

AMENDMENTS TO LB682

Introduced by Education

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. On or before July 1, 2015, and on or before
4 July 1 each year thereafter, any school district in Nebraska with
5 an average daily membership for grades kindergarten through twelve
6 of fewer than six hundred fifty students for the most recently
7 available complete data year and the school fiscal year immediately
8 preceding the most recently available complete data year that is
9 not already a member of an allied system shall form an allied
10 system with at least three other school districts or join an
11 existing allied system. If one or more school districts required to
12 form or join an allied system under this section have not done so
13 by such date, the Commissioner of Education shall form one or more
14 allied systems which include such districts or direct each such
15 school district to join an existing allied system specified by the
16 commissioner for such district. The commissioner shall provide an
17 opportunity to be heard for each such district, the member school
18 districts of any affected allied system, and any other interested
19 party and shall consider the number of students in each allied
20 system in forming new allied systems or directing a district to
21 join a specified existing allied system. A school district with an
22 enrollment of six hundred fifty students or more may, but is not
23 required to, join an allied system.

1 Sec. 2. Allied systems shall be formed as an agreement
2 between at least four member school districts, which agreement
3 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following terms:

4 (1) The superintendent of each school district in the
5 allied system is deemed the representative of his or her district
6 to the allied system;

7 (2) The superintendent of each school district in the
8 allied system shall file with the State Department of Education
9 notice of the school district's membership in such allied system
10 and a list of the other member school districts on or before July
11 1 of each year beginning in 2015;

12 (3) Each school district in the allied system shall have
13 the same yearly calendar and daily schedule, except that this
14 subdivision does not require that such districts have the same
15 yearly calendar and daily schedule for extracurricular activities;

16 (4) School districts in an allied system wishing to
17 cooperate beyond the uniform yearly calendar and daily schedule
18 requirements of this section may form an interlocal agreement
19 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act relative to cooperation
20 on such additional matters. Every member of such interlocal
21 agreement is entitled to one vote on matters covered by such
22 interlocal agreement;

23 (5) All employees of each school district shall remain
24 employees of such district and their contracts shall be negotiated
25 through such district; and

26 (6) No school district in an allied system may move into
27 another allied system if such change would reduce the allied system

1 to fewer than three member school districts unless the remaining
2 member school districts agree to dissolve such allied system and
3 join other allied systems. If at least one school district that
4 is a member of an allied system merges with one or more other
5 school districts and the resulting reorganized school district
6 joins such allied system, each of the school districts that were
7 members of the allied system prior to the merger shall count as
8 a separate member school district only for the purpose of meeting
9 the minimum requirement of three member school districts. Nothing
10 in this subdivision prevents a school district from reorganizing
11 with one or more other school districts regardless of allied system
12 membership. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, if
13 an allied system no longer meets the minimum requirement of three
14 member school districts due to a reorganization involving one or
15 more member school districts, such allied system shall be dissolved
16 and the remaining member school districts shall join other allied
17 systems.

18 Sec. 3. Within one year after the formation of an allied
19 system, the representatives of the school districts in such allied
20 system shall meet and create a common calendar and schedule which
21 shall be implemented in each member school district beginning with
22 the school year immediately following the deadline for creating
23 such common calendar and schedule pursuant to this section.

24 Sec. 4. Nothing in sections 1 to 3 of this act requires
25 the member school districts in an allied system to combine or
26 coordinate revenue, spending, taxation, state aid, or any other
27 elements relating to finances.