

COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB 713

HEARING DATE: February 10, 1997

COMMITTEE ON: EDUCATION

TITLE: LB 713 (Bohlke) Change provisions relating to reports and certification of aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

ROLL CALL VOTE, FINAL COMMITTEE-ACTION

Advanced to General File

Y Advanced to General File with amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote results:

6 Yes Senators Stuhr, Beutler, Suttle, Bohlke, McKenzie, Wickersham

0 No

0 Present, not voting

2 Absent Senators Bromm, Warner

PROPONENTS	Representing
Senator Ardyce Bohlke	Introducer
Virgil Horne	Lincoln Public Schools
John Bonaiuto	NE Assn. School Boards

OPPONENTS	Representing
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NEUTRAL	Representing
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 713 moves the deadline for the certification of state aid up to December 1 from July 1 beginning with aid to be paid in the 1997-98 school year.

The definitions of general fund operating expenditures and transportation allowance in § 79-1003 are amended to reflect changes necessary to provide data for the earlier certification. For school year 1997-98 and each year thereafter, general fund operating expenditures and the transportation allowance shall be calculated using data from the school year immediately preceding the most recently available complete data year, adjusted by the average annual change in each district's general fund operating expenditures or transportation allowance for the three school years immediately preceding the most recently available complete data year. For the final calculation of aid, the general fund operating expenditures and the transportation allowance shall be as reported in the annual financial reports from the most recently available complete data year.

The deadline for the Property Tax Administrator to enter orders modifying adjusted valuations in § 79-1016 is moved up to November 1 from December 1.

Clarification is added to the provisions for other actual receipts in § 791018 to indicate the correct data source for the earlier certification. The other actual receipts for certification will be equal to the district's other actual receipts from the school year immediately preceding the most

recently available complete data year, adjusted by the average annual change in each district's other actual receipts for the three school years immediately preceding the most recently available complete data year. For the final calculation, other actual receipts will be as reported in the annual financial reports for the most recently available complete data year.

Section 79-1022 contains the current July I certification date. A new subsection is added to provide for the certification to be made on or before December I based on estimated funding levels provided by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst beginning in 1997. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst will be required to provide an estimated funding level by November 1. There is also a clarification providing that the certification is for the ensuing school year.

Explanation of Amendments, if any:

The committee amendment changes the first aid year to be affected from 1997-98 to 1998-99 and moves data to be used in the certification one year closer to the aid year.

Ardyce Bohlke

Chairperson