

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB210

Hearing Date: Monday January 25, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Murman
One Liner: Change provisions relating to part-time enrollment in public schools and extracurricular activities

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Day, Linehan, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Murman, Sanders, Walz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

SENATOR DAVE MURMAN
DAVE LOSTROH

MICAH SHADE

STEPHANIE SHADE

STACIE WEST

Representing:

INTRODUCER
NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS
ASSOCIATION
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Opponents:

JON CERNY
JAY BELLAR
JACK MOLES

Representing:

BANCROFT ROSALIE SCHOOLS
NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
NEBRASKA RURAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION, NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
BOARDS, NEBRASKA STATE EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION, SCHOOLS TAKING ACTION FOR
NEBRASKA CHILDREN, NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:
KAREN BOWLING

Representing:
NEBRASKA FAMILY ALLIANCE

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 210 requires each school board to establish policies and procedures to allow home school students to participate in any extracurricular activities that mirror the requirements, conditions, and procedures of students enrolled in the district. However, the home school retains the responsibility for setting the standards for satisfactory academic performance for the purposes of such participation in extracurricular activities and shall provide assurances of compliance.

The bill sets into statute that homeschool students do not need to enroll in any courses in the school district to participate in extracurricular activities, and that if they do choose to enroll part-time they can select the courses in which they enroll. Per the proposed language, the school district shall not allow preferential treatment of full-time students over homeschool students for selection of members of an extracurricular activity.

LB210 does allow school board policies and procedures to require homeschool students participating in extracurricular activities to follow school policies that apply to other students while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

Participation in extracurricular activities does not entitle a student to transportation, except to and from practices and events to the same extent as public school students participating in such activities, or transportation reimbursement pursuant Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-611 (outlining the student transportation allowance policies and reimbursement rates).

The provisions in LB210 expressly state that nothing in the language exempts a student from Nebraska's compulsory school attendance laws.

Explanation of amendments:

AM357 changes the requirements of the policies and procedures that each school board is required to establish, by explicitly stating that a home school student shall be required to take no more and no less than ten credit hours in any semester to participate in extracurricular activities, including coursework that is directly related to team practice for an extracurricular activity in which such student is participating or is planning to participate.

The language in the bill is strengthened in the amendment to clarify the provisions established herein apply to any student who is a resident of the school district.

Finally, the amendment expands the language of the bill to apply to interschool competitions, as well as extracurricular activities.

Lynne Walz, Chairperson