

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB382

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 24, 2015
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Cook
One Liner: Change provisions of the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act and state intent relating to certain transfers

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Baker, Cook, Groene, Kolowski, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Schnoor, Sullivan

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tanya Cook
Stephanie Hansen
Rico Campbell
Kirsten Case
Brian Halstead

Representing:

Introducer
Literacy Center of the Midlands
Literacy Center of the Midlands
Literacy Center of the Midlands
Nebraska State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 382 would create and fund the High School Equivalency Grant Fund by transferring funds from the Job Training Cash Fund. The purpose of the High School Equivalency Grant Fund would be to provide grants to any entities that offer a high school equivalency program, as long as the providing entity is not an institution.

LB 382 amends 79-2306 to strike a reference to the Education Innovation Fund as a source of funds under this section as well as to strike the limitation that the funds provided from the Education Innovation Fund could only be distributed one-time for acquiring or upgrading equipment and software that was necessary to administer high school equivalency examinations. LB 382 also provides the enacting language for the High School Equivalency Grant Fund.

Finally, LB 382 amends 81-1201.21 to provide that the Job training Cash Fund can be utilized for the purposes provided under LB 382.

Explanation of amendments:

On page 2, line 16, strike "[XX]" and insert "\$400,000".

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson