

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB1067

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2016**

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

Legislative Bill 1067 would modify provisions related to learning communities, address community achievement issues, and adjust option enrollment provisions.

Changes to learning communities would include removing school board members from learning community coordinating councils, eliminating common levies and providing transition aid, converting open enrollment students to option enrollment students, eliminating learning community coordinating council duties in the reorganization process, and adding a learning community administrator to the Educational Service Unit (ESU) Coordinating Council.

In addition the measure would provide for community achievement plans and funding to bring districts, ESU's, and learning communities together for the purpose of addressing achievement equity and achievement barriers across the community. Community achievement plans would be required for learning communities, while other school districts and ESU's would also be given the opportunity to form similar partnerships to address these issues within their communities.

Option enrollment changes would apply to all school districts and would include requiring district policies regarding transportation for option students, allowing districts to offer free transportation (instead of a reimbursement) to option students qualifying for free lunches, and including option enrollment and open enrollment information on the fall membership report.

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

Senator Kate Sullivan