



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 880

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: January 17, 2006

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

LB 880 would establish a hardship fund to address the unexpected costs of special education and related services, such as required residential care, for a student who is not a ward of the state or of any court. School districts would be able to access the fund once per student and would have to demonstrate that:

- 1) the district did not and could not have reasonably anticipated the costs prior to September 20 of the school year;
- 2) the costs will be of extreme financial burden to the district;
- 3) the cost is greater than either
 - a) three times the average per pupil cost based on the average daily membership expenditures in the state for the previous school fiscal year or;
 - b) five percent of the requesting school district's total general fund expenditures for the previous fiscal year, whichever is less.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike Flood