



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 785

Hearing Date: February 24, 2003
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Hartnett)
Title: State intent relating to school district grade offerings and state aid

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Schrock, Maxwell, Stuhr, Raikes, Bourne, Byars, McDonald
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Brashear

Proponents:
Senator Paul Hartnett
Jim Pappas

Representing:
Introducer
Bellevue Public Schools

Opponents:
Jon Bailey
Jim Griess
John Hansen
Duane Witt
Matt Blomstedt
Marilyn Meerkatz

Representing:
Center for Rural Affairs
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska Farmers Union
Grand Island Northwest
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
Class I's United

Neutral:
Don Uerling

Representing:
Bureau of Education Research and Field Services

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 785 would state an intent for all school districts to be K-12 districts and to have a minimum of 1,600 students beginning with the 2005-06 school year. An intent would also be stated reduce T.E.E.O.S.A. aid to districts not meeting the requirements to 50% of the aid to which the districts would otherwise be entitled. Class I districts, Class VI districts, and districts that are part of an affiliated system or unified system could not be deemed to offer K-12 instruction.

The Education Committee, would be required to prepare legislation in consultation with the bill drafters to implement the proposed intent for introduction in the 99th Legislature.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson