

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1105

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2012

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

LB 1105 is the annual technical bill for preschool through high school education. In addition to harmonizing changes and the elimination of obsolete provisions, substantive modifications include:

1. Modifying enrollment option for students affected by a change in residency or a merger;
2. Clarifying that the enrollment option program does not relieve parents of compulsory attendance obligations;
3. Eliminating the requirement for the Department of Education to reimburse school districts for transportation expenses for qualifying option students
4. Adding tuition paid and transportation fees paid to other districts into general fund operating expenditures for calculating state aid;
5. Eliminating an exception to spending limitations for payments for the transfer of land;
6. Allow programs funded by the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund to continue serving at-risk children who turn three until the end of the program year;
7. Replacing the term "mentally retarded" with "intellectually disabled";
8. Clarifying that the final deadline for distance education equipment reimbursement applications is July 1, 2013 and that the final reimbursements will be made in fiscal year 2013-14; and
9. Moving reporting deadlines for learning communities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Greg Adams