

**NOTICE OF MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**

Notice is hereby given of a Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting of School District No. 17, in the County of Douglas, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 14, 2011** at 5608 South 147th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

An agenda for such meetings, kept continuously current are available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent at 5608 South 147th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
MICHAEL KENNEDY,
Secretary

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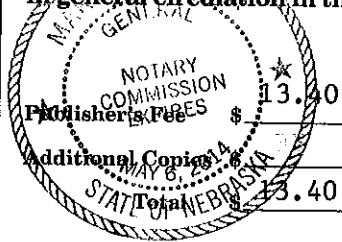
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

February 14, 2011

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*COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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FEBRUARY 14, 2011

MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board of Education Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Don Stroh Administration Center, 5606 South 147th Street.

The Public Meeting Act is posted on the Wall and Available for Public Inspection

Public Comments on agenda items - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on agenda items only. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice-President before the meeting begins.

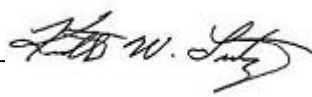
A G E N D A

1. Legislation

Public Comments - This is the proper time for public questions and comments on any topic. Please make sure a request form is given to the Board Vice President before the meeting begins.

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET**AGENDA ITEM:** Legislative Update**MEETING DATE:** February 14, 2011**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Superintendent**TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** Legislative Update for the 102nd Legislature 1st session.**ACTION DESIRED:** APPROVAL ____ DISCUSSION ____ INFORMATION ONLY XX

The legislative summary is attached.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Implemented Strategies and Superintendent's Goals**RESPONSIBLE PERSON:** Angelo Passarelli**SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL:** _____  _____

Legislative Update

February 14, 2011

Legislative Calendar – Hearings schedule:

February 22 - Learning Community Bills

February 24 – Truancy bill

February 28 – Learning Community transportation bills

March 1 – energy efficiency, green schools, bond refunding

March 8 – student expression, military children educational opportunity

March 15 – dual enrollment, Quality Educational Opportunity Act

Bills of Interest

LB 18 – This bill distributes the federal jobs money through the state aid formula. This bill has been passed and forwarded to the Governor for his signature.

LB 50 is a tuition tax credit bill that funnels public money to private schools. We are opposed to this bill.

There are several bills that change the school aid formula to reflect the reductions they intend to make.

LB 130 will provide for funding the current formula at a reduced percentage such as 90% or 95% so that the appropriations committee can hit a budget target for state aid.

LB 235 reduces state aid with a goal of reaching 838 million in funding.

LB 236 reduces state aid even further to 800 million.

The Governor's proposal is 810 million. It is likely that state aid will end up somewhere in the middle of those numbers being circulated. Preliminary estimates indicate that funding at this level will mean a 9-11 million dollar reduction in state aid for Millard Public Schools.

LB 364 reduces allowances for student growth, instructional time and advanced teaching degrees. We oppose this bill.

There are several Learning Community Bills

LB 463 changes provisions relating to truancy

LB 548 changes the governance structure of the Learning Community.

LB 558 changes the provisions relating to focus schools

LB 615 changes provisions relating to access to student records

LB 636 changes provisions relating to access to student records

A listing of bills we are tracking is attached.

National News and Advocacy Issues

Some fear the next Congress will freeze, cut K-12 funding - the current federal funding for K-12 education will remain flat at least through March 4 under a measure passed by Congress. It will be up to the next -- more fiscally conservative -- Congress to establish funding levels going forward.

Tuition tax credits - A 1983-defeated Senate bill that would have given private school tuition credits may re-emerge this year as some in Congress may see a tuition-tax credit program as a silver bullet to lower taxes, divert money and power from the Department of Education, and give financial support to religious and secular private schools

The child nutrition bill was signed into law by President Obama, capping months of advocacy by the first lady as part of her efforts to reduce childhood obesity. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will expand the number of children in school lunch programs by 115,000, increase the reimbursement rate to school districts for meals by six cents and replace the junk food available outside the cafeteria, such as in vending machines, with more healthful options.

MILLARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

102nd Legislature - First Session - 2011



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BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB18	Adams	Provide for distribution of allocations from the federal Education Jobs Fund	Education 01/18/11 1:30 p.m. Room 1525	01/19/11	01/21/11	01/31/11	Passed 02-04-11	Support
LB19	McCoy	Prohibit the use of certain drug substances as prescribed Adds to Schedule 1 of the controlled substances act Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing any detectable quantity of synthetically produced cannabinoids. Makes such substances unlawful to posses. Punishment for such offense shall be equal to those of possession of marijuana.	Judiciary 01/19/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1113	01/21/11				Monitor
LB33	Louden	Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land Beginning January 1, 2012 Ag and horticultural land shall be valued at 70 rather than 75% of its actual value. Changes acceptable range for valuation from 69-75% to 64-70% of actual value. Changes state aid value of ag and horticultural land to 67 rather than 72%.	Revenue 01/21/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Monitor
LB50	Krist	Adopt the Elementary and Secondary Educational Opportunity Act and provide for income tax credits Provides income tax credits for contributions to entities that provide scholarships to children attending privately operated elementary or secondary schools. Scholarships can only be granted to kids of certain incomes. For grades K-8, the household income eligibility is three times the standard for free or reduced price lunch; for grades 9-12 the eligibility is increased to four times.	Revenue					Oppose
LB53	Krist	Change free transportation provisions relating to learning community students Provides that Learning Community school districts must provide free transportation to students residing in the learning community and attending school in the school district if the student is transferring pursuant to the open enrollment provisions of section 79-2110 and either (i) is a student who contributes to the socioeconomic diversity of enrollment at the school building to which he or she attends, transfers and lives more than one mile from the school to which he or she transfers, or (ii) is a student attending a focus school or program and lives more than one mile from the school building housing the focus school or program.	Education 02/28/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor

BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB58	Adams	Provide for a study of dual-enrollment courses and career academies Provides that the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education should study dual enrollment courses and report to the Legislature before December 15, 2011.	Education 03/15/11 at 1:30 p.m. room 1525					Monitor
LB123	Heidemann	Provide for disciplinary actions and policies relating to cyber-bullying Provides that cyber-bullying shall constitute, in some cases, grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment. Cyber-bullying means any ongoing use of electronic mail, text messaging, social networking web sites, or any other form of electronic communication, on or off of school grounds, with the intention of causing harm or serious emotional distress to students or school personnel. Requires school districts to develop policies concerning cyber-bullying prevention and education.	Education 01/18/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB125	Avery	Create the Children's Health Advisory Committee To create and provide duties for the Children's Health Advisory Committee, to provide duties for the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Education to provide for and require schools to implement nutrition and physical activity standards.	Health and Human Services 02/10/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1510					Monitor
LB130	Heidemann	Provide for adjustment of formula need in calculation of state aid to schools Provides that for school fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, if the total amount of TEEOSA Aid as determined by the department to be distributed to school districts is different than the total amount of funds appropriated for distribution, the department shall proportionally adjust each district's formula need as calculated pursuant to section 12 79-1007.11 so that the total amount of aid determined is equal to the amount of funds appropriated.	Education 01/25/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB143	Haar	Require public education institutions to file certain contracts of employment with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Provides that public schools shall file with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission a copy of each contract of employment for officials of the institution with the title or function of president, vice president, chancellor, superintendent, assistant superintendent, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer or any other senior administrative personnel under contract with the institution performing similar functions. The contract of employment shall include the salary and benefit package provided to the official and shall identify each benefit provided and its source and value.	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/17/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1507					Oppose
LB145	Haar	Provide for school transportation safety committees Provides for creation of school transportation safety committees and submission of child access routing plans for each school within a school district. Further provides for committee procedures when a new school is proposed.	Education 02/28/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose

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LB148	Avery	Exclude lobbying expenses from the definition of general fund operating expenditures for state aid to education purposes The one-liner says it all.	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB149	Avery	Adopt the Blind Persons Literacy Rights and Education Act Provides that a teacher employed by or under contract with a school district, educational service unit, other education agency, or the State Department of Education who teaches blind or visually impaired children shall demonstrate competence in reading and writing Braille. Provides how such demonstration may be made.	Education 02/08/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB173	Avery	Prohibit natural resources district board members from running for or holding more than one office No person serving in a natural resource district shall simultaneously hold another high elective office. <input type="checkbox"/>	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 02/02/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1507					Monitor
LB189	Council	Adopt the Criminal Offender Employment Act On an initial application for public employment, there shall be no question or checkbox for the applicant regarding the applicant's criminal record. Any criminal record of the applicant shall not operate as an automatic bar to otherwise qualified applicants in obtaining public employment and shall only be taken into consideration after the applicant has been selected as a finalist for employment. Certain criminal records shall not be used in connection with application for public employment.	Business and Labor 01/24/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 2102					Oppose
LB192	Council	Require school districts to offer instruction in sexual health education Provides that beginning with school year 2012-13, each school district must offer instruction in sexual health education with a curriculum pursuant to listed criteria in the bill and State Board of Education regulations.	Education 02/08/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB204	Council	Require blood-lead testing prior to enrollment in school Provides that school districts shall require students to have undergone lead testing after the age of 18 months and before the age of 4 years. Provides for testing and notification procedures.	Education 02/08/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose

