

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB357

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 12, 2013
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Haar
One Liner: Change a budget limitation exemption under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Ken Haar
Larry Scherer

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 357 would allow additional voluntary termination exclusions from the budget limitations and general fund operating expenditures (GFOE) for terminations occurring on or after the last day of the 2013-14 school year and prior to the first day of the 2015-16 school year to the extent that a district can demonstrate a savings in salary and benefit costs to the district over a 5 year period. The current exclusions from budget limitations would continue. The current exclusion from GFOE for voluntary terminations occurring prior to July 1, 2009 would continue, but the exclusion from GFOE for terminations occurring after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year would expire at the end of 2014-15.

Section 79-1003 would be amended by limiting the current exclusion from GFOE of costs for voluntary terminations occurring prior to July 1, 2009, or occurring on or after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year. The exclusion would be limited to the 2012-13 through 2014-15 school fiscal years. The current language describing the voluntary termination agreements that are excluded from GFOE would be replaced with a cross reference to identical language in section 79-1028.01.

New provisions would exclude expenditures from GFOE beginning with the 2015-16 school year for terminations occurring on or after the last day of the 2013-14 school year and prior to the first day of the 2015-16 school year to the extent that a district can demonstrate a savings in salary and benefit costs to the district over a 5 year period. The new provisions describe the voluntary terminations through a cross reference to new language in section 79-1028.01.

Section 79-1028.01 would be amended by adding an exclusion from budget limitations for costs associated with voluntary terminations occurring on or after the last day of the 2013-14 school year and prior to the first day of the

2015-16 school year to the extent that a district can demonstrate a savings in salary and benefit costs to the district over a 5 year period. The subsection describing the new exclusion repeats the exclusion for voluntary terminations occurring prior to July 1, 2009.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson