

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB410

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2013

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

LB 410 is the annual technical bill for preschool through high school education. In addition to harmonizing changes and the elimination of obsolete provisions, substantive modifications include:

1. Requiring the admission of children who turn 5 between August 1 and October 15th who meet current eligibility requirements;
2. Modifying enrollment option for students affected by a change in residency or a merger;
3. Clarifying that the enrollment option program does not relieve parents of compulsory attendance obligations;
4. Eliminating the requirement for the Department of Education to reimburse school districts for transportation expenses for qualifying option students;
5. Modifying reporting requirements related to student absences;
6. Require districts to charge fees sufficient to cover the cost for transporting option students;
7. Adding tuition paid and transportation fees paid to other districts into general fund operating expenditures for calculating state aid;
8. Eliminating an exception to spending limitations for payments for the transfer of land;
9. Allow programs funded by the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund to continue serving at-risk children who turn three until the end of the program year;
10. Replacing the terms "mentally retarded" with "intellectually disabled" and "behaviorally disordered" with "emotionally disturbed";
11. Clarifying that the final deadline for distance education equipment reimbursement applications is July 1, 2013 and that the final reimbursements will be made in fiscal year 2013-14;
12. Moving reporting deadlines for learning communities;
13. Redefining private postsecondary career schools;
14. Increasing the required fund balance for the Tuition Recovery Cash Fund; and
15. Authorizing the use of the prior year annual financial report for the calculation of state aid when the report is not filed by the deadline.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Sullivan

