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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 852**

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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide for behavioral health
- 2 points of contact; and to provide duties for the State Department of
- 3 Education, the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of
- 4 Health and Human Services, and school districts.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   (1) On or before August 1, 2023, each school district  
2 shall designate one or more behavioral health points of contact for each  
3 school building or other division as determined by the school district. A  
4 behavioral health point of contact may be an administrator, a school  
5 nurse, a school psychologist, or another designated school employee. Each  
6 behavioral health point of contact shall have knowledge of community  
7 behavioral health service providers and other resources available for  
8 students and families.

9           (2) On or before August 1, 2023, and on or before each August 1  
10 thereafter, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the  
11 Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services, shall provide each school district with a registry of state and  
13 local behavioral health resources available to work with students and  
14 families by geographic area. The registry shall be updated at least  
15 annually and include resources for both school-based services and  
16 services accessible by students families outside of school.

17           (3) Each behavioral health point of contact shall coordinate access  
18 to community behavioral health services for students and families and  
19 facilitate access to services during the school day at the school the  
20 student attends whenever possible. Except as provided in section 43-2101,  
21 such facilitation shall be approved by the student's parent or guardian.

22           (4) Before the beginning of school year 2023-24, and before the  
23 beginning of each school year thereafter, each school district shall  
24 report the designated behavioral health points of contact to the State  
25 Department of Education.