



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 72

Hearing Date: January 30, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Fischer, 43)
Title: Prohibit beginning a school year before Labor Day

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:
Senator Deb Fischer
Mary Mercure

Representing:
Introducer
Valentine Chamber of Commerce / Niobrara
River Outfitters Association

Opponents:
Brian Hale
Jess Wolf
Brian L. Halstead

Representing:
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska Department of Education

Neutral:
Al Inzerello

Representing:
Westside Community Schools

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 72 would prohibit school districts from commencing the school year until after Labor Day beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

The bill would not prohibit any of the following:

- (a) athletic contests or practices before Labor Day;
 - (b) scheduling in-service days or work days before Labor Day; and
 - (c) holding school year-round.
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School boards may commence a school year before Labor Day if the school board requests and is granted permission from the State Department of Education. The Department may grant a request only if it determines that there are extraordinary reasons for doing so.

The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations.

For the purposes of the bill, Labor Day means the first Monday in September.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson