

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB870**

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**Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: January 17, 2012**

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

Legislative Bill 870 would require the State Board of Education, on or before August 1, 2012, to establish an accountability system to be used to measure the performance of individual public schools and school districts beginning with the 2012-13 school year. The accountability system would be required to combine multiple measures, including, but not limited to, graduation rates, student growth and student improvement on statewide assessments, and other indicators of the performance of public schools and school districts as established by the board. The measures selected by the State Board for the accountability system could be combined into a school performance score and district performance score. The board would be required to establish levels of performance for the indicators used in the accountability system in order to classify the performance of public schools and school districts. The State Department of Education would be required to annually report the performance of individual public schools and school districts as part of the statewide assessment and reporting system.

The bill would also provide for the outright repeal of sections 79-760 and 79.760.04. Section 79-760 provides for an assessment and reporting system for school years prior to the 2009-10 school year. Section 79-760.04 requires educational service units with member school districts that are part of a learning community to develop and implement a joint plan to establish standards and provide for assessment of students in kindergarten through third grade within such learning community.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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