

COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB 1310

HEARING DATE: February 8, 1994

COMMITTEE ON: EDUCATION

TITLE: LB 1310 (Education Committee) Change provisions relating to schools

ROLL CALL VOTE, FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

Y Advanced to General File with amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote results:

7 Yes Senators Janssen, Wickersham, Warner, Rasmussen, McKenzie, Bohlke, Monen

0 No

0 Present, not voting

1 Absent Senator Beutler

PROPOSERS	Representing
Dennis Pool	Department of Education
Marsha Babcock	Senator Ron Withem
Stan Sibley	OPS
Mary Campbell	ESUs

Written Testimony:

NASB

NCSA

OPPOSERS	Representing
NEUTRAL	Representing

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 1310 is a technical amendment housekeeping bill introduced on behalf of the State Department of Education. Provisions include:

1. Budget filing deadlines and related dates are harmonized for consistency with LB 734 (1993), which delayed the budget filing deadline of schools until September 10. (Sections 1, 5 and 6)
2. Outdated references to Class I districts which are neither affiliated or part of a Class VI are deleted. All Class I's were either affiliated or part of a Class VI by July 1, 1993. (Section 2)
3. A requirement that the Department of Education collect information on wages paid to substitute teaches is deleted. There is no definition of "wages paid" and the data is not utilized. An outdated reference to "nonresident high school tuition students" is also deleted. (section 3)
4. The due date for verification of inspection of school buses is changes from October 1 to July 31 so that data will be reported at the same time as other data in the Annual Statistical Summary. (Section 4)

5. The effective date -of a merger of a Class III district under S79-801 (due to annexation or platting of an addition to a city in which the district is located) shall be June 1 rather than June 15 to be consistent with other school reorganization statutes. (Section 7)
6. The Nebraska Provisional Rural Elementary Certificate is repealed. This provision was a “grandperson provision” for Class I teachers Who did not hold a baccalaureate degree when the law was changed in 1976 to require such degree as a prerequisite for holding a certificate to teach school in Nebraska. (No teachers currently hold this certificate. (Section 8)
7. Repeals provision that contracts for teaching be on forms recommended by the State Department of Education. The Department has maintained a generic “fill in the blanks” form for many years but receives very few inquiries from schools regarding the form. (Section 9)
 - a. Repeals the provision that school districts’ request for services from Educational Service Units be on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. The Department does not have such a form. (Section 10)
9. Deletes reference to filing of school district budgets with the Department under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Act. The Department may require districts to submit duplicate copies of their budgets but has not done so in the past. (Section 11)

Explanation of Amendments, if any: Committee amendments would:

- (1) Clarify that the Professional Practices Commission may employ a person other than the clerk of the Commission to perform its clerical functions.
- (2) Clarify that school districts may hold investments by entry book account rather than actually holding the paper securities.

Chairperson