fixed incomes.
LB30	S	To limit the cost of prescription insulin drugs	Sen. Wayne	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/1/2021	In committee	Regardless of the type of insulin, payors must limit the patient's out-of-pocket to no more than \$100/month. Without insurance, \$400/vial and patients need a min. of 2/ month. Support through NHA and AAP.
LB49	M	To change the penalty for use of tobacco	Sen. M. Hansen	Judiciary	3/4/2021	General File with AM531	Changes the penalty for persons under 21 who use tobacco or nicotine products from a class V misdemeanor to an infraction
LB52	M	To provide immunity for COVID-19 exposure	Sen. Lathrop	Judiciary	2/18/2021	In committee	Bars any civil action for injury or death stemming from exposure to COVID-19.
LB53	S	Creating a Standard of Care under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act	Sen. Lathrop	Judiciary	2/18/2021	In committee	At the request of Nebraska Medicine, the Crisis Standard of Care would be adopted for future states of emergency. Health care providers would receive immunity for civil liability. Support offered through NHA.
LB67	M	To change definitions relating to school-based health centers	Sen. Day	HHS	2/18/2021	In committee	Strikes language that disallows a SBHC to serve as a child's primary care medical home. Expands hours outside of the school day to serve patients. Adds reproductive health counseling services and prescribing of contraceptives. Ultimately hopes to dispense contraceptives.

LB86	M	To require registration for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Sen. Bostelman	HHS	2/10/2021	General File with AM212	Requires all providers who either prescribe or dispense drugs to register for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to be in compliance of HR6 or the SUPPORT Act effective Oct. 1, 2021. That act requires each covered provider to check the prescription history of a covered individual being treated in a qualified PDMP.
LB87	S	To provide for mental health first aid training in schools	Sen. Morfeld	Education	3/2/2021	In committee	Bill requires NDE to partner with a nationally recognized behavioral health training group to provide instruction on how to support a student in crisis, how to de-escalate and knowledge to refer to mental health services. Uses lottery funds.
LB89	S	Change provisions relating to the age of majority	Sen. Morfeld	Judiciary	1/28/2021	In committee	The bill would allow individuals 18 or older to make health care decisions without parent consent. Current age of majority is 19.
LB100	M	Provide limits on provider contracts pertaining to multiple procedure payment	Sen. Walz	HHS	1/28/2021	Final Reading	The bill suggests that multiple procedure payment reductions shall not apply to PT/OT/ST
LB108	M	Change provisions relating to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program	Sen. McCollister	HHS	2/17/2021	Select File	Increases the gross income eligibility for SNAP benefits in Nebraska from 130% FPL to 185% FPL. Removes disincentives to move up in career.
LB115	S	To impose a sales and use tax on candy and soft drinks	Sen. McCollister	Revenue	2/24/2021	In committee	Applies the 5.5% sales and use tax on candy and soft drinks. Definition of candy excludes flour, does not require refrigeration and comes in a bar, drop or pieces. Soft drink excludes any drink with 50% of veg/fruit juice by volume. Money goes to Health Care Cash Fund. Supported through the NHA.
LB117	M	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Education	2/2/2021	General File with AM421	Using money from the General Fund, the NDE would be required to pay the difference of all eligible and non-eligible federal breakfast and lunch programs, eliminating the cost to students.
LB119	M	Change provisions to the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Judiciary	2/11/2021	In committee	A bill that would allow an infant (up to 24 months of age) to remain with incarcerated mother and to allow breastfeeding protections.
LB120	M	To prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity	Sen. Hunt	Judiciary	2/26/2021	In committee	A bill disallowing any discrimination against a person in recruitment, examination, appointment, training, discipline because of sexual orientation or gender identity. The statute already covers religions, race, political affiliation or national origin.
LB121	M	Change eligibility for SNAP	Sen. Hunt	HHS	2/17/2021	General File	Removes recently adopted language that restricts convicted felons from accessing SNAP benefits

LB129	S	To provide eligibility for certain children under the Medical Assistance Act	Sen. McCollister	HHS	2/18/2021	In committee	Regardless of income, the bill seeks to maintain continuous eligibility for children under 19 until- the anniversary of their eligibility, 19th birthday or they move out of state. NHA will also support.
