

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 522**

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the High Performance Green

2 Schools Transparency Act.

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

1           Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the High Performance Green Schools Transparency Act.

3           Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that, with approximately  
4 twenty percent of all Nebraskans in a public school building every  
5 day, school buildings should be high performance green schools. A  
6 high performance green school is healthy, has good air quality, and  
7 is energy efficient. The purpose of the High Performance Green  
8 Schools Transparency Act is to provide a benchmark on a nationally  
9 recognized scale for energy efficiency for public schools in  
10 Nebraska. The act is necessary so that the Legislature, parents, and  
11 taxpayers can clearly see the energy efficiency of each school  
12 building to assure that public schools in Nebraska are energy  
13 efficient.

14           Sec. 3. On or before July 1, 2012, each school district  
15 shall generate and maintain an up-to-date Energy Star efficiency  
16 rating on each of the district's school and administration buildings  
17 using the Environmental Protection Agency's free online tool,  
18 Portfolio Manager.

19           The district shall report results of such ratings to the  
20 State Department of Education within six months after completion. The  
21 department shall publish and maintain the results for each school  
22 building on the department's web site.