

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB548**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 10, 2009  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Adams  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to student files and the State Board of Education

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Adams, Ashford, Avery, Cornett, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Greg Adams  
Scott Summers  
Jay Sears  
John Bonaiuto  
Mary Campbell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nebraska Association of State Boards  
Lincoln Public Schools

**Opponents:**

Jeremy Murphy

**Representing:**

Nebraska Catholic Conference

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 548 would amend provisions regarding the transfer of student records and school vehicle requirements.

Section 79-2,105 would be amended by clarifying that the student records to be provided when a student transfers include academic and disciplinary material.

Section 79-318 would be amended by expanding the application of requirements for vehicles used to transport school children to include vehicles owned, operated, or contracted by any public, private, denominational, or parochial school. Currently, the State Board of Education is required to adopt rules and regulations for vehicles owned, operated, or contracted by school districts. The rules and regulations would not be applicable to vehicles owned by individuals operating exempt schools. A reference to the former Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped is deleted with the reference to the current Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired remaining.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendments would replace the original provisions and delay the certification of state aid and budget authority to school districts pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) from April 1st to June 1st for 2009.

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Section 79-1022 would be amended by moving the 2009 deadline for determining and certifying the amount of aid to be distributed to each local system and each school district. The current deadline for 2009 of April 1st would be delayed to June 1st. The deadline for future years would remain February 1st.

Section 79-1023 would be amended by moving the 2009 deadline for determining and certifying the maximum general fund budget of expenditures minus the special education budget of expenditures for each school district. The current deadline for 2009 of April 1st would be delayed to June 1st. The deadline for future years would remain February 1st.

Section 79-1026.01 would be amended by moving the 2009 deadline for determining and certifying the applicable allowable growth rate for each school district. The current deadline for 2009 of April 1st would be delayed to June 1st. The deadline for future years would remain February 1st.

Section 79-1027 would be amended by moving the 2009 deadline for determining and certifying the applicable allowable reserve percentage for each school district. The current deadline for 2009 of April 1st would be delayed to June 1st. The deadline for future years would remain February 1st.

Section 79-1031.01 would be amended by changing a reference to the certification date from April 1st to June 1st for 2009 in the requirement for the Appropriations Committee to include the amount necessary to fund the state aid certified on such date in its recommendations to the Legislature. The certification date for future years would remain February 1st.

The amendments contain an emergency clause.

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Greg Adams, Chairperson