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LEGISLATIVE BILL 855

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Committee: Education

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to prohibit a school board or
2 board of education of a school district from using a debt collection
3 agency to collect or attempt to collect outstanding debts on a
4 school lunch or breakfast account of a student or from assessing or
5 collecting any interest, fees, or other monetary penalties for such
6 debts as prescribed.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, debt collection agency
2 means any person or entity that collects or attempt to collect, directly
3 or indirectly, debts due or asserted to be owed or due to another. Debt
4 collection agency does not include the Department of Revenue or any
5 programs administered by the department or a school, school district,
6 school board, or board of education.

7 (2) No school board or board of education of a school district
8 shall:

9 (a) Use a debt collection agency to collect or attempt to collect,
10 directly or indirectly, debts due or assessed to be owed for outstanding
11 debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of a student at such school
12 district; or

13 (b) Assess or collect any interest, fees, or other monetary
14 penalties for outstanding debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of
15 a student at such school district.