

Disability Rights Nebraska Legislative Agenda 2025

High Priority Bills

Bill	Introducer	Status	Description	Position
96	Dungan	HHS Hrng: 3/13	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file certain 1115 waivers <i>1115 waiver for a prisoner reentry demonstration and a 1115 waiver for support post-incarceration</i>	Support
149	Hansen	Education	Eliminate the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade <i>Repeals prohibition on pre-K thru 2nd grade suspensions</i>	Oppose
220	Cavanaugh, M.	Executive Board Hrng: 3/6	Provide for developmental and intellectual disability impact notes for legislation <i>Requires disability impact note on selected legislation to estimate impact on people with developmental disabilities; limited to developmental disability; researcher can consult with "subject matter experts"</i>	Neutral
322	Clouse	Judiciary Hrng: 2/12	Prohibit assault on a pharmacist and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals <i>Adds pharmacists to assault statutes</i>	Oppose
336	Conrad	Business & Labor Hrng: 3/17	Create the Task Force on Supported Employment <i>Taskforce studies and provides policy recommendations to increase Supported Employment for people with disabilities</i>	Support
352	Ballard	Education Hrng: 1/27	Change provisions relating to reports on student achievement and discipline required under the Quality Education Accountability Act <i>Create public-facing database to show data on school discipline, restraint, and seclusion .</i>	Support
430	Murman	Education	Provide an additional exception to the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade and change provisions relating to short-term and long-term suspension under the Student Discipline Act <i>* Schools can suspend Pre-K - 2nd Grade if student "Engages in violent behavior capable of causing physical harm to another student or school employee * Schools have reporting requirements when considering suspension or when suspending any student</i>	Oppose
453	DeBoer	Jdiciary Hrng: 3/6	Change requirements for background checks for guardians and conservators <i>Requires state patrol to get fingerprints in addition to a criminal background check for guardians.</i>	Support
535	Kauth	Judiciary Hrng: 2/12	Prohibit assault on a frontline behavioral health provider or health care worker and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals <i>expands coverage to Frontline behavioral health provider means a direct support professional for people with intellectual/developmental disability (see section 77-3155)</i>	Oppose
706	McKinney	Judiciary Hrng: 3/27	Require adult protective services social workers to accompany law enforcement officers <i>Crisis Intervention; social workers trained in crisis intervention, trauma-informed care, bias reduction, and cultural sensitivity dispatched with officer if responding to a call involving persons with a history of or currently displaying signs of mental illness (a) Whether the individual has threatened self-harm or to harm others;(b) Indications of disorientation, hallucinations, or paranoia; and (c) Whether the caller is aware of any history of mental illness of such individual. Each law enforcement agency in state must adopt and file a plan on crisis intervention (Law enforcement agency means the police department or the town marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of sheriff in unincorporated areas, the Nebraska State Patrol, and Class I railroad police departments)</i>	Support

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Medium Priority Bills

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87	Dorn	HHS Hrng: 1/31	<p style="text-align: center;">Provide for a statewide support service provider program for deaf-blind persons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Requires the Commission for the Blind and Visually impaired to develop a support services provider program. The program would help a blind/deaf person toward independent living and participation in society.</i></p>	Support
99	Spivey	Judiciary Hrng: 1/24	<p style="text-align: center;">Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Limit solitary to 15 days consecutive and prohibit double bunking in solitary</i></p>	Support
15	Dungan	Approp Hrng: 3/19	<p style="text-align: center;">State intent regarding appropriations for interpreter services for the Supreme Court</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1.2 mill for interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing as well as persons unable to communicate in English language</i></p>	Support
223	Guereca	Judiciary Hrng: 1/30	<p style="text-align: center;">Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Can't refuse to rent to someone if they have lawful source of income: income from social security, child support, foster care subsidies, alimony, veterans benefits, or any other form of federal, state, or local public general assistance or housing assistance</i></p>	Support
454	Quick	HHS Hrng: 2/28	<p style="text-align: center;">Change provisions relating to regional behavioral health authority and the Behavioral Health Services Fund and provide for a pilot project</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Use Behavioral Health Services Act funds for a pilot project for some new service for a year; may turn into new service; adds substance abuse to eligibility for Behavioral Health Services Fund for housing (now only people with mental illness eligible)</i></p>	Neutral