

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB525**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 14, 2017**

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

LB 525 would fund the Master Teacher Program with the proceeds of one percent of the funds allocated to education from the Nebraska State Lottery. The bill is intended to replace funding currently provided through state general fund appropriations if the Legislature does not include funding for the program in the upcoming biennium budget.

Under the Master Teacher program, teachers are incentivized to complete National Board Certification, which research shows leads to improvements in classroom teaching and student success. Teachers are reimbursed for the costs of fees for the certification program, which is a hands-on, classroom-based program. Any remaining funds would go to paying stipends for teachers who remain in the classroom after attaining National Board Certification. Stipends would be capped based on available funding.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Adam Morfeld