

AMENDMENTS TO LB682

Introduced by Education

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following  
2 new sections:

3           Section 1. On or before July 1, 2015, and on or before  
4 July 1 each year thereafter, any school district in Nebraska with  
5 an average daily membership for grades kindergarten through twelve  
6 of fewer than six hundred fifty students for the most recently  
7 available complete data year and the school fiscal year immediately  
8 preceding the most recently available complete data year that is  
9 not already a member of an allied system shall form an allied  
10 system with at least three other school districts or join an  
11 existing allied system. If one or more school districts required to  
12 form or join an allied system under this section have not done so  
13 by such date, the Commissioner of Education shall form one or more  
14 allied systems which include such districts or direct each such  
15 school district to join an existing allied system specified by the  
16 commissioner for such district. The commissioner shall provide an  
17 opportunity to be heard for each such district, the member school  
18 districts of any affected allied system, and any other interested  
19 party and shall consider the number of students in each allied  
20 system in forming new allied systems or directing a district to  
21 join a specified existing allied system. A school district with an  
22 enrollment of six hundred fifty students or more may, but is not  
23 required to, join an allied system.

1           Sec. 2. Allied systems shall be formed as an agreement  
2 between at least four member school districts, which agreement  
3 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following terms:

4           (1) The superintendent of each school district in the  
5 allied system is deemed the representative of his or her district  
6 to the allied system;

7           (2) The superintendent of each school district in the  
8 allied system shall file with the State Department of Education  
9 notice of the school district's membership in such allied system  
10 and a list of the other member school districts on or before July  
11 1 of each year beginning in 2015;

12           (3) Each school district in the allied system shall have  
13 the same yearly calendar and daily schedule, except that this  
14 subdivision does not require that such districts have the same  
15 yearly calendar and daily schedule for extracurricular activities;

16           (4) School districts in an allied system wishing to  
17 cooperate beyond the uniform yearly calendar and daily schedule  
18 requirements of this section may form an interlocal agreement  
19 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act relative to cooperation  
20 on such additional matters. Every member of such interlocal  
21 agreement is entitled to one vote on matters covered by such  
22 interlocal agreement;

23           (5) All employees of each school district shall remain  
24 employees of such district and their contracts shall be negotiated  
25 through such district; and

26           (6) No school district in an allied system may move into  
27 another allied system if such change would reduce the allied system

1 to fewer than three member school districts unless the remaining  
2 member school districts agree to dissolve such allied system and  
3 join other allied systems. If at least one school district that  
4 is a member of an allied system merges with one or more other  
5 school districts and the resulting reorganized school district  
6 joins such allied system, each of the school districts that were  
7 members of the allied system prior to the merger shall count as  
8 a separate member school district only for the purpose of meeting  
9 the minimum requirement of three member school districts. Nothing  
10 in this subdivision prevents a school district from reorganizing  
11 with one or more other school districts regardless of allied system  
12 membership. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, if  
13 an allied system no longer meets the minimum requirement of three  
14 member school districts due to a reorganization involving one or  
15 more member school districts, such allied system shall be dissolved  
16 and the remaining member school districts shall join other allied  
17 systems.

18       Sec. 3. Within one year after the formation of an allied  
19 system, the representatives of the school districts in such allied  
20 system shall meet and create a common calendar and schedule which  
21 shall be implemented in each member school district beginning with  
22 the school year immediately following the deadline for creating  
23 such common calendar and schedule pursuant to this section.

24       Sec. 4. Nothing in sections 1 to 3 of this act requires  
25 the member school districts in an allied system to combine or  
26 coordinate revenue, spending, taxation, state aid, or any other  
27 elements relating to finances.