



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 455**

Hearing Date: February 27, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (White)

Title: Allow school districts to exceed applicable allowable growth rate for increased energy or insurance costs

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Ashford

Proponents:
Senator Tom White
Larry Scherer

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 455 would amend § 79-1028 by adding exclusions from the school district applicable allowable growth rate for increases in energy costs and increases in health insurance costs.

Class II, II, IV, V, and VI districts would be allowed to exceed the applicable allowable growth rate if the increase in energy costs would exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI). The exception would be in the amount necessary to fund the increased costs. Energy costs would include gasoline, oil, diesel fuel, electricity, propane, heating oil, natural gas, and any other

similar substances necessary for district transportation vehicles and for heating and cooling district facilities.

Class II, II, IV, V, and VI districts would also be allowed to exceed the applicable allowable growth rate if the increase in health insurance costs would exceed the percentage increase in the CPI. The department would compute the actual increased costs, which would be the amount of the exception.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson