

AMENDMENTS TO LB 996

Introduced by Wightman

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

3 Sec. 2. (1) A person who has legal or actual charge or
4 control of a child who is at least sixteen years of age but less
5 than eighteen years of age may withdraw such child from school
6 before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance
7 requirements of section 79-201 if an exit interview is conducted
8 and the withdrawal form is signed as required by this section.

9 (2) Upon the written request of any person who has
10 legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least
11 sixteen years of age but less than eighteen years of age,
12 the superintendent of a school district or the superintendent's
13 designee shall conduct an exit interview if the child (a) is
14 enrolled in a school operated by the school district or (b)
15 resides in the school district and is enrolled in a private,
16 denominational, or parochial school or a school which elects
17 pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval
18 requirements.

19 (3) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee
20 shall set the time and place for the exit interview which shall
21 be personally attended by: (a) The child, unless the withdrawal is
22 being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at
23 the exit interview impossible or impracticable; (b) the person who

1 has legal or actual charge or control of the child who requested
2 the exit interview; (c) the superintendent or the superintendent's
3 designee; (d) the child's principal or the principal's designee
4 if the child at the time of the exit interview is enrolled in a
5 school operated by the school district; and (e) any other person
6 requested by any of the required parties who agrees to attend
7 the exit interview and is available at the time designated for
8 the exit interview which may include, but need not be limited
9 to, other school district personnel or the child's principal or
10 such principal's designee if the child is enrolled in a private,
11 denominational, or parochial school.

12 (4) At the exit interview, the person making the written
13 request pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall present
14 evidence that (a) the person has legal or actual charge or control
15 of the child and (b) the child would be withdrawing due to
16 either (i) financial hardships requiring the child to be employed
17 to support the child's family or one or more dependents of the
18 child or (ii) an illness of the child making attendance impossible
19 or impracticable. The superintendent or superintendent's designee
20 shall identify all known alternative educational opportunities,
21 including vocational courses of study, that are available to the
22 child in the school district and how withdrawing from school
23 is likely to reduce potential future earnings for the child
24 and increase the likelihood of the child being unemployed in
25 the future. Any other relevant information may be presented and
26 discussed by any of the parties in attendance.

27 (5)(a) At the conclusion of the exit interview, the

1 person making the written request pursuant to subsection (2) of
2 this section may sign the withdrawal form provided by the school
3 district agreeing to the withdrawal of the child or may rescind the
4 written request for the withdrawal.

5 (b) Any withdrawal form signed by the person making
6 the written request pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
7 shall be valid only if (i) the child signs the form unless the
8 withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making
9 attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable and
10 (ii) the superintendent or superintendent's designee signs the form
11 acknowledging that the interview was held, the required information
12 was provided and discussed at the interview, and, in the opinion
13 of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, the person
14 making the written request pursuant to subsection (2) of this
15 section does in fact have legal or actual charge or control of the
16 child and the child is experiencing either (A) financial hardships
17 requiring the child to be employed to support the child's family
18 or one or more dependents of the child or (B) an illness making
19 attendance impossible or impracticable.

20 (6) A child who has been withdrawn from school pursuant
21 to this section may enroll in a school district at a later
22 date as provided in section 79-215 or may enroll in a private,
23 denominational, or parochial school or a school which elects
24 pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval
25 requirements. Any such enrollment shall void the withdrawal form
26 previously entered, and the provisions of sections 79-201 through
27 79-210 shall apply to the child.

1 (7) The Commissioner of Education shall prescribe the
2 required form for withdrawals pursuant to this section and
3 determine and direct either that (a) withdrawal forms of school
4 districts for any child who is withdrawn from school pursuant to
5 this section and subdivision (3)(c) of section 79-201 shall be
6 provided annually to the State Department of Education or (b) data
7 regarding such students shall be collected under subsection (2) of
8 section 79-528.

9 2. On page 3, line 1, reinstate the stricken "(c)" and
10 insert "Has reached sixteen years of age and has been withdrawn
11 from school pursuant to section 2 of this act;"; and in lines 4,
12 13, and 24 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.

13 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.