LB133	O	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act	Sen. Erdman	Revenue	2/3/2021	In committee	Among the many tax proposals, hospital services would be included. Intends to lower property taxes by expanding tax base and would create the Elimination of Property, Income and Corporate taxes (EPIC) Act, adding a consumption tax on all services and essentially rewrites the tax code. NHA and Chamber opposes.
LB135	M	Change reimbursement for the Special Education Act	Sen. Wishart	Education	1/25/2021	In committee	NDE must reimburse schools 60% of cost of special ed program this biennium; moving to 70% in next biennium and 80% in FY 2026-2028. Large fiscal note, but viewed as a savings to property taxes by directing money to students.
LB139	S	Adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act	Sen. Briese Sen. Slama Priority Bill	Judiciary	2/18/2021	In committee	Immunity bill brought forward by Nebraska Chamber, less restrictive than LB52. Protects from civil actions seeking recovery for any injuries or damages sustained from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19. Support through NHA and NE Chamber.
LB154	M	Requires tracking of student discipline	Sen. Wayne Speaker Priority Bill	Education	2/9/2021	Presented to Governor on April 29, 2021	Creates a statewide tracking system at the NDE to track student discipline and break it down by demographic. Must report expulsions, restraints, suspensions and the offense.
LB160	O	Increase caps on medical malpractice liability	Sen. Wayne	Judiciary	2/18/2021	In committee	Increases cap from \$2.5M to \$10M. Individual provider cap moving from \$500,000 to \$5m. Hospital aggregate moving from \$3M to \$30M. Oppose through
LB166	S	Creates Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water fund	Sen. Geist	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/23/2021	General File with AM389	Creates a license plate and adds a portion of the fee to a new fund for an existing water safety platform that Children's collaborates with every summer.
LB185	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS for public health aid	Sen. Brewer	Appropriations State Tribal Committee Priority Bill	2/25/2021	Select File	\$700,000 in each year of the biennium budget to establish the Fred LeRoy Health Center as an FQHC.
LB186	M	Change provisions related to child enticement	Sen. Hilkemann	Judiciary	2/24/2021	In committee	Changes age from 14 to 16 years of age to align with online child enticement statute.
LB196	M	Change provisions in the Nebraska Fair Housing Act	Sen. Vargas	Judiciary	2/4/2021	In committee	Adds source of income criteria to include veterans benefits, child support and foster care subsidies.
LB198	M	Change provisions related to Student Discipline Act	Sen. Vargas	Education	2/9/2021	General file with AM645	Proposes that during suspension/ expulsion, students are allowed to complete coursework, including tests.

LB202	M	Change requirements under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act	Sen. Pansing Brooks	HHS	2/11/2021	In committee	Requires notice be given to all juveniles 6 months before their 19th birthday regarding the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act, assisting them with the transition to adulthood.
LB204	M	Changes the Sex Offender Registration Act	Sen. Slama	Judiciary	3/4/2021	General File with AM458	Adds sex trafficking to the sex offender registry
LB207	M	Change provisions to Work Comp	Sen. McDonnell	Business and Labor	3/1/2021	In committee	Compensation now permissible in three days, compared to seven. NE Chamber opposes.
LB225	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. Hilkemann	Appropriations	2/24/2021	In committee	\$X Federal and \$X from General Fund toward provider rates for developmental disabilities
LB231	M	Prohibit conversion therapy	Sen. Hunt	Judiciary	2/26/2021	AM358 filed	Conversion therapy is a treatment considered to change a person's sexual and/or gender identity. This bill makes it an unlawful practice for anyone under 19.
LB247	S	To create the Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force	Sen. Pansing Brooks Speaker Priority Bill	Executive Board	2/24/2021	Final Reading	The task force shall find a way to integrate the *988 hotline with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act. The hotline shall always connect to a licensed mental or behavioral health provider 24/7/365. Afforded by a new tax on wireless devices.
