

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB438

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2013

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

LB 438 would require the State Board of Education, based on existing school performance scores and district performance scores, to designate no more than five priority schools. A priority school shall be in the lowest performance category at the time of the designation. Each school shall remain a priority school until removed by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education shall appoint an intervention team of up to five people who have the education and experience to carry out the responsibilities of the team. The intervention team will collaborate with the operating council, the school staff, the administration, and school board. This group shall develop a progress plan to submit to the State Board. The intervention team shall assist the school district in diagnosing issues and designing and implementing strategies to address issues raised in the progress plan and develop measurable indicators of progress.

The commissioner of Education will make an annual report on all priority schools and their progress.

Section 4 of the bill creates a community school designation and the steps in the formation of the operating council. An operating council shall be advisory to the superintendent, the school board, and the principal of the community school. The principal of a community school shall provide the opportunity for the operating council to meet with the principal at least once each month.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Greg Adams