

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB 381

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 381, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

This bill proposes three statutory changes which will result in reductions to General Fund appropriations beginning in FY 2011-12 as follows:

1. Eliminates membership in the Education Commission of the States, effective one year after the Governor's written withdrawal, which shall occur upon passage of this bill. Membership dues will cease in FY 2012-13.
2. Prohibits Educational Service Units (ESU) from serving Class IV and Class V school districts and prohibits the formation of ESUs serving only one school district effective July 1, 2011. If an ESU serves only a Class IV or Class V district, then the assets and liabilities of such ESUs shall be transferred to the respective school district. As a consequence of this legislation, ESUs 18 and 19 will be eliminated.
3. Removes statutory requirements that the Nebraska Department of Education employ a "student achievement coordinator."

This legislative bill has an operative date of July 1, 2011, and contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations may be found in the [Executive Budget, 2011-2013 Biennium](http://www.budget.ne.gov/das_budget/budget11/20112013.htm), which may be viewed on the Administrative Services State Budget Division's website at http://www.budget.ne.gov/das_budget/budget11/20112013.htm.

Principal Introducer: _____

Speaker Mike Flood, at the request of the Governor