

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB539**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 05, 2013  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Chambers  
**One Liner:** Prohibit requiring teaching experience for superintendents

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Cook, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Avery, Davis
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Sullivan

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Ernie Chambers

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Jay Sears  
John Bonaiuto  
  
Brian Halstead

**Representing:**  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nebraska Association of School Boards and Nebraska  
Council of School Administrators  
Nebraska Department of Education

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Legislative Bill 539 would prohibit school boards from requiring any superintendent candidate to have teaching experience. The bill would nullify any rule or regulation of the State Board of Education that authorizes school boards to include such a requirement in a superintendent's employment contract.

Sections 79-801 and 79-808 would be amended to prohibit the State Board of Education from requiring teaching experience as a prerequisite for issuance of a certificate to administer.

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Kate Sullivan, Chairperson