LB249	M	Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	Sen. Pansing Brooks	Business and Labor	1/25/2021	In committee	Prohibits employers from inquiring about and using wage rate history
LB251	M	To change the age for organ and tissue donation	Sens. Cavanaugh Hilkemann	HHS	2/4/2021	General File	Allows licensed provisional operators (14 years of age) to designate themselves as organ donors.
LB258	M	Adopt the Health and Safe Families Workplace Act	Sen. Vargas Sen. M Hansen Priority Bill	Business and Labor	2/8/2021	General File	Mandates designated sick paid time per every 30 hours worked. Allows sick time to be loaned to another employee. Rolls over year after year. Allows intermittent leave. NE Chamber opposes.
LB262	M	Provide for participation under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act	Sen. Vargas	HHS	2/11/2021	In committee	Extends the Bridge to Independence Program to those not here lawfully-DACA.
LB263	O	Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction	Sen. Briese	Gov't, Military and VA	2/3/2021	In committee	Streamline credentialing by considering work experience. Oppose through the NHA and NMA.

LB270	S	Adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation Act	Sen. Morfeld	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	3/2/2021	In committee	Removes the "gag clause" disallowing a pharmacy to share information on a lesser priced drug and/or selling them a different option. Limits out-of-pocket expense for consumer. A PBM shall not change a pharmacist fee related to the adjudication of a clean claim. Provision disallowing 340B claims to be paid at a lesser rate. Support through NHA.
LB273	M	Permit provisions of care at another YRTC	Sen. Lowe	Judiciary	1/28/2021	Final Reading	Creates flexibility in which youth rehabilitation treatment center (YRTC) a juvenile can be placed.
LB276	M	Relating to abortion	Sen. Hunt	Judiciary	3/12/2021	In committee	To allow for a physician to prescribe medicine, drug, instrument to attempt an abortion without being present in the room (telehealth).
LB281	S	Requires child sexual abuse prevention educational programs in schools	Sen. Albrecht	Education	2/23/2021	Select File	Each school in Nebraska shall adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for K-5th grade that includes safe and unsafe touch, as well as tools to communicate incidence.
LB284	M	Provide requirements to Governor's Emergency Program	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Gov't, Military and VA	2/26/2021	In committee	Requires the Governor to expand federal programs during a declared emergency. Likely in response to SNAP benefits.
LB290	M	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Business and Labor	2/8/2021	General File	Requires employers to participate in a state-based FMLA program with a sliding pay scale based on the employees percent of state average weekly wages. Commissioner of Labor designates fee to all employers with over \$100,000 on payroll. Chamber is in opposition.
LB301	M	To change drug schedules	Sen. B. Hansen	Judiciary	2/19/2021	General File with AM632	Updates NE's list of scheduled and unscheduled meds to match the DEA. Removes Cannabidiol from being a schedule V controlled substance, removed by the DEA in April. Epidiolex is used at Children's and removing it from the schedule would be positive.
LB314	S	Change provisions related to telehealth insurance	Sen. Pahls	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/1/2021	In committee	Universal telehealth parity for reimbursement bill. Support through the NHA.
LB322	S	Adopt School Safety and Security Reporting System Act	Sen. Williams	Education	2/9/2021	Final Reading	Creates the Safe2HelpNE hotline for students, teachers, the greater public, to anonymously report threats or concerns for student safety. Provides mental health assistance 24/7/365. Requested by the National Council of School Administrators.
LB328	M	Change provision regarding license of a health care facility	Sen. Arch	HHS	2/19/2021	In committee	Requires only one signature on an application compared to two.

LB337	S	To adopt the Step-Therapy Reform Act	Sen. Kolterman	Banking, Commerce and Insurance	2/1/2021	Approved by Governor on March 31, 2021	Step-Therapy is the process payors take requiring providers and patients to use less expensive drugs before allowing the most costly drug which was originally prescribed. The bill states that when a carrier require a step-therapy protocol, the provider and/or patient can ask for an override exception. Support through NHA.
LB342	M	Appropriate funds to NDE	Sen. Stinner	Appropriations	2/19/2021	In committee	Appropriates \$2.5M each year of the biennium to the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund.
