

# COMMITTEE STATEMENT

## LB 272

HEARING DATE: 1/25/99

COMMITTEE ON: Education

TITLE: (Stuhr, Bohlke, Connealy, Hartnett, Hudkins, Kremer, Price, Raikes, Redfield, Suttle, Vrtiska, Wehrbein ) Eliminate the office of county superintendent of schools

### ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

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Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Coordsen, Bohlke, Brashear, Suttle, Price, Stuhr, Raikes
1	No	Senator Wickersham
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

#### PROPONENTS

Senator Elaine Stuhr  
Brian Halstead  
Larry Lindquist

#### REPRESENTING

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Self

#### OPPONENTS

Christine Nielsen  
Ron Wenninghoff  
Sam Townsend

#### REPRESENTING

Rock County Superintendent  
Self  
Clay County Superintendent

#### NEUTRAL

Marilyn Meerkatz  
Amy Shane

#### REPRESENTING

Class I's United  
Self

#### SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

Legislative Bill 272 eliminates the mandatory office of county superintendent of public instruction and replaces it with an optional office of county school administrator.

Existing duties are eliminated or transferred, except that some duties may be continued by the county school administrator. Most of the duties are transferred to county clerks, county treasurers, and school district officials. The limitations on funding for the office are removed. The county reorganization committee is eliminated and the duties are

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transferred to the state reorganization committee. Some obsolete reorganization statutes are also outright repealed.

This measure is essentially the same as LB 1217 from 1998. Last year's bill was advanced to general file by the Education Committee, where it died at the end of the session.

Section 1 amends § 11-119 by replacing the term "county superintendent of public instruction" with "county school administrator." The section names the officers required to execute a bond.

Section 2 amends § 11-125 by replacing the term "county superintendent of public instruction" with "county school administrator." The section allows counties to pay the premium for bonds of certain officers.

Section 3 amends § 11-126 by deleting county superintendents from the list of county officers with deputies or employees that may be required by law or the county board to supply a bond.

Section 4 amends § 23-120 (1) by replacing the term "county superintendent" with "county school administrator." Subdivision (1) requires county boards to provide suitable rooms for named county officers.

Section 5 amends § 23-121 by replacing the term "county superintendent" with "county school administrator." The section requires counties to provide suitable books and stationery for named county officers.

Section 6 amends § 23-1114.02 by deleting minimum salary requirements for county superintendents and part-time county superintendents for Class 1 counties.

Section 7 amends § 23-1114.03 by deleting full time county superintendents from the minimum salary requirements for Class 2 counties. There are no salary requirements for part-time superintendents in this section.

Section 8 amends § 23-1114.04 by deleting full time county superintendents from the minimum salary requirements for Class 3 counties. There are no salary requirements for part-time superintendents in this section.

Section 9 amends § 23-1114.05 by deleting full time county superintendents from the minimum salary requirements for Class 4 counties. There are no salary requirements for part-time superintendents in this section.

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Section 10 amends § 23-1114.06 by deleting full time county superintendents from the minimum salary requirements for Class 5 counties. There are no salary requirements for part-time superintendents in this section.

Section 11 amends § 23-2518 by deleting a reference to the “superintendent of schools” as an elected official. Other changes in the section update the language and clarify that the sheriff, treasurer, assessor, and surveyor are county offices.

Section 12 amends § 23-3302 by deleting subdivision (1), which allows counties to discontinue the elected office of county superintendent prior to June 30, 2000. Subdivision (2) is amended by replacing language allowing counties to contract with certain education agencies or individuals for the services of county superintendent with language allowing counties to contract with an individual who holds a Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate to be a county school administrator for Class I school districts and to perform other designated county educational activities. The county school administrator is also given the authority to employ other people with the approval of the county board.

Section 13 amends § 23-3311 by replacing the term “county superintendent or deputy” with “county school administrator.” The section provides for travel reimbursement.

Section 14 amends § 23-3312 by eliminating the office of county superintendent of schools on June 30, 2000 and requiring the records of the county superintendent to be transferred to and maintained by the county clerk. The current language eliminates the elected office by June 30, 2000. The requirement for the Department of Education to make recommendations by December 1, 1997 is deleted. The report was completed.

Section 15 amends § 32-570 by deleting subdivision (7). Subdivision (7) requires the county superintendent to appoint school board members when a school district is divided and no more than one board member is left in the old district. Subdivision (6) should accommodate those situations, as that subdivision requires the Secretary of State to conduct a special election when the majority of seats on a school board are vacant.

Section 16 amends § 32-608 by deleting county superintendents from the filing fee requirements.

Section 17 amends § 32-609 by deleting county superintendents from non-partisan filing form requirements.

Section 18 amends § 48-302 by replacing “city or county superintendent of schools” with “county school administrator of the county in which the child resides or the superintendent of schools of the school district in which the child resides” as the recipient of certificates for children working under the age of 16. Other changes in the section are grammatical clarifications that do not change the meaning of the section.

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Section 19 amends § 68-621 by adding county school administrators to members of the School Retirement System who are included in the referendum group currently including county superintendents.

Section 20 amends § 71-208 by deleting examination by the county superintendent as an equivalency to high school graduation for purposes of a qualification for graduation from a school or college of barbering approved by the Board of Barber Examiners.

Section 21 amends § 71-212 by deleting examination by the county superintendent as an equivalency to high school graduation for purposes of qualifying to take the examination required to receive a certificate of registration to practice barbering.

Section 22 amends § 71-501 by deleting the county superintendent as a possible member of the county board of health. Currently the county board chooses between the county clerk and the county superintendent.

Section 23 amends § 79-203 by deleting county superintendents from the people who can receive and act on applications for children 14 to 16 years old to work due to the need to support themselves or dependents. New language allows children residing in Class I districts to apply to the superintendent of the primary high school district.

Section 24 amends § 79-205. The section requires certain information to be sent to the county superintendent for Class I schools and to the superintendent of the district for all other schools. The amendments substitute the administrator of the school for the county superintendent for Class I districts and strikes the requirement for other districts.

Section 25 amends § 79-206 by replacing the term “county superintendent” with “county school administrator” in designating who shall compare attendance information to census information for compulsory attendance purposes.

Section 26 amends § 79-208 by deleting provisions for county attendance officers. Class I and II school boards will be required to appoint and compensate attendance officers. Currently, the school boards of all other classes of school districts appoint and compensate attendance officers.

Section 27 amends § 79-209 by replacing superintendents and county superintendents with attendance officers as the officials to receive reports and investigate compulsory attendance violations.

Section 28 amends § 79-401 by deleting a requirement that county reorganization committees make a renewed effort to consider and plan for reorganization of schools.

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Section 29 amends § 79-413 by replacing county superintendents with the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts as the entity that creates new school districts, changes boundaries, and affiliates Class I districts upon receipt of petitions signed by voters in affected districts.

Language is deleted that required the county superintendent to change the boundaries if 65% of the voters signed the petitions, despite rejection of the petition by both the state and county reorganization committees. The amended provision requires the state committee to approve petitions with 65% of the voters signatures. The state committee also replaces the county superintendent as the entity that determines a petition to dissolve a Class I district contains at least 50% of the voters' signatures and that grants the petition.

Petitions to transfer 640 or fewer acres shall be approved by the state committee. Currently, the county superintendent may, but is not required to, act on that type of petition. There is a continuing provision requiring approval by at least 65% of each school board.

The state committee also replaces the county superintendent in the provision generally disallowing boundary changes relating to affiliation if the any tract is not contiguous to the high school district.

The state committee replaces the county committee as the receiver of petitions and provisions for submission to the state committee are deleted. Provisions are also deleted regarding special committees and the county committee approval being final for affiliations.

The preliminary approval or disapproval of incentive payments for reorganizations is removed, because the proposal will not be returned to the county superintendent for further action.

If a bond election is held in conjunction with a petition, the state committee replaces the county committee as the holder the petition when signatures may be added or withdrawn and the election results will be certified to the state committee, instead of the county committee.

Obsolete language is also deleted.

Section 30 amends § 79-414 by replacing the county superintendent with the state committee as the recipient of reorganization petitions pursuant to § 79-413.

Section 31 amends § 79-418 by eliminating a prohibition against the county superintendent holding a final hearing if a petition is not approved by the state committee.

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Section 32 amends § 79-419 by replacing the county committee with the state committee for determining initial school board districts or wards for new districts. A requirement is added that the petition shall contain an affidavit from the county clerk or election commissioner regarding the validity of signatures on a petition. Obsolete language is also eliminated.

Section 33 amends § 79-420 by replacing county committees and joint committees with the state committee for appointing new school board members.

