

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB575

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 08, 2011

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

LB 575 creates the Military Children Educational Opportunity Act. It is the purpose of the act to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district or variations in entrance or age requirements;
- Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment;
- Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities;
- Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families;
- Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among schools and military families under the act; and
- Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents, and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

Noncompliance by a school district with the act would result in the loss of the district's accreditation status.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Scott Price