

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB288

Hearing Date: Monday January 25, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Walz
One Liner: Change dates related to certification and distribution of state aid to schools

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Day, Linehan, McKinney, Morfeld, Murman, Pansing Brooks, Sanders, Walz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

NICOLE BARRETT

Representing:

INTRODUCER (Research Analyst, on behalf of the Education Committee)

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 288 would, for this year only, delay the Nebraska Department of Education's (NDE) deadlines for the following provisions within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) from March 1, 2021 to June 10, 2021:

- Certification to the Director of Administrative Services, the Auditor of Public Accounts and each school district the amount of state aid that will be paid for the 2021/22 school fiscal year;
- Report to the Governor, the Appropriations Committee and the Education Committee the necessary funding level for state aid;
- Certification of each school district's budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for the 2021/22 school fiscal year; and
- Certification of each district's applicable allowable reserve percentage for the 2021/22 school fiscal year.

LB288 provides that any certification of state aid pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-1022, certification of budget authority

pursuant to 79-1023, and certification of applicable allowable reserve percentages pursuant to section 79-1027 completed prior to the effective date of this act for school fiscal year 2021/22 is null and void.

Furthermore, LB288 recognizes the delay in the certification deadline from March 1, 2021 to June 10, 2021 for the 2021/22 school fiscal year in the provisions requiring the Appropriations Committee to include the amount necessary to fund the state aid in its recommendations to the Legislature.

This measure contains an emergency clause.

Lynne Walz, Chairperson