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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 469**

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Committee: Education

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to create the Program for Summer  
2 Learning; to provide duties for educational service units  
3 and the State Department of Education; and to state  
4 intent relating to appropriations.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1.   The Program for Summer Learning is created.  
2   The program shall be a summer school program developed by  
3   educational service units for students in grades kindergarten  
4   through twelve who:

5           (1) Are not receiving services under the Special  
6   Education Act or the federal Individuals with Disabilities  
7   Education Act; and

8           (2) Have scored below the fiftieth percentile in any  
9   subject on a standardized norm-referenced assessment instrument.

10          The program shall offer classes in reading, mathematics,  
11   and science to enable participating students to improve their  
12   scores on such standardized tests. Participation in the program by  
13   students shall be voluntary, and no tuition shall be charged by any  
14   educational service unit for participation in the program.

15          Sec. 2.   The State Department of Education shall  
16   distribute funds appropriated for the Program for Summer Learning  
17   equally among the educational service units. Funds distributed  
18   under this section shall be used for teacher salaries, facility  
19   rental costs, and supplies and may be used for teacher  
20   transportation expenses but shall not be used for student  
21   transportation expenses. Not more than ten percent of such funds  
22   may be used by the educational service units for costs of  
23   administering the program.

24          Educational service units shall contract with teachers  
25   for the program at a rate of payment determined by the educational  
26   service unit.

27          Sec. 3.   The State Department of Education shall conduct  
28   an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Program for Summer

1 Learning at the end of two complete summer sessions, using not more  
2 than one percent of the funds appropriated by the Legislature for  
3 the program to conduct the evaluation. The evaluation shall be  
4 completed on or before January 1, 2003.

5           Sec. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to  
6 appropriate (1) \$2,000,000 for FY2001-02 and (2) \$2,000,000 for  
7 FY2002-03 from the General Fund, to carry out sections 1 to 3 of  
8 this act.