

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1193

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2024

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

LB 1193 would provide a statutory right for parents to allow their child to repeat a grade due to academic needs, illness or excessive absenteeism. Specifically, LB 1193 would provide that for children in kindergarten through 4th grade, a parent or guardian may request that a child repeat a grade because of academic needs, illness or excessive absenteeism.

For parents of children in 5th to 12th grade, a parent may request that a child repeat a grade due to excessive absenteeism.

For purposes of this bill, "excessive absenteeism" means that a child missed 50% or more of the school year, including excused, non-excused absences, and includes suspension/expulsion. School field trips, testing, athletic events, and similar absences are not included in this calculation.

LB 1193 further provides that parents or guardians have a right to meet with the superintendent to discuss the decisions to have their child repeat a grade and to provide information or evidence supporting their decision that their child repeat a grade. At this meeting, the superintendent can identify alternative educational opportunities as an alternative to repeating a grade. After the meeting, the parent or guardian retains the authority to make the decision that their child repeat a grade and they shall complete a form developed by the State Department of Education stating their request.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad