

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB645**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 11, 2013  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Haar  
**One Liner:** Change teacher education allowance and fall personnel report provisions

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Haar  
Larry Scherer  
Jay Sears  
John Neal  
Bill Mueller

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Lincoln Public Schools  
Millard Public Schools

**Opponents:**

Jeremy Murphy

**Representing:**

Nebraska Catholic Conference

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 645 would add reporting requirements for fall personnel reports and would modify the teacher education allowance beginning with the calculation of aid for the 2013-14 school fiscal year.

Section 79-804 would be amended by adding requirements to the fall personnel report filed by public private, denominational, and parochial schools. For all individuals employed by the school who are required to hold a certificate, the proposal would require the reporting of the salaries, years of experience, benefits, certificate level, postsecondary education degree level, hours of postsecondary education, and highest degree level attained. For instructional paraprofessionals, the reporting of salary, benefits, years of experience, and educational level would also be required.

Section 79-1007.25 would be amended by revising the calculation of the teacher education allowance beginning with the calculation of aid for the 2013-14 school fiscal year. The allowance would be based on certificated teachers assigned to teach classes in the subject area or field of their degree and weighted as follows:

1. Holding a baccalaureate degree and assigned to teach classes in the same subject field of his or her degree weighted as 1.00;
2. Holding a baccalaureate degree with 9 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.05;
3. Holding a baccalaureate degree with 18 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.10;
4. Holding a baccalaureate degree with 27 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.15;
5. Holding a master's degree weighted as 1.20;

6. Holding a master's degree with 9 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.25;
7. Holding a master's degree with 18 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.30;
8. Holding a master's degree with 27 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.35;
9. Holding a master's degree with 36 additional credit hours of postsecondary education weighted as 1.40; and
10. Holding a doctorate degree weighted as 1.45.

The allowance would equal total weighted teacher count for the district multiplied by an amount equal to \$25 million divided by the total weighted teacher count for the state.

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Kate Sullivan, Chairperson