

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 316

Introduced by Enrollment and Review Committee: McGill, 26,  
Chairperson

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. The Special Education Services Task Force is  
4 created. Members of the task force shall be appointed on or before  
5 July 1, 2007, and shall include:

6           (1) The chairperson of the Education Committee of the  
7 Legislature and one other member of such committee;

8           (2) One member of the Legislature who is not a member of  
9 the Education Committee;

10          (3) One parent who has a child receiving special  
11 education services in a private setting;

12          (4) Two parents who have children receiving special  
13 education services in a school district;

14          (5) Two educational service unit special education  
15 teachers;

16          (6) One public school special education teacher;

17          (7) One public school special education director or  
18 educational service unit special education director;

19          (8) One private school principal or director;

20          (9) One school board member;

21          (10) One representative of the State Department of  
22 Education who has expertise in special education;

23          (11) One representative of the Department of Health and

1 Human Services who has expertise in the placement of state wards;  
2 and

3 (12) One representative of a private provider of special  
4 education services.

5 The members listed in subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
6 this section shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the  
7 Legislative Council. The member listed in subdivision (10) of this  
8 section shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education. All  
9 other members shall be appointed by the Governor.

10 Sec. 2. The chairperson of the Education Committee of  
11 the Legislature shall be the chairperson of the Special Education  
12 Services Task Force and shall call the initial and subsequent  
13 meetings of the task force. Members of the task force shall  
14 be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred  
15 in carrying out their duties as members of the task force as  
16 provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The Education Committee  
17 of the Legislature, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and the State  
18 Department of Education shall provide research and administrative  
19 support for the task force. For budgetary purposes only, the task  
20 force shall be within the Legislative Council.

21 Sec. 3. The Special Education Services Task Force shall  
22 examine the provision of special education services in Nebraska.  
23 The task force shall make recommendations for policies and  
24 potential legislation to the Clerk of the Legislature and the  
25 Education Committee of the Legislature on or before December 31,  
26 2007. The examination of special education services shall include,  
27 but not be limited to:

- 1           (1) Applicable federal and state laws;  
2           (2) The provision of special education services in other  
3 states;  
4           (3) Application of the least-restrictive-environment  
5 doctrine;  
6           (4) The availability of special education services across  
7 the state;  
8           (5) The use of private providers of special education  
9 services by public school districts;  
10           (6) The use of private providers of special education  
11 services by private citizens; and  
12           (7) The provision of special education services for wards  
13 of the state or wards of the court.

14           The task force may hold one or more public hearings to  
15 obtain input.

16           Sec. 4. The Special Education Services Task Force  
17 terminates on December 31, 2007.

18           Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
19 when passed and approved according to law.