Section 34 amends § 79-421 by replacing the county superintendent with the county clerk for recognizing that territory is not included in a district. The state committee replaces the county committee as the entity to be notified and to take action. The county clerk replaces the county superintendent as the person who actually attaches the territory. Joint committee language is eliminated. A provision allowing territory to be annexed from an adjoining county upon action by special committees is deleted. Obsolete language is also deleted.

Section 35 amends § 79-424 by replacing a reference to § 79-440, which is outright repealed, with a reference to the Reorganization of school Districts Act. The county superintendent is replaced with the state committee for receiving affiliation petitions.

Section 36 amends § 79-425 by replacing a reference to § 79-440, which is outright repealed, with a reference to the Reorganization of school Districts Act. The county committee is replaced by the state committee for holding hearings. Obsolete language is deleted.

Section 37 amends § 79-426 by replacing the county committee with the state committee for considering a petition or plan to affiliate.

Section 38 amends § 79-427 by replacing a reference to § 79-440, which is outright repealed, with a reference to the Reorganization of school Districts Act.

Section 39 amends § 79-431 by replacing the county committee and county superintendent with the state committee for dissolving and attaching Class I districts.

Section 40 amends § 79-433 by eliminating the definition of county committee and plan for reorganization. The plan for reorganization is a county plan.

Section 41 amends § 79-435 by adding a requirement for the state board to adopt rules and regulations for the state committee.

Section 42 amends § 79-439 by replacing the county committee with school districts as the recipient of recommendations from the state committee.

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Section 43 amends § 79-441 by making the section apply only to the review reorganization plans, not the preparation. The state committee replaces the county committee as the reviewer. The county committee is eliminated as a proposing party for reorganization plans. Special committee language is also deleted. The school district with the largest number of pupils replaces the county with the largest number of pupils as the entity responsible for submission of the plan. Special committee language is deleted.

Section 44 amends § 79-442 by replacing county committees and joint committees with the state committee for approval of reorganization plans and hearing requirements.

Section 45 amends § 79-443 by replacing county committees and joint committees with the state committee for approval of reorganization plans that meet certain requirements and for determining if additional requirements are proper.

Section 46 amends § 79-444 by deleting language regarding approval by a county or special committee. Clarification is added that the state committee shall hold hearings pursuant to § 79-443. School districts replace county and special committees as the approval or denial recipients. A map filing requirement is eliminated.

Section 47 amends § 79-445 by replacing county committees with school districts as the recipients of disapproved plans.

Section 48 amends § 79-446 by eliminating approval by the county committee. School districts replace county superintendents as the recipients of approved plans.

Section 49 amends § 79-447 by eliminating a reference to county committees.

Section 50 amends § 79-448 by replacing county committees with school districts as the entity to revise a plan that fails an election. The requirement also becomes permissive.

Section 51 amends § 79-450 by replacing county superintendents with county clerks as the person to cause an adopted reorganization plan to be carried out. The state committee is added as a recipient of certificates showing the boundaries.

Section 52 amends § 79-451 by replacing county superintendents with county clerks and by replacing county committees with the state committee for classification of new districts and appointment of school board members. Joint committee language is deleted.

Section 53 amends § 79-452 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee as the recipient of petitions. The county clerk or election commissioner replaces the county superintendent for determining if the signatures are sufficient. Requirements to transmit the petition to the county committee and for the county

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committee to transmit the petition to the state committee are deleted. Obsolete language is deleted.

Section 54 amends § 79-453 by replacing county committees with school districts as the recipients of approved or disapproved proposals. A requirement for recommendation from the state committee is deleted. County committee procedures are eliminated. The state committee replaces the county superintendent as the recipient of the filing.

Section 55 amends § 79-454 by deleting references to and procedures for county superintendents and county committees.

Section 56 amends § 79-455 by replacing county superintendents with county clerks as the recipients of certification of approval by the voters or school boards. County superintendent hearing procedures are eliminated. County clerks replace county superintendents as the person issuing the order to change boundaries. The state committee is added as a recipient of certificates showing changes. Obsolete language is eliminated.

Section 57 amends § 79-458 by replacing the county superintendent with the county assessor as a member of the board to consider freeholding petitions. County clerks replace county superintendents in the requirements to jointly address transfers across county lines. Obsolete language is eliminated.

