

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB578

Hearing Date: Monday February 09, 2009
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Fulton
One Liner: State intent relating to the state aid distribution to schools

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Adams, Ashford, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Avery, Cornett
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Tony Fulton
Larry Scherer

Representing:
Introducer
NSEA

Opponents:
John Bonaiuto

Representing:
NASB

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 578 would require school districts to spend a certain percentage of state aid on teachers' salaries and benefits. That percentage would be equivalent to the percentage of the budget used for the salaries and benefits. The state aid would include aid from the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA), apportionment, Education Trust funds, and school breakfast funds. The state aid may include fines and licenses, forest reserve funds, public grazing funds, flood control funds, and Federal Mineral Leasing Act funds depending on interpretation.

An intent of the Legislature would also state that public school teachers should be paid the same percentage of state aid as required to be spent on teacher salaries and benefits.

Greg Adams, Chairperson