



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 651

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 6, 2007

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

Legislative Bill 651 is the Department of Education technical bill for 2007. There would be an increase the maximum fees for entry-level certificates by \$10 from \$45 to \$55 for certificates valid in all schools and from \$30 to \$40 for certificates valid only in nonpublic schools. A public hearing requirement would be eliminated for itemized estimates for environmental hazards, accessibility barrier elimination, or modifications for life safety code violations, indoor air quality, or mold abatement and prevention. Other substantive changes would include allowing State Board of Education members to be candidates for state offices, reducing the time a district would be allowed to contract for the instruction of all students from 3 years to 2 years, and a requirement for districts to provide transportation allowances to parents of students who live more than 3 miles from the pick up point for transportation provided by the school. The measure would also clarify or make minor revisions to provisions for exempt schools, student transportation, residency, option enrollment, student records, school district reporting requirements, school board meetings, budget exceptions, appeal information for special education, and reorganization of educational service units. The sections regarding the Nebraska Equal Opportunity for Displaced Homemakers Act and the Diagnostic Resource Center in Cozad would be outright repealed.

Principal Introducer:

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