



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 785

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 24, 2003

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

This legislation would establish the legislative policy (to be more fully implemented in the next biennium) that beginning with the 2005-06 school year, all school districts in Nebraska would be Kindergarten to 12th Grade Districts with a minimum of sixteen hundred students.

Beginning in that year, school districts which did not meet the requirements of this bill would receive only half of the state aid they would otherwise be entitled to under the Tax Equity and Education Opportunities Support Act.

Districts which are Class I or Class VI districts or which are part of a unified or affiliated system would not be deemed to be K-12 districts.

If adopted, the appropriate legislation to implement the proposal outlined in section 1 would be introduced in 2005.

By reducing the number of school districts, significant tax revenue savings, on both the state and local levels would be realized.

Principal Introducer:

Senator D. Paul Hartnett