Section 58 amends § 79-467 by replacing the county superintendent with the state committee for changing boundaries to exclude federal land or to create a new district embracing the land.

Section 59 amends § 79-470 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee for dissolving contracting districts. A provision for recommendations from the county superintendent is eliminated.

Section 60 amends § 79-478 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee for ordering Class I districts withdrawn from a Class VI district.

Section 61 amends § 79-479 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee or county clerk for issuing boundary change orders. Joint committee language is eliminated. A reference to boundary maps provided by the county superintendent is deleted.

Section 62 amends § 79-480 by replacing the county superintendent with the county clerk for filing petitions that have been granted.



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Section 63 amends § 79-485 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee for determining the amount due to the new district from any dissolved districts.

Section 64 amends § 79-487 by replacing the county superintendent with the county sheriff for advertising and selling schoolhouses, sites, or other property.

Section 65 amends § 79-490 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee as the entity making district boundary line changes and reporting those changes to the county treasurer. The county clerk will keep a map of the school districts, instead of the county superintendent keeping the map in the county clerk's office.

Section 66 amends § 79-495 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee for dissolving Class I or II districts pursuant to §79-492. A renewal of the notice is also eliminated.

Section 67 amends § 79-497 by eliminating county superintendents as a participant in the appraisal and adjustment of claims and assets when a district within a city of the primary or metropolitan class is divided.

Section 68 amends § 79-498 by replacing county superintendents with the state committee as the entity dissolving districts pursuant to the section. The county clerk will be directed to attach the territory.

Section 69 amends § 79-499 by replacing county committees with the state committee as the recipient of plans for developing cooperative programs and as the issuer of orders to become a Class I.

Section 70 amends § 79-4,103 by replacing county superintendents with affiliated high school district superintendents as the organizer of advisory committees for the affiliated high school district.

Section 71 amends § 79-524 by eliminating a reference to county superintendents from provisions allowing a permanent census, which is not required to be reported.

Section 72 amends § 79-528 by replacing the county superintendent with the department as the recipient of census reports and the annual statistical summary. A requirement to report the number of students 21 years of age and older is removed. County superintendents are removed as recipients of annual financial reports and the fall membership report. Annual financial reports are currently also filed with the Commissioner of Education and fall membership reports are also filed with the department. When the county treasurer is to withhold school money, the commissioner will direct that action to the county treasurer, rather than notifying the county superintendent to direct the county treasurer.

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Section 73 amends § 79-537 by removing county superintendents from the Class V census reporting process and by removing a filing deadline reference.

Section 74 amends § 79-544 by eliminating the exception for county superintendents from the prohibition against a person working for a board they serve on.

Section 75 amends § 79-569 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers in a reference to apportioning funds to districts.

Section 76 amends § 79-575 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers in a reference to apportioning funds to districts.

Section 77 amends § 79-577 by eliminating a reference to county superintendents receiving reports.

Section 78 amends § 79-578 by requiring districts to maintain census reports, instead of returning them to county superintendents.

Section 79 amends § 79-579 by replacing county superintendents with county attorneys for resolving disputes where either the appropriate officer of the school board refuses to sign orders on the treasurer or the treasurer refuses payment and for filing related court documents.

Section 80 amends § 79-588 by removing the requirement that the county superintendent furnish a book for the treasurer to enter all money received and disbursed.

Section 81 amends § 79-598 by replacing the office of county superintendent with the office of the school district for the filing of instruction contracts. County superintendents are also replaced with the state reorganization committee for dissolving districts failing to comply with the section and for granting approval to reopen a school.

Section 82 amends § 79-605 by replacing county superintendents with school districts for filing transportation fee schedules.

Section 83 amends § 79-611 by removing the procedure for prorating transportation allowances when the parties involved do not mutually agree.

Section 84 amends § 79-709 by replacing county superintendents with county boards for county fair provisions.

Section 85 amends § 79-724 by removing county superintendents from the officials responsible for the Americanism provisions.

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Section 86 amends § 79-804 by replacing county superintendents with public, private, denominational and parochial schools for registering teacher certificates. A requirement is added for the schools to file a fall personnel report with the department by September 15th and the school is required to transmit information on teachers and administrators employed after the fall report. The Commissioner of Education replaces county superintendents for notifying county treasurers to withhold funds due to an uncertified teacher.

Section 87 amends § 79-818 by replacing county superintendents with the department as the recipient of notification of teacher and administrator contracts.

Section 88 amends § 79-819 by replacing county superintendents with school districts for registering certificates.

Section 89 amends § 79-850 by eliminating a cross reference to a section that is being outright repealed.

Section 90 amends § 79-902 by adding county school administrators to the definition of county school official.

Section 91 amends § 79-960 by replacing county superintendents with administrators of Class I school districts as an official responsible for transmitting copies of payrolls to the retirement board.

Section 92 amends § 79-1024 by requiring the commission to direct the county treasurer, instead of notifying the county superintendent to direct the county treasurer, to withhold funds pursuant to the section.

Section 93 amends § 79-1033 by requiring the commission to direct the county treasurer, instead of notifying the county superintendent to direct the county treasurer, to withhold funds pursuant to the section.

Section 94 amends § 79-1035 by deleting a reference to county superintendents returning census information. The commissioner will certify apportionment of the temporary school fund to the county treasurer, instead of the county superintendent.

Section 95 amends § 79-1036 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for certifying the tax levies of school districts to the Commissioner of Education.

Section 96 amends § 79-1037 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for adding funds received from various sources and distributing those funds to the districts.

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Section 97 amends § 79-1039 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for apportionment. A requirement to furnish a certified copy to the county treasurer is eliminated.

Section 98 amends § 79-1044 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for receiving the certification of the apportionment for the county.

Section 99 amends § 79-1045 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for apportioning forest reserve funds.

Section 100 amends § 79-1046 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for entering the apportionment in a book kept for that purposes.

Section 101 amends § 79-1047 by replacing county school libraries with the schools of the county.

Section 102 amends § 79-1048 by replacing the provisions for county superintendents to use grazing funds for county school libraries with a provision for county treasurers to distribute grazing funds to districts in proportion to the respective acreage of grazing lands in each district within the county.

Section 103 amends § 79-1051 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for apportionment of flood control funds.

Section 104 amends § 79-1052 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for apportionment of flood control funds.

Section 105 amends § 79-1053 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for entering the apportionment of flood control funds in a book kept for that purpose and for furnishing the directors in each district with certificates.

Section 106 amends § 79-1076 by removing county superintendents from the maintenance of nonresident high school tuition funds and an account to receive delinquent tax collections and other receipts for the fund. County treasurer are currently also responsible for the same duties. Outdated references are also removed.

Section 107 amends § 79-1077 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for computation of affiliated school system tax levies. Obsolete language is deleted.

Section 108 amends § 79-1078 by replacing county superintendents with county treasurers for computation of Class VI system levies.

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Section 109 amends § 79-1083 by removing county superintendents as recipients of adopted budget statements. County clerks currently also receive the budget statements.

Section 110 amends § 79-1089 by removing county superintendents as recipients of Class I audits. The Commissioner of Education currently also receives the audits. The commissioner will notify the county treasurer to withhold funds, instead of notifying the county superintendent to direct the county treasurer to withhold funds.

Section 111 amends § 79-1090 by replacing county superintendents with the superintendent or administrator of the school district as the party responsible for preparing and filing budget documents when a school district fails to approve a budget on or before September 10th.

Section 112 amends § 79-1094 by removing county superintendent approval for correspondence instruction for children physically incapacitated for traveling to or attending another school when a school is closed. Currently the parents must also provide approval.

Section 113 amends § 79-1605 by replacing the county superintendent with the superintendent of the school district in which a private, denominational, or parochial schools for inspection purposes if the school is not inspected by a diocesan representative holding an administrative certificate. District superintendents currently have that responsibility, except in Class I school districts.

Section 114 provides an effective date of July 1, 2001 for some sections.

Section 115 is a repealer section.

Section 116 is another repealer section.

Section 117 outright repeals the following sections:

- 23-3301 - County superintendent elections
- 23-3303 - County superintendents subject to the control of the Commissioner of Education
- 23-3304 - County superintendent general duties
- 23-3305 - County superintendent examination of reports
- 23-3306 - County superintendents furnishing assessor with maps
- 23-3307 - County superintendent oath
- 23-3308 - Part time county superintendents
- 23-3310 - Deputy county superintendents and employees
- 23-3313 - Education Committee requirement to prepare legislation
- 32-527 - County superintendent qualifications
- 79-437 - County reorganization committee membership

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- 79-438 - County reorganization committee organization
- 79-438.01 - County reorganization committee origination and approval of plans
- 79-440 - County reorganization committee receipt and consideration of plans
- 79-460 - Transfer of territory to Class I districts with nonprofit care and education facilities
- 79-461 - Procedures for transfers pursuant to § 79-460
- 79-462 - Isolated lands
- 79-463 - Isolated lands transfer procedures
- 79-464 - Annexation of districts reduced to less than two full sections
- 79-465 - Annexation caused by river changes
- 79-466 - Annexation caused by appropriation of land by federal government
- 79-481 - Notice to county superintendents for new districts
- 79-482 - Manner of notice for § 79-481
- 79-483 - Certification of notice pursuant to § 79-481
- 79-484 - Recording of notice pursuant to § 79-481
- 79-10,112 - Schoolhouse location by county superintendent

### EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

The Committee Amendments make technical changes as follows:

1. Section 1 of the bill is amended to remove the new county school administrators from the bonding provisions for various officials pursuant to § 11-119;
2. Section 12 of the bill is amended by reinstating ESU's and Class II through VI districts as entities the county boards can contract with to be a county school administrator and to perform other designated county educational activities.
3. Section 18 of the bill is amended by eliminating the new county school administrator as a potential recipient of employment certificates for children who terminate their employment. Clarification is also added to specify that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that receives the certificate.
4. Section 23 of the bill is amended by clarifying that is the superintendent of the primary high school districts that receives applications for employment permits. Section 24 is of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that receives lists of pupils from the teachers.
5. Section 25 of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that compares the names of enrolled children with the last census report and prepares a list of children who are not attending school. Section 26 is of the bill is amended by requiring compensation for attendance officers in all districts. Currently, § 79-208 only requires compensation for attendance officers in Class III, IV, and V school districts.

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6. Section 34 of the bill is amended by transferring a duty of the county superintendent to notify the state reorganization committee to the county clerk, which is consistent with the other changes in the section.
7. Section 65 of the bill is amended by adding the county assessor to the list of recipients of information regarding changes in district boundaries.
8. Section 71 of the bill is amended by turning the option to establish a permanent and continuing census into a requirement.
9. Section 80 of the bill is amended by requiring the school district treasurer to keep a record, instead of a book, where money received and disbursed is entered.
10. Section 81 of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that contracts are filed when a district contracts for instruction with a neighboring district.
11. Section 81 of the bill is further amended by authorizing the state reorganization committee to have a designee do inspections of buildings, supplies, equipment, and furnishings.
12. Section 82 of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that receives the schedule of fees for transportation of students residing outside the district.
13. Section 84 of the bill is amended by allowing designees of county boards to supervise exhibits of student work at county fairs. Private, denominational, and parochial schools are also included in the schools that may participate.
14. Section 86 of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that endorses that a teaching or administrators certificate has been registered. The same clarification is added for the transmission of the names of teachers or administrators to be employed.
15. Section 87 of the bill is amended by clarifying that the determination of whether or not a teacher or administrator is related by blood or marriage is made pursuant to § 49-1499.01.
16. Section 92 of the bill is amended by reinserting a reference to subsection (1) of that section. Without the reference it is unclear what a Class I district must submit to its high school district to avoid being held liable.
17. Section 93 of the bill is amended by clarifying that the school district is the entity that returns the census report to the Department of Education.

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18. Section 95 of the bill is amended by requiring county assessors, instead of county treasurers, to certify tax levies to the Commissioner of Education.
19. Section 105 of the bill is amended by clarifying that the school board secretary shall be furnished with a certificate stating the amount due to the district from the apportionment of school land funds.
20. Section 107 of the bill is amended by requiring tax requirements to be certified to the county assessor, rather than the county treasurer.
21. Section 111 of the bill is amended by clarifying that it is the superintendent of the primary high school district that prepares and files budget documents when a school board fails to approve a budget on or before September 10.
22. Section 113 of the bill is amended by clarifying that the inspection of private, denominational, or parochial schools, that are not otherwise inspected, will be inspected by the superintendent of the high school district, even if the school is located in affiliated territory. References to the Nebraska Professional Administrative and Supervisory Certificate are removed because those certificates are included in the more general references to Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificates.
23. The operative date for changes that require a specific operative date is moved from July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2000.

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Senator Ardyce Bohlke, Chair  
Committee on Education