LB357	M	Creates the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights	Sen. Hunt	Judiciary	1/28/2021	General File AM54	Provides foster youth in out-of-home placements and those placed in YRTCs with a list of rights related to services, connection to family, life skills and transition planning, and how to file a grievance or appeal if they believe their rights have been violated.
LB375	S	To adopt the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation and Transparency Act	Sen. Kolterman	<u>Banking, Commerce and Insurance</u>	3/2/2021	In committee	A bill seeking to simplify a pathway for a PBM in Nebraska to be accept pharmacies and pharmacists into their network so long as their license is in good standing. Also seeks to prescribe pharmacy expenses to go toward deductible. Support through NHA.
LB376	M	A bill related to developmental disabilities	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	<u>HHS</u>	2/18/2021	In committee	A bill requested by CRCC regarding the family DD waiver. It requires DHHS to apply for a pilot family support waiver capped at \$12,000 per family/ year. Complex medical needs, acute needs and co-morbidities are criteria for waiver eligibility. Changes eligibility to eliminate income eligibility criteria. \$17M fiscal note.
LB379	M	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations	Speaker Hilgers	Appropriations	2/5/2021	Approved by Governor on April 26, 2021	This bill makes adjustments to the appropriations and reappropriations for state operations and aid programs in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The adjustments will be used in programs where the forecasted cost has risen or decreased due to circumstances that were unforeseen when appropriation bills were passed two years ago and subsequently amended by the Legislature in 2020
LB380	S	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2023	Speaker Hilgers	Appropriations	2/5/2021	Approved by Governor on April 26, 2021	The mainline appropriations bill for the biennium that begins July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2023. The measure includes the budget recommendations for all State operations and aid programs. Includes a 2% rate increase for Medicaid provider rates each year of the biennium (4% overall)
LB388	S	Adopt the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act	Sen. Friesen at Request of the Governor <u>Sen. Hilgers priority bill</u>	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/8/2021	Select File	Broadband grants and prioritization outlined as a priority in the Governor's State-of-the-State address. Support through NHA.

LB390	S	Change requirements to the Uniform Credentialing Act	Sen. Murman at Request of the Governor	HHS	2/11/2021	Approved by Governor on April 21, 2021	A priority of the Governor to increase access by permanently adopting universal licensing reciprocity. NMA opposes, NHA Neutral. Under AM743- physicians are excluded from licensing reciprocity.
LB392	O	To adopt the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act	Sen. Stinner	HHS	2/24/2021	In committee	A written agreement between a prescribing psychologist with a prescription certificate and a licensed physician. Under the collaborative practice agreement, the physician, who must have a relationship with the patient, is ultimately responsible for the patient. The agreement may allow a limit of psychotropic meds.
LB394	M	To adopt the Public Health Emergency Housing Protection Act	Sen. Morfeld	Judiciary	2/4/2021	In committee	Creates a moratorium on evictions during a public health emergency.
LB400	S	Change requirements for insurers and telehealth under the medical assistance program	Sen. Arch	HHS	2/5/2021	Approved by Governor on April 21, 2021	At request of Children's and the NHA, the bill seeks to permanently allow the following telehealth capabilities to remain post-COVID: 1. Audio-only for behavioral health; 2. Waive written consent; 3. Flexibility of originating site for patients. NHA supportive.
LB411	S	Requires changes to the health information exchange	Sen. Lathrop Speaker Priority Bill	HHS	2/10/2021	Final Reading	On or before Sept. 30, 2021, all health care facilities must participate in the designated health information exchange by submitting PHI. CyncHealth/ NEHII bill. Support through NEHII.
LB416	M	To require implicit bias training for all providers under the Uniform Credentialing Act	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	HHS	1/28/2021	In committee	All providers licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act must complete implicit bias training before given a license in NE. Program must be designed to expose unconscious bias and prejudices and to provide tools to change the way of thinking. The Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Act shall develop specific protocols for black expecting mothers who see a higher risk during pregnancy.
LB417	M	Authorizes a firearm on school grounds	Sen. Halloran	Judiciary	3/3/2021	In committee	Authorizes a law enforcement officer to possess a firearm on school grounds.
