

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1166**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 04, 2020  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Change school district membership requirements as prescribed

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brewer, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Murman,  
Pansing Brooks, Walz

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tom Brewer  
Wayne Ruppert  
Tanner Dunbar  
Sarah Sortum  
Jack Andersen

**Representing:**

introducer  
Loup County Public Schools  
Loup County Public Schools  
Loup County Public School Board  
self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Brian Halstead

**Representing:**

Nebraska Department of Education

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

Legislative Bill 1166 amends the unique membership requirements specifically written for Class III school districts maintaining the only public school in a county pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-499(4). It changes the qualifications for continued operation of such schools, provided they have a broad-based curriculum plan and a successful districtwide election (which is repeated every four years if the district's membership size requires), to any district that:

-Has a fall membership or an average daily membership for grades 9-12 of at least 35 students for two consecutive years, or

-Has fewer than fifteen students

However, LB1166 changes a provision of this subsection to state that it shall not apply to any district if its fall membership or average daily membership falls to fewer than 15 students in grades 9-12 for two consecutive years.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM2310 adds an emergency clause to the bill.

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Mike Groene, Chairperson