



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 139

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 13, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 139 would establish a hardship fund to address the unexpected costs of special education and related services, such as required residential care in another school district, for a student who is not a ward of the state or any court. School districts would be able to access the fund once per student by demonstrating the following:

1. The district did not and could not have reasonably anticipated the costs prior to September 20 of the school year in which reimbursement is sought;
2. The costs will have an extreme financial impact on the district; and
3. Such financial impact is greater than the lesser of the following:
 - a. three times the average per pupil cost based on the average daily membership expenditures in the state for the previous school fiscal year, or
 - b. five percent of the requesting school district's total general fund expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Flood