

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB333

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 24, 2011

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

Legislative Bill 333 would implement recommendations of the Education Committee contained in the LR 542 report affecting the Department of Education. The proposal would remove the requirements for a student achievement coordinator and for multicultural education. The proposal would also transfer funding for Early Childhood Education Grants, high ability learner grants, an integrated information system, and the Center for Student Leadership and Extended Learning to lottery funds. The transfer for Early Childhood Education Grants would only be for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal years while the other transfers would continue until 2016, when all current lottery allocations expire. The Excellence in Teaching Act would be limited to providing loans to students who are currently in the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program for 2011-12 and 2012-13. In 2013-14, both the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching and the Attracting Excellence to Teaching programs would be restored to their current levels. The fees for teaching certificates and permits would be increased by \$15 to transfer funding for investigations and prosecution to the Certification Fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator