

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB521

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2017

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

LB521 seeks to incentivize all districts to consider pre-schools. It would also provide incentives to consider higher quality and longer periods of time for pre-schools. LB521 would do the following:

- All districts, rather than only equalized districts and Learning Community would be available for state assistance;
- Early childhood education students would be weighted at eighty percent of a student, rather than the current sixty percent;
- Equalized districts would be paid through TEEOSA, and non equalized districts would be paid through an early childhood education allowance;
- Allows for funds to be consorted through Educational Service Units to increase probability for pre-schools if number of students and/or resulting funds are not enough for stand-alone programs;
- Schools would be eligible to receive fifty percent of additional transportation costs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lynne Walz