LB418	M	Adopt the Solemn Covenant of the States Award Prizes for Curing Diseases Compact	Sen. Murman	HHS	2/10/2021	In committee	The compact is enacted when 6 states participate; legislation pending in IA, SC, KY, HI, RI, NY. Led by State Rep. in Ohio to create a committee deciding what chronic disease the states should focus efforts and to offer prizes for cures.
LB422	O	Change the sales tax rate and impose sales tax on additional services	Sen. Briese	Revenue	2/3/2021	In committee	Adds a 5% sales tax rate to all services in NE effective Oct. 1, 2022.
LB425	S	Requires a needs assessment from DHHS	HHS Committee	HHS	2/4/2021	In committee	Requires the NE DHHS to complete a needs assessment and cost analysis for an inpatient adolescent psych unit within 60 days of effective date. Support through the NHA.

LB426	M	Require a needs assessment from DHHS on YRTC Kearney	HHS Committee	Appropriations	2/25/2021	In committee	Requires the NE DHHS to complete a needs assessment and cost analysis for capital improvements and necessary upgrades to YRTC Kearney.
LB427	M	Substance abuse and behavioral health treatment for juveniles	HHS Committee	HHS	2/3/2021	In committee	Disallows any institution under DHHS that provides inpatient or subacute substance abuse or behavioral health residential treatment for juveniles shall delay such treatment.
LB428	M	State that juveniles at YRTCs are to receive an appropriate education equivalent to educational opportunities offered in public schools	HHS Committee	HHS	2/3/2021	Select File	Requires YRTCs to maintain proper education for all juveniles in their care.
LB432	M	To change income tax rates	Revenue Committee	Revenue	3/4/2021	Select File	Adjusts tax brackets but does not yet specific the change in tax rate.
LB433	M	Change the sales and use tax rate	Revenue Committee	Revenue	3/4/2021	In committee	Specific change in tax rate marked with X and does not specify any changes to the sales and use tax code.
LB436	S	Change scope of practice under the Athletic Training Practice Act	Sen. B. Hansen	HHS	2/11/2021	General File	A bill brought by the Nebraska Athletic Trainers Association after a successful 407 process. Would allow Athletic Trainers (AT) to work up to the highest level of their credential and perform exams, assessments, prevention and wellness promotion, emergency care and therapeutic intervention. Does not include joint manipulation. Support through NATA.
LB437	M	Change provisions related to public assistance and Medicaid fraud	Sen. B. Hansen	HHS	1/28/2021	General File withi AM665	Changes sentencing and fine amounts.
LB440	M	Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act	Sen. M. Hansen	Business and Labor	2/8/2021	General File	Changes provisions relating to discrimination against a qualified individual with a disability
LB441	M	Nebraska's Workers Compensation Act	Sen. M. Hansen	Business and Labor	3/1/2021	In committee	Creates a retroactive fund for all essential workers who contracted COVID-19, or were exposed at work and required to quarantine, to pay work comp benefits. Employer must prove they contracted the virus elsewhere to deny claims. NE Chamber opposes.
LB447	S	A bill related to immunizations at a child care facility	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	HHS	2/4/2021	In committee	A bill sponsored by the NMA Immunization Task Force which seeks to remove the personal exemptions for child care facilities and make stronger immunization reporting requirements. NMA and NHA Support.

LB452	M	Adopt the Financial Literacy Act	Sen. McKinney <u>Speaker</u> <u>Priority Bill</u>	Education	2/1/2021	Select File	The bill would grant students the opportunity to gain an introduction to critical financial literacy fundamentals during early and secondary education. The overarching goal is to foster a generation of individuals who are economically balanced, sustained, ethical, and responsible.
LB456	M	The Nebraska Enhancing Broadband Act	Sen. Friesen	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/8/2021	In committee	
LB459	S	Increase the tobacco tax	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Revenue	3/3/2021	Identifintly Post-Poned (IPP)	The bill was introduced by Senator Terrell McKinney from North Omaha and is likely to be on the schedule for debate this week given it is designated as a speaker priority bill.
LB462	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. Dorn	Appropriations	2/25/2021	In committee	3% rate increase to behavioral health services. 3% increase to DHHS program 348 Medical Assistance Program and Program 347 Medicaid Expansion
LB463	M	Relating to Worker's Compensation Act	Sen. Arch	Business and Labor	2/1/2021	In committee	Allows employee's physician to attend examination.
