

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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Committee: Education

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to create the School Finance Review
- 2 Committee; and to provide powers and duties.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The School Finance Review Committee is
2 created. The committee shall consist of the following members:

3 (a) Four members of the general public appointed by the
4 Governor. Not more than two of the four members shall be residents of
5 the same congressional district as such districts are established
6 pursuant to section 32-504;

7 (b) Four members who are either school administrators,
8 school superintendents, or school district business officials,
9 appointed by the State Board of Education. Not more than two of such
10 members shall be residents of the same congressional district as such
11 districts are established pursuant to section 32-504;

12 (c) One member from a school board from each class of
13 school district, appointed by the chairperson of the Education
14 Committee of the Legislature;

15 (d) Three members of the Legislature of which at least
16 one member shall be on the Education Committee and one on the
17 Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, appointed by the
18 Executive Board of the Legislative Council;

19 (e) A representative of the Governor's Office, appointed
20 by the Governor; and

21 (f) The Property Tax Administrator, who shall be a
22 nonvoting member.

23 (2) Committee members shall serve for terms of three
24 years, except that (a) of the members appointed pursuant to
25 subdivision (1)(a) of this section, two members shall serve for terms

1 of two years, and two members shall serve for terms of three years,
2 as designated by the Governor, (b) of the members appointed pursuant
3 to subdivision (1)(b) of this section, two members shall be appointed
4 for terms of two years and two members shall be appointed for terms
5 of three years, as designated by the State Board of Education, and
6 (c) of the members appointed pursuant to subdivision (1)(c) of this
7 section, one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one
8 member for a term of two years, and one member for a term of three
9 years. Thereafter all members appointed pursuant to such subdivisions
10 shall serve for terms of three years.

11 All members may serve for one additional three-year term.

12 (3) The committee shall monitor the operation of the Tax
13 Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and suggest needed
14 revisions in the act. In particular, the committee shall review the
15 implementation and operation of budget growth limitations,
16 equalization aid pursuant to section 79-1008.01, the minimum levy
17 adjustment pursuant to section 79-1008.02, and expenditures of
18 districts pursuant to the act.

19 (4) The committee shall meet at least once annually and
20 may meet more often upon the call of the chairperson. On or before
21 July 1, 2014, and on or before July 1 each even-numbered year
22 thereafter, the committee shall make a report to the Governor,
23 Legislature, and State Board of Education on the progress of the act
24 in effectuating property tax relief, broadening the tax base for the
25 support of the public school system, equalization of the tax burden

1 for the support of the public school system, equalization of
2 educational opportunities for students, and the effects of budget
3 limitations on district spending patterns. The report to the
4 Legislature shall be submitted electronically.