## One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012 Introducer's Statement of Intent

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**Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams** 

**Committee: Education** 

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012

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

LB 996 would require attendance at a K-12 school mandatory until the age of 18 unless the child has obtained a high school diploma or completed a course of instruction at a private, denominational or parochial school that elects not to meet accreditation or approval requirements as required by law. LB 996 repeals an exception that allows children who have reached the age of sixteen to drop out of school if the child has the written consent of thier guardian or parent.

| Principal Introducer: |  |
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**Senator John Wightman**