LB464	M	State intent regarding behavioral health aid funding	Sen. Bostar	Appropriations	2/24/2021	In committee	Requires DHHS Program 38 Behavioral Health Aid designated funding to be allocated as need demonstrates.
LB473	M	Adopt the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Cost Act	Sen. DeBoer	Education	2/8/2021	General File with AM520	To appropriate \$3M in FY 21-22 to the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Cost Fund.
LB474	M	Adopt the Medicinal Cannabis Act	<u>Sen. Wishart</u>	Judiciary	3/10/2021	General File with AM824	A medical marijuana proposal with outlined civil and criminal penalties, making it unlawful to possess on school grounds or in child care facilities, or while driving a car. Employers are not required to accommodate the medicinal use of marijuana or cannabis. Payors not required to cover cost. Must be 21 or the legal guardian of the patient to register. NHA will monitor.
LB480	M	Change minimum wage	Sen. McKinney	Business and Labor	3/1/2021	In committee	Increases minimum wage by \$1 each year for a decade, landing on \$20/hour in FY 32-33.
LB485	M	Change provisions relating to child care assistance	<u>Sen. DeBoer</u>	HHS	2/10/2021	Final Reading	\$44M to expand eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy program to families whose income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level. The bill would also seek to address the child care cliff effect by allowing families to qualify for transitional child care assistance if their income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level
LB487	S	Change insurance provisions for mental health	Sen. Arch	<u>Banking.</u> <u>Commerce and</u> <u>Insurance</u>	2/1/2021	<u>Approved by Governor on April 21, 2021</u>	Telehealth payment parity for behavioral health. Support through NHA.

LB493	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	Appropriations	2/24/2021	In committee	\$17M each year of the biennium to fund all persons on the wait list for developmental disabilities.
LB494	M	To direct DHHS to apply for grant and create a data base	Sen. M. Cavanaugh	HHS	2/19/2021	In committee	Requires DHHS to apply for grants from HHS and to establish and maintain a data base to publish claims and payment information from health insurers. Data base may track information about health care utilization, quality and cost; monitor success of initiatives to improve population health,; variations in health care costs; promote accountability for MCOs to provide value-based care. NHA will oppose.
LB495	M	Increase in foster care reimbursement rates	Sen. Hilkemann	HHS	1/29/2021	In committee	Schedules an increase in reimbursement to foster families to create more stable homes. Increase is based on the recommendation of the Division of Children and Family Services report.
LB498	M	Relating to broadband services	Sen. DeBoer	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/9/2021	General File with AM363	Requires the Public Service Commission to implement a broadband testing and mapping program.
LB517	M	Relating to government documents	Sen. Hunt	Gov't, Military and VA	2/26/2021	AM333 filed	A bill to change gender designation on drivers' licenses and state ID cards and to provide a procedure for amending birth certificates.
LB527	M	To change school transition services	Sen. Walz Speaker Priority Bill	Education	2/16/2021	Final Reading	Each school district shall provide transition services for each student with a developmental disability no later than 14 years of age (currently 16).
LB529	S	Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts	Sen. Walz	Education	2/2/2021	Select File with ER31	Among the many provisions, the bill reintroduces the creation of a registry of social workers in each school and house that information at the NDE and DHHS (Sec. 9) to streamline communication between providers and educators. Nebraska Child Health and Education Alliance Priority Bill.
LB531	M	Adopt the Nebraska Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act	Sen. Briese	Revenue	2/4/2021	In committee	Created to maintain workforce and relieve cost of child care. Parents of children 12 and under and enrolled in a child care system may apply to the Dept. of Revenue to receive a nonrefundable tax credit against the income tax. Credit shall be equal to 50-75% of taxpayer's contribution and not to exceed \$100,000.
LB540	M	A bill related to civil rights	Sen. Walz	Gov't, Military and VA	3/4/2021	Select File	Changes terminology of disability and prohibits discrimination in places of public accommodation on the basis of disability.
