



# NEBRASKA

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### PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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**PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:** Recommend Standards for School Safety and Security

**RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Statute 79-2,144, passed by the Legislature in 2014, required the Commissioner to appoint a School Security Director who is responsible to provide leadership and support for safety and security for the public schools. A requirement within the duties includes recommending a set of minimum standards for school security to the State Board of Education. The first presentation occurred January 7, 2016. Since that date, members of the original writing committee have made adjustments and clarifications to the proposed standards. The set of attached safety and security standards are being recommended for acceptance by the State Board of Education in order to guide and support Nebraska schools as work continues to make schools safe and secure for all students.

**ESTIMATED COST:** N/A