

LEGISLATIVE BILL 511

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2015

Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state findings; and to require schools to develop return-to-learn protocols for pediatric cancer survivors returning to school as prescribed.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

(1) Pediatric cancer is the number one cause of death due to disease in the United States for children from birth to fourteen years of age;

(2) Nebraska ranks fifth in the United States in incidence of pediatric cancer;

(3) Eighty percent of children with the most common types of pediatric cancer will survive but the majority of pediatric cancer survivors will have chronic medical conditions for the rest of their lives; and

(4) Pediatric cancer survivors returning to school after successful treatment have specific cognitive, behavioral, physical, developmental, and social impairments that must be accommodated in order for the survivors to achieve their full educational potential.

Sec. 2. Each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school shall establish a return-to-learn protocol for students returning to school after being treated for pediatric cancer. The return-to-learn protocol shall recognize that students who have been treated for pediatric cancer and returned to school may need informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum, and monitoring by medical or academic staff.