LB541	M	To provide duties to the Division of Children and Family Services and DHHS	Sen. Walz	HHS	1/29/2021	In committee	By July 1, 2021 the Division of Children and Family Services and HHS shall implement a fourth tier of caregiving statewide as the specialized level of care with standardized rates for foster parents and child placing agencies.

LB546	M	To adopt the Marijuana Control Act and Marijuana Conviction Clean Slate Act	Sen. Wayne	Judiciary	2/19/2021	In committee	A bill seeking to remove marijuana from the controlled substance act and to change provisions relating to criminalization while imposing a sales tax on marijuana. Not only for medical purposes.
LB554	M	Adopt the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact	Sen. Blood	HHS	2/17/2021	In committee	Compact would require a sixty semester-hour master's degree in counseling or sixty semester-hours of graduate coursework in group counseling, professional counseling, etc.
LB565	M	Pilot program for youth initiated mentoring	Sen. McDonnell	Education	3/1/2021	In committee	NDE shall develop and implement a youth-initiated mentoring pilot program for school FY 21-22. Implemented in a high-poverty area in each of the congressional districts. Mentoring means interactions between a student and non-parental adult devoted to the development of the student
LB583	M	To require electronic issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances	Sen. Murman <u>Speaker</u> <u>Priority Bill</u>	HHS	2/5/2021	Presented to Governor on April 29, 2021	Beginning Jan. 1, 2022 all controlled substance prescriptions must be issued electronically. Exclusions include veterinarians, areas where e-prescribe is not available due to technical failure, issued to out-of-state pharmacies and mail-order prescription. NHA will monitor.
LB585	M	Appropriate funds to local public health departments	Sen. Vargas	Appropriations	2/25/2021	In committee	\$5M for local public health departments
LB597	M	Tax credit for parents of a stillborn child	Sen. Albrecht	Revenue	2/5/2021	In committee	A \$2,000 tax credit for parents of a stillborn child
LB600	M	Provide powers and duties for political subdivisions regarding broadband facilities and infrastructure	Sen. Brandt	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/9/2021	AM148 filed	Economic stimulus broadband initiative
LB604	M	Adopt the Nebraska Accelerated Broadband Deployment Grant Program Act	Sen. Geist	Transportation & Telecomm.	2/8/2021	In committee	The purpose of the Nebraska Accelerated Broadband Deployment Grant Program Act is to establish a competitive grant program to award grants directly to Internet service providers that seek to expand access to broadband Internet service in the state, particularly in unserved or underserved areas of the state
LB609	M	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act	Sen. Hilgers	HHS	2/11/2021	In committee	The department shall maintain a list of approved courses of study for the professions which are regulated by the Uniform Credentialing Act.

LB623	M	Adopt the Remote Instruction Act	Sen. Vargas	Education	2/8/2021	In committee	On or before August 1, 2022, each school board shall adopt a remote learning plan which shall include the school district's rules and procedures for offering remote instruction and describe the specific remote learning options offered by the school district to students for enrollment and the rights of students concerning enrollment in such remote learning options.
LB625	M	Impose a surtax on certain taxable income and use the tax proceeds for early childhood education	Sen. Vargas	Revenue	2/25/2021	Indefinitely postponed	A 4% surtax on high-income (\$1M) married individuals for the purpose of providing funds for early childhood education.4% on single tax filers making over \$500,000.
LB626	M	Change provisions of the Child and Maternal Death Review Act	Sen. Vargas	HHS	2/19/2021	General File with AM642	The members shall review the maternal death case abstracts with evidence-based best practices to determine: (a) If the death is pregnancy-related; (b) the cause of death; (c) if the death was preventable; (d) the factors that contributed to the death; (e) recommendations and actions that address those contributing factors; and (f) the anticipated impact of those actions if implemented.
LB630	M	Provide for a study of the efficacy of commercial air filters in classrooms	Sen. Bostar	HHS	3/1/2021	Select File	The NDE shall develop a pilot program to study the efficacy of commercial air filters in classrooms to remove common pollutants and particulate matter and their impact on academic and behavioral performance. The pilot shall include 50 participating schools with 6 participating classrooms in each participating school.
