

AMENDMENTS TO LB 996

Introduced by Wightman

1           1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Sec. 2. (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of section  
4 79-201, a child who is at least sixteen years of age but less than  
5 eighteen years of age may withdraw from school before graduation  
6 and be exempt from such requirements if such child meets the  
7 requirements of this section for withdrawal.

8           (2) On or before August 1, 2012, the school board or  
9 board of education of each school district shall designate the  
10 appropriate employees of the school district to conduct exit  
11 interviews for (a) children enrolled in a school operated by the  
12 school district and (b) children who reside in the school district,  
13 are not enrolled in a school operated by a school district in  
14 Nebraska, and are not otherwise exempt from the requirements of  
15 section 79-201. Each school board and board of education shall also  
16 assure that such designations are revised as necessary.

17           (3) The exit interview shall be personally attended by:  
18 (a) The child's parent or legal guardian; (b) the child; (c)  
19 each designated appropriate school employee; and (d) the child's  
20 principal or the principal's designee if the child at the time of  
21 the exit interview is enrolled in a school operated by the school  
22 district. The withdrawal shall only be granted if it is due to: (i)  
23 Financial hardship and the child must be employed to support his

1 or her family or a dependent; (ii) illness; or (iii) an order by a  
2 court that has jurisdiction over the child.

3 (4) A withdrawal shall only be effective upon agreement  
4 of: (a) The child's parent or legal guardian; (b) the child;  
5 and (c) the principal or the principal's designee if the child  
6 is enrolled in a school operated by the school district or a  
7 designated appropriate school employee if the child at the time  
8 of the exit interview is not enrolled in a school operated by  
9 the school district. The child's parent or legal guardian and the  
10 principal, principal's designee, or designated appropriate school  
11 employee shall indicate agreement to the withdrawal by providing  
12 written consent for the child to withdraw from school. The child  
13 shall indicate agreement to the withdrawal by providing written  
14 acknowledgment of withdrawal which shall include a statement that  
15 the child and the child's parent or legal guardian understand that:

16 (a) Withdrawing from school is likely to reduce the  
17 child's future earnings and increase the child's likelihood of  
18 being unemployed in the future; and

19 (b) Alternative educational opportunities, including  
20 vocational courses of study, have been offered to the child by the  
21 school district.

22 Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 4 of this act become operative  
23 August 1, 2012. Section 2 of this act becomes operative July  
24 15, 2012. The other section of this act becomes operative on its  
25 effective date.

26 2. On page 3, line 1, reinstate the stricken "(c)" and  
27 insert "Has withdrawn from school pursuant to section 2 of this

- 1 act;"; and in lines 4, 13, and 24 strike the new matter and
- 2 reinstate the stricken matter.
- 3           3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.