

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB115

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2019
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Change provisions related to enrollment of children of members of the military

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brewer, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Murman, Pansing Brooks
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Walz
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Carol Blood
MARTIN DEMPSEY
BRIAN HALSTEAD

Representing:

Introducer
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Brief Summary

LB 115 allows children of military families to preliminarily enroll in a school district before the parent arrives to the state due to military orders, clarifies the Department of Education's power to collect information regarding student enrollment and admission into a school district, and clarifies that children of active duty military members or federal employees living on federally owned property are a resident of the school district where the property is located.

Section-by-Section Summary

Section 1

Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-215, the statute which determines the school district which a student may be admitted to, is revised to permit children of military families to preliminarily enroll in a school district if the child's parent presents evidence of military orders that they will be stationed in Nebraska for the current or following school year. Once the child arrives, the child shall be admitted without charge if the statute's requirements are met.

Obsolete statutory language applicable to years prior to 2017-2018 is removed.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-215(13) is revised to provide the Department of Education with the power to establish

procedures and criteria for enrollment, admission, and related information needed for students to attend a school district, which includes information provided electronically, information on where the student will be residing (if applicable), and contact information of the adult responsible for the child.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-215(14) is revised to clean up language. The amended statute reads, "the department of education may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. "Provisions of" replaces "department's responsibilities of".

Section 2

Section 2 clarifies Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-216. The current statute and the statute as amended by LB 115 establish that a child of an active duty military member residing on federally owned property in Nebraska may be admitted, without charge, to the school district where the child resides.

Section 2 also clarifies that this applies to children of federal government employees who reside with their parents on property of national parks or national monuments in this state.

Section 3

Section 3 repeals original Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-215 and 79-216.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 39 to LB 115 clarifies the revision language in section one of the bill. "The State Department of Education shall establish procedures and criteria for COLLECTING enrollment, admission, and related information."

Mike Groene, Chairperson