

AMENDMENTS TO LB 545

(Amendments to AM1119)

Introduced by Council, 11.

1           1. Strike amendments 1 and 2 and all amendments thereto.

2           2. Insert the following new sections:

3           Sec. 9. Section 79-1007.16, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5           79-1007.16 (1) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each  
6 school fiscal year thereafter, except as provided in subsection (2)  
7 of this section, the department shall calculate basic funding for  
8 each district as follows:

9           ~~(1)~~ (a) A comparison group shall be established for each  
10 district consisting of the districts for which basic funding is  
11 being calculated, the five larger districts that are closest in  
12 size to the district for which basic funding is being calculated as  
13 measured by formula students, and the five smaller districts that  
14 are closest in size to the district for which basic funding is  
15 being calculated as measured by formula students. If there are not  
16 five districts that are larger than the district for which basic  
17 funding is being calculated or if there are not five districts  
18 that are smaller than the district for which basic funding is  
19 being calculated, the comparison group shall consist of only as  
20 many districts as fit the criteria. If more than one district  
21 has exactly the same number of formula students as the largest or  
22 smallest district in the comparison group, all of the districts

1 with exactly the same number of formula students as the largest or  
2 smallest districts in the comparison group shall be included in the  
3 comparison group. If one or more districts have exactly the same  
4 number of formula students as the district for which basic funding  
5 is being calculated, all such districts shall be included in the  
6 comparison group in addition to the five larger districts and the  
7 five smaller districts. The comparison group shall remain the same  
8 for the final calculation of aid pursuant to section 79-1065;

9 ~~(2)~~ (b) For districts with nine hundred or more  
10 formula students, basic funding shall equal the adjusted formula  
11 students multiplied by the average of the adjusted general fund  
12 operating expenditures per formula student for each district in  
13 the comparison group, excluding both the district with the highest  
14 adjusted general fund operating expenditures per adjusted formula  
15 student and the district with the lowest adjusted general fund  
16 operating expenditures per formula student of the districts in the  
17 comparison group; and

18 ~~(3)~~ (c) For districts with fewer than nine hundred  
19 formula students, basic funding shall equal the product of the  
20 average of the adjusted general fund operating expenditures for  
21 each district in the comparison group, excluding both the district  
22 with the highest adjusted general fund operating expenditures  
23 and the district with the lowest adjusted general fund operating  
24 expenditures of the districts in the comparison group.

25 (2) For school fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11, the  
26 department shall calculate basic funding for each district as  
27 follows:

1           (a) A comparison group shall be established for each  
2 district consisting of the districts for which basic funding is  
3 being calculated, the five larger districts that are closest in  
4 size to the district for which basic funding is being calculated as  
5 measured by formula students, and the five smaller districts that  
6 are closest in size to the district for which basic funding is  
7 being calculated as measured by formula students. If there are not  
8 five districts that are larger than the district for which basic  
9 funding is being calculated or if there are not five districts  
10 that are smaller than the district for which basic funding is  
11 being calculated, the comparison group shall consist of only as  
12 many districts as fit the criteria. If more than one district  
13 has exactly the same number of formula students as the largest or  
14 smallest district in the comparison group, all of the districts  
15 with exactly the same number of formula students as the largest or  
16 smallest districts in the comparison group shall be included in the  
17 comparison group. If one or more districts have exactly the same  
18 number of formula students as the district for which basic funding  
19 is being calculated, all such districts shall be included in the  
20 comparison group in addition to the five larger districts and the  
21 five smaller districts. The comparison group shall remain the same  
22 for the final calculation of aid pursuant to section 79-1065;

23           (b) For districts with nine hundred or more formula  
24 students, basic funding shall equal the adjusted formula students  
25 multiplied by the average of the adjusted general fund operating  
26 expenditures per formula student for each district in the  
27 comparison group, excluding both the district with the highest

1 adjusted general fund operating expenditures per adjusted formula  
2 student and the district with the lowest adjusted general fund  
3 operating expenditures per formula student of the districts in the  
4 comparison group, multiplied by 0.99; and

5 (c) For districts with fewer than nine hundred formula  
6 students, basic funding shall equal the product of the average  
7 of the adjusted general fund operating expenditures for each  
8 district in the comparison group, excluding both the district  
9 with the highest adjusted general fund operating expenditures  
10 and the district with the lowest adjusted general fund operating  
11 expenditures of the districts in the comparison group, multiplied  
12 by 0.99.

13 Sec. 10. Section 79-1007.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
14 Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 79-1007.24 (1) For school fiscal year 2008-09, aid  
16 stabilization shall be calculated for each local system and  
17 disbursed in an amount equal to the difference of the state  
18 aid paid to such local system for school fiscal year 2007-08  
19 pursuant to section 79-1022 minus two and one-half percent of the  
20 need calculated for the school fiscal year for which aid is being  
21 calculated and minus the sum of the calculated equalization aid,  
22 allocated income tax funds, and net option funding for such school  
23 fiscal year, except that aid stabilization shall not be less than  
24 zero.

25 (2) For school fiscal year 2009-10, aid stabilization  
26 shall be calculated for each local system and disbursed in an  
27 amount equal to the difference of the state aid paid to such local

1 system for school fiscal year 2007-08 pursuant to section 79-1022  
2 minus ~~five~~ three and one-half percent of the need calculated for  
3 the school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated and minus  
4 the sum of the calculated equalization aid, allocated income tax  
5 funds, and net option funding for such school fiscal year, except  
6 that aid stabilization shall not be less than zero.

7 (3) For school fiscal year 2010-11, aid stabilization  
8 shall be calculated for each local system and disbursed in an  
9 amount equal to the difference of the state aid paid to such  
10 local system for school fiscal year 2007-08 pursuant to section  
11 79-1022 minus five percent of the need calculated for the school  
12 fiscal year for which aid is being calculated and minus the sum  
13 of the calculated equalization aid, allocated income tax funds, and  
14 net option funding for such school fiscal year, except that aid  
15 stabilization shall not be less than zero.

16 3. Amend the repealer, renumber the remaining sections,  
17 and correct internal references accordingly.