LB637	M	Change provisions relating to the control of contagious or infectious disease	Sen. Vargas	HHS	2/19/2021	In committee	Gives exclusive control and authority to local public health departments in an outbreak situation. Under the bill, the public health departments would be allowed to issue DHMs without staet approval.
LB638	M	Require a report on juveniles released by YRTC	HHS Committee	Judiciary	2/5/2021	In committee	Rates of recidivism and number of juveniles receiving services.
LB639	M	Adopt the Seizure Safe Schools Act	Sen. Day	Education	3/1/2021	Final Reading	Requires at least one school employee at each school to be trained to administer or assist with the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the FDA.
LB640	M	Change early childhood education funding	Sen. Day	Revenue	3/1/2021	In committee	Changes TEEOSA formula to benefit early childhood education

LB642	M	Provide for reimbursements to school districts and educational service units for mental health expenditures	Sen. Day	HHS	2/9/2021	In committee	In response to the growing mental health needs of students, NDE shall reimburse each qualifying school district and ESU for allowable mental health expenditures for students at a pro rata amount based on the reimbursement percentage as determined by the department.
LB643	O	Protect an individual liberty right to accept or decline a vaccination under a mandatory directive	Sen. B. Hansen	HHS	2/4/2021	In committee	To maintain the individual liberty, parental rights, and free market principles of the citizens and businesses of Nebraska during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, or anytime thereafter, it is the right of each citizen, the right of parents with respect to their dependents, and the right of each business with respect to its employees, to accept or decline a mandatory vaccination directive by the Nebraska state government. Declining a mandatory vaccination directive will deliver no implication, penalty, litigation, or punishment by the state to the citizen, parent, or business. Oppose through NHA, NMA.
LB645	M	Provide for enhanced penalties for violations of directed health measures committed by public officials	Sen. B. Hansen	Judiciary	2/4/2021	In committee	Any public official who signs, authorizes, or enacts a directed health measure and violates such measure shall be punished
LB662	M	Appropriate funds to DHHS	Sen. McDonnell	Appropriations	2/25/2021	In committee	\$1.98M for domestic violence
LB673	M	Adopt the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act	Sen. Murman	Education	2/9/2021	Indefinitely postponed	Each school district shall ensure that administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses, and counselors receive behavioral awareness and intervention training. All school employees shall have a basic awareness of the goals, strategies, and schoolwide plans included in such training.
LB677	M	Change eligibility for transitional child care assistance	Sen. Linehan	HHS	2/10/2021	In committee	A family shall continue to be eligible for transitional child care assistance if the family's income is below 200% FPL (now 185%)
LB680	M	Change the corporate income tax rate	Sen. Linehan	Revenue	2/25/2021	In committee	Reduces the top rate on state corporate income taxes from 7.84% to 6.84%, the same top rate paid on personal income taxes.
LR2CA	M	Constitutional amendment (CA) to legalize cannabis for persons 21 and older	Sen. Wayne	Judiciary	2/19/2021	In committee	Recreational and medicinal for persons over 21 years of age.
LR11CA	O	CA to require enactment of a consumption tax	Sen. Erdman	Revenue	2/3/2021	General File	Enacts a new consumption tax on all goods, except fuel. Oppose through Chamber and NHA.

LR13CA	M	CA to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes	Sen. Brewer	Education	2/8/2021	In committee	No more than 33% of funding for school funding shall come from property taxes.
LR21CA	M	CA to require the State to pay all classroom expenses	Sen. Briese	Education	3/1/2021	In committee	All public school expenses to be paid by the state
LR25	S	Creates the YRTC Special Oversight Committee	HHS Committee <u>Executive</u> <u>Board Priority</u> <u>Bill</u>	Executive Board	2/25/2021	President/ Speaker Signed March 24, 2021	Would require the Executive Board to appoint a Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Special Oversight Committee, effectively extending the special committee created by LB 1144 in 2020, which terminated on December 31, 2020.
LR27CA	M	CA to provide legislative authority in emergencies resulting from a pandemic	Sen. M. Hansen	Gov't, Military and VA	2/26/2021	In committee	Language includes "during a pandemic" for the prompt convening of the Legislature in extraordinary circumstances.