



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 417

Hearing Date: February 25, 2003
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Speaker Bromm, at the request of the Governor)
Title: Eliminate provisions relating to payment for wards' education

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Byars, Schrock, Maxwell, McDonald, Stuhr, Raikes
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Bourne, Brashear

Proponents:

Jennifer Roberts
Ron Ross

Representing:

for the Speaker/for the Governor
Health and Human Services

Opponents:

Roy Baker
Walt Radcliffe
Terry Kenealy
Mary Fraser Meints
Julie Karavas
Pat Connell
John Bonaiuto

Representing:

Norris Public Schools
Boys and Girls Town
York Public Schools
Uta Halee
Nebraska Cattlemen
Boys and Girls Town
Nebraska State School Boards Association
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
Douglas County Youth Center
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
I Believe In Me Ranch
Northeast Regional Juvenile Center
Madison Public Schools
Nebraska Boys Ranch
Nebraska Association of Homes and Services for
Children
Girls and Boys Town
Uta Halee/

Cindy Burns
Jerry Sellentin
Suzan Wilson
Mike Applegate
Rob Ziegler
Jim Bovee

Jim Gross
Denis McCarville

Frank Hebenstreit
Beth Bazun Ferrell

Cooper Village/
Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska
Norfolk Public Schools
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Neutral:
D'Anne Welch

Representing:
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 417 would amend § 79-215 by eliminating all provisions regarding state wards. Section 79-215 is the section that establishes school district residency and financial responsibility for educational services. Without the current provisions regarding state wards, all wards of the state or of any court could become residents of the school district where he or she is residing at that particular time or of any school district where at least one of his or her parents reside. All of those districts would be required to admit the student upon request without charge. Currently, the state pays the cost of education and related transportation for most state wards placed in an institution or placed outside of their original resident district, except for those wards residing in foster family homes. The provisions for students who are not wards in residential settings would remain.

This measure would become operative on July 1, 2003 due to a stated operative date and emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson