



**Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 142**

Hearing Date: February 15, 2005
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Price)

Title: Provide for a tax levy for school safety and security measures

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Bourne, Byars, Howard, Kopplin, Raikes, Schrock, and Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator McDonald

Proponents:

Senator Marian Price
Virgil Horne
Al Inzerello
Milford Smith

John Bonaiuto
Matt Blomstedt

Representing:

Introducer
Lincoln Public Schools
Westside Community Schools
Nebraska Coalition for Educational Equity and Adequacy
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Russ Inbody

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Education

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 142 would add measures for safety and security of students, staff, and visitors to the purposes for which the 5.2 cent levy authority pursuant to section 79-10,110 could be used. The available levy authority would not increase. The current purposes for which the 5.2 cent levy authority can be used include:

1. Environmental hazard abatement;
 2. Accessibility barrier elimination;
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3. Modification for life safety code violations;
4. Indoor air quality;
5. Mold abatement and prevention;
6. Rehabilitating or repairing the public school facility in which a qualified zone academy is established; and
7. Providing equipment for use at a qualified zone academy.

Measures for safety and security of students, staff, and visitors would include all costs and expenses for:

1. Security audits, implementing safety and security plan policies, procedures, practices, and recommendations;
2. Building inspections, testing, maintenance, and modifications;
3. Related accounting, architectural, and engineering services;
4. Safety and security staffing, equipment, and devices;
5. Staff development;
6. Consultations;
7. Emergency services;
8. Alternative site location, evacuation, and transportation in the event of a safety and security incident;
9. Uniform staff identification;
10. Printing information in various languages;
11. Mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery; and
12. Other actions that will facilitate the safety and security of students, staff, and visitors and a safe environment in new or existing school buildings or on school grounds under the control of a school board.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson