



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 549

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 549 is the K-12 education technical bill for 2009. Substantive changes would include reducing the time a district would be allowed to contract for the instruction of all students from 3 years to 2 years, adding 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, authorizing statewide regional networks for the provision of services to children with disabilities, and revising procedures for appointing surrogate parents for children with disabilities. A public hearing requirement would also 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. The measure would clarify or make minor revisions to provisions for exempt schools, student transportation, option enrollment, student records, school district reporting requirements, school board meetings, school finance, reorganization of educational service units, and veteran education. The sections regarding the Nebraska Equal Opportunity for Displaced Homemakers Act, the Diagnostic Resource Center in Cozad, and the obsolete distribution formula for core service funding would be outright repealed.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Greg Adams