



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 461

Chairperson: Greg Adams
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 10, 2009

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

Legislative Bill 461 would amend duties of the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education. The bill would amend various sections of statute to:

- Eliminate the duty of the Commissioner of Education to “decide disputed points of school law, which decisions shall have the force of law until changed by the courts”;
- Insert new language to provide the Commissioner with the authority to “faithfully execute the policies and directives of the State Board of Education”;
- Specify that the Commissioner of Education shall not be a member of the State Board of Education;
- Eliminate language prohibiting an individual from serving on the State Board of Education if he or she is a candidate for state office;
- Eliminate the requirement that the State Board meet during the first full week of June and December each year; and
- Require all meetings of the State Board to be called in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Principal Introducer:

_____ **Senator Greg Adams**