

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB476

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 10, 2009
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Stuthman
One Liner: Adopt the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Ashford, Avery, Cornett, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Arnie Stuthman
Richard Katt

Sarah Novotny
Jane Miller
Dan Novak
Delayne Havlovic

Jayne Mann
Dwayne Probyn

Roy Baker
Patricia Arneson

Tim Esser
Todd Baker
Kathy Gifford

Mike Zabrocki
Jessica Kolterman
Kristen Eggerling
Makayla Hipke

Jay Sears

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Education & State Board of Education
Nebraska FFA Association
DECA/Voc Ed
Elmwood-Murdock Schools
Association for Career & Technical Education of Nebraska, Nebraska State Business Education Association, Future Business Leaders of America
Wortman Motor Company
NAMC, Dream It Do It, Skills USA & Future Farmers of America
Norris School District 160
Wayne State College, School of Business & Technology, Career Student Organizations, Phi Beta Lambda, Skills USA, Nebraska State Business Education Association
Central Valley Ag
Skills USA
Family ; Career & Community Leaders of America, Health Occupation Students of America, Kearney High School
Nebraska Deca
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Nebraska Cattlemen
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, & Stuart High School
Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 476 would establish the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning within the State Department of Education. The center would provide ongoing financial and administrative support for state leadership and administration of Nebraska career education student organizations, create and coordinate opportunities for students to participate in educational activities outside the normal classroom, and partner with state and local organizations to share research and identify best practices that can be disseminated to schools and community organizations.

The bill states findings related to career education student organizations and extended learning opportunities. For purposes of the act, career education student organization is defined as an organization for individuals enrolled in a career and technical education program that engages career and technical education activities as an integral part of the instructional program. Career and technical education would include programs in the areas of agriculture, food, and natural resources; architecture and construction; arts, audiovisual, technology, and communication; business management and administration; education and training; finance; government and public administration; health science; hospitality and tourism; human services; information technology; law, public safety, and security; marketing; manufacturing; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and transportation, distribution, and logistics.

The bill contains language stating the intent of the Legislature to appropriate at least \$450,000 each fiscal year to support the center.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment would strike section 5 of the bill, which states that it is the intent of the Legislature to provide not less than \$450,000 each fiscal year to support the proposed center.

The amendment would add new sections to the bill to insert the emergency clause, repeal the Career Education Partnership Act, and provide an effective date of July 1, 2009.

The amendment would also insert an additional finding which states the need to establish a statewide structure that supports existing and emerging curriculum and program offerings with student leadership development opportunities and experiences.

Greg Adams, Chairperson