

# Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska. We write to extend our support for LB 632, now AM 1643 to LB 705.

We often hear from advocates and families about the increasing use of suspensions and sending students with disabilities home early (so-called “informal” suspensions) as a means of behavior management or seemingly for staff convenience. However this significantly impacts the student’s education and is overall detrimental. This practice also impacts the family as parents are forced to leave or take time from work. In-school methods are preferable to suspensions, especially at such a young age.

Disability Rights Nebraska recommends advancing LB 632 as AM 1643 to LB 705.

Sincerely,

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