

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1103

Approved by the Governor April 2, 2014

Introduced by Education Committee: Sullivan, 41, Chairperson; Avery, 28; Cook, 13; Davis, 43; Kolowski, 31; Scheer, 19; Seiler, 33.

FOR AN ACT relating to education; to state findings and intent; to provide for a strategic planning process; to provide duties for the Education Committee of the Legislature; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) In order to continue the pursuit of the good life in Nebraska, a common statewide vision must be refined to address the potential of all students across the state; and

(b) Individuals and businesses making reasoned decisions about where to locate often place the quality of education as one of the primary considerations. Quality education not only serves as an indicator of the current quality of life in a community but also as a determinant for what lies ahead.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to focus educational resources from all sources in our state toward a common statewide vision for the future through collaborative efforts to achieve the best possible results for all Nebraskans, our communities, and our state.

Sec. 2. The Education Committee of the Legislature shall conduct a strategic planning process to create the statewide vision for education in Nebraska described in section 1 of this act which shall include aspirational goals, visionary objectives, meaningful priorities, and practical strategies. The committee or subcommittees thereof may conduct meetings, work sessions, and focus groups with individuals and representatives of educational interests, taxpayer groups, the business community, or any other interested entities. The committee shall also hold at least three public hearings to receive testimony from the general public in locations that represent a variety of educational situations. The committee shall submit a report regarding such process electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before December 31, 2014.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.