



# LB 67: Providing Survivors of Sexual Assault with Complete Emergency Care

This bill ensures survivors are provided **trauma-informed, medically accurate and comprehensive health care post-assault.**

In just one year in Nebraska, there were  
**1,592 CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

a number which does not account for all sexual assaults given the low rates of reporting.<sup>1</sup>

**43%**  
of victims were  
**12 or younger**

**21%**  
of victims were  
**ages 13 or 17**

The vast majority of sexual assault victims are **women (83%)**, a significant percentage of those victims are of **reproductive age**.

All **women and girls** deserve access to **medically accurate information and best health care practices** if they choose to **prevent a possible pregnancy that results from a sexual assault.**



When survivors first enter a hospital to seek care, many are experiencing trauma associated with the assault. During this time, it's critical that medical care providers and advocates **provide timely, appropriate and compassionate care** so a survivor's immediate injuries are appropriately taken care of, and—equally important—to reduce the likelihood of re-traumatization.

**Emergency contraception is an integral component of a comprehensive medical response to sexual assault.** Emergency contraception, a form of birth control, prevents a pregnancy before it starts by delaying and preventing ovulation. It is not effective if a person is already pregnant. Denying or withholding information and access to emergency contraception leaves survivors vulnerable to an unplanned pregnancy resulting from a sexual assault.

For 30 years, emergency contraceptives have been a safe and effective method for preventing pregnancy.<sup>2</sup> Research shows that the rape-related pregnancy rate is between 5% - 7% among victims of reproductive age (12 to 45).<sup>3</sup> Unintended pregnancy is especially high among youth assault victims because of their relatively low use of contraception and because they are more likely to be repeatedly assaulted and victimized by family or trusted people.<sup>4</sup>

LB 67 aligns with the Women's Fund values of **Community Voice** and **Bodily Autonomy**. To learn more about our mission, vision and values, visit [www.OmahaWomensFund.org](http://www.OmahaWomensFund.org).



