



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1167

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2006

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

LB 1167 provides for the creation of new Class III school districts in certain areas.

This bill reconfigures districts for implementation in the 2010/2011 school year.

LB 1167 utilizes open enrollment and provides option funding for those newly created districts with qualifying free or reduced lunch students. In addition, transportation is provided for all qualifying free or reduced lunch students. This bill provides for student transportation reimbursement.

This bill provides for the development of magnet school programs. Each district may receive a grant to implement magnet programs at the high school and/or middle schools. LB 1167 does not sanction the duplication of metro area magnet concentrations, unless demand exceeds supply.

LB 1167 concentrates on learning through classroom spending. This bill reserves 60% or more of the district's general funds for instruction.

Matching funds for bonds on a sliding scale are the mechanism for capital improvements. LB 1167 provides that schools will receive up to 50% matching funds if the property tax valuation per pupil is less than the state average.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Pam Redfield