

NASB LEGISLATIVE NOTES

TRACKING THE 2023 LEGISLATURE FROM THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS



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108th Legislature, 1st Session - March 15, 2023 - Day 45 of 90

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DAY 45 OF THE 108TH LEGISLATURE - PRIORITY BILLS & HALFWAY THERE ...

We have reached Day 45 of this year's 90-day session. Priority bills have been selected by Senators, Committees and Speaker Arch.

As you may have seen, the Legislature's pace has significantly slowed due to excessive debate. This will result in longer legislative days and significantly less bills being passed this year.




KEY PRIORITY BILLS ...

 LR 1CA (Blood) - Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed (*Prioritized by Sen. Blood - Currently on General File*)

 LB 71 (Sanders) - Change provisions relating to parental involvement in and access to learning materials in schools (*Prioritized by Sen. Lippincott - Currently in Committee*)

 LB 79 (Erdman) - Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act (*Prioritized by Sen. Erdman - Currently in Committee*)

LB 165 (Geist) - Include elementary and secondary schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and change tax benefits (*Prioritized by Sen. Bostelman - Currently in Committee*)

 LB 198 (McDonnell) - Provide for a return to work and authorize contributions under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act (*Prioritized by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee - Currently in Committee*)

LB 277 (Brewer) - Adopt the First Freedom Act and authorize the wearing of tribal regalia by students (*Prioritized by Sen. Hardin - Currently on General File*)

LB 298 (Linehan) - Require collection and reporting of information regarding dyslexia in schools (*Prioritized by Speaker Arch - Currently on Select File*)

 LB 341 (Halloran) - Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Child Sexual Abuse Liability Act and exempt actions from the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act (*Prioritized by the Judiciary Committee - Currently in Committee*)

 LB 385 (Linehan) - Adopt the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act (*Prioritized by the Education Committee - Currently in Committee*)



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LB 516 (Walz) - Provide and change powers and duties for the State Department of Education, Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education, and the state school security director; provide grants to school districts for security-related infrastructure projects, and provide grants to educational service units and local public health departments to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners as prescribed (*Prioritized by Sen. Walz - Currently in Committee*)

LB 575 (Kauth) - Adopt the Sports and Spaces Act (*Prioritized by Sen. Clements - Currently in Committee*)
While we are not officially taking a position at this point, we are analyzing the bill and working with its sponsor to address any school liability concerns.



LB 583 (Sanders at the request of Governor Pillen) - Provide for foundation aid and special education supplemental aid under TEEOSA (*Prioritized by Sen. Sanders - Currently in Committee*)



LB 585 (Hughes) - Change a duty of the state school security director and require behavioral and mental health training for certain school personnel (*Prioritized by Speaker Arch - Currently on General File*)

LB 630 (McKinney) - Provide a duty to the State Department of Education and require a school board to adopt a written dress code (*Prioritized by Speaker Arch - Currently on General File*)

LB 647 (McDonnell) - Change provisions relating to the purchase and loan of textbooks for children enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve of a private school (*Prioritized by Speaker Arch - Currently on General File*)



LB 705 (Murman) - Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions (*Prioritized by the Education Committee - Currently in Committee*)



LB 753 (Linehan at the request of Governor Pillen) - Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits (*Prioritized by Sen. Linehan - Currently on Select File*)



LB 805 (von Gillern) - Require schools to allow certain youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities (*Prioritized by Sen. von Gillern - Currently on General File*)

GOVERNOR'S FINANCE PACKAGE ...

- LB 583, LB 589, LB 681 ... There is significant debate over how increased SpEd funding should be allocated within the formula in LB 583. Colby has been in contact with the Governor's office as negotiations continue. LB 681 is being heard in front of the Appropriation Committee this afternoon. LB 589 (spending caps), and LB 681 (\$1B Future Fund) were not Prioritized, but may be amended into LB 583 or the Governor's budget. Stay tuned!



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THIS & THAT ...

- Committee hearings end March 24. Full day debate begins March 28
- There are MANY bills that could become part of the Education Committee Priorities (LB 385, LB 705). We will provide updates as these bills come together in committee. Again, stay tuned!
- There are three bills dealing with schools and their ability to enter into JPAs (LB 287, LB 322, LB 332). All 3 bills are targeted at schools and want to take away the ability for districts to tax. We oppose all three.
- There are three bills on Select File to keep an eye on. LB 141 - Require the Department of Education to provide guidance to school districts relating to a moment of silence in schools. LB 298 - Require collection and reporting of information regarding dyslexia in schools. LB 299 - Require approval by the voters of a school district or educational service unit for the issuance of certain bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

KEY EVENTS & DATES OF NOTE ...

- Join us on April 17 for our first NASB Legislative Advocacy Day! at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. With a third of the session remaining, spend the morning learning the status of bills important to the board room and classroom. Gain tools for advocacy, then head to the Capitol after lunch to put those tools to use as we engage with Senators and watch the floor debate. REGISTER NOW! <https://nasb.enviseams.com/>



- The final day of the 2023 Session is currently scheduled for June 9

Throughout the course of this 90-day session, look to NASB to keep you informed on pertinent information regarding key bills and topics important to your schools, public education, advocacy, and local school governance through downloading your copy of the *Advocacy Handbook*, these *Legislative Notes* updates, Legislative quick videos, on social media at our Twitter and Facebook pages, and always online at the Government Relations tab of www.NASBonline.org.



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