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LB235	Adams	<p>Change provisions relating to state aid to schools</p> <p>Reduces the base limitation rate for school district to 0.5% for 2011-12 and 2012-13. Elements of the budget lids would be permanently modified. Modifications that would reduce the total amount of state aid: The cost growth factor would be permanently reduced by eliminating the factor that is added on to the two years of basic allowable growth rates in the calculation. The upper and lower ends of the range for need stabilization would be reduced by 5% for 2011-12. The threshold for the averaging adjustment would also be reduced by 5% for 2011-12 and the additional 0.5% that is used in the calculation of the threshold would be permanently eliminated to reflect the change in the cost growth factor. The local effort rate would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.025 for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The allocated income tax reduction would be extended for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and would be increased to \$21 million. NCSA Summary.</p> <p>It is estimated that LB235 would decrease the amount of state aid distributed in FY2011-12 by \$140.9 million and the amount distributed in FY2012-13 by \$172.8 million of general funds</p>	Education 01/25/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
LB236	Adams	<p>Change provisions relating to state aid to schools</p> <p>Reduces the base limitation rate for school district to 0% for 2011-12 and 2012-13, which would affect budget lids and several elements of the aid formula. Elements of the budget lids would be permanently modified. Modifications reducing total amount of state aid: The cost growth factor would be permanently reduced by eliminating the factor that is added on to the two years of basic allowable growth rates in the calculation. Need stabilization and the averaging adjustment would be eliminated beginning with the 2011-12 calculation of aid. The local effort rate would be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.025 for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The allocated income tax reduction would be extended for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and would be increased to \$21 million. NCSA Summary.</p> <p>It is estimated that LB236 would decrease the amount of state aid distributed in FY2011-12 by \$184.8 million and the amount distributed in FY2012-13 by \$231.9 million of general funds.</p>	Education 01/25/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB247	Pahls	<p>Adopt the Classrooms First Act</p> <p>Requires 65% or more of each district's total operating expenditures on direct classroom instruction beginning in 2012-13. Defines what constitutes "direct classroom instruction". Requires Commissioner of Education to send an "intervention team" to any district failing to comply, in order to help the school board and administration meet the requirements of the legislation. Beginning in 2013-14, failure to comply for three consecutive years would mean loss of accreditation. NCSA Summary.</p>	Education 01/25/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose

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LB260	Lathrop	Adopt the Concussion Awareness Act Provides that after a concussion or brain injury is sustained or suspected to have been sustained, schools are to prohibit athletes from playing or practicing again until they have been cleared by a health care professional. Requires schools to make available training to recognize the symptoms of a concussion or brain injury and send out information regarding concussion and brain injury information on annual basis to student athletes. Cities, villages, businesses, and non-profits who organize youth athletic activities must also provide information on concussions and brain injuries to participants, make available training, and prohibit an athlete from resuming playing or practicing after a concussion or brain injury is sustained or suspected to have been sustained until cleared by a health care professional.	Health and Human Services 01/27/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1510					Monitor
LB266	Sullivan	Change the Open Meetings Act relating to closed sessions Provides that a public body may go into closed session for the evaluation of the job performance of a nonelected official or employee if such person has not requested a public meeting. Current statute provides the body may go into closed session for evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting.	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 01/26/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1507					Monitor
LB273	Dubas	Change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act to provide for converted contracts and converted contract option students	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB283	Haar	Provide school boards with tax levy and bond authority relating to energy efficiency projects Permits tax levy authority and bond authority for energy efficiency projects under the existing environmental hazard/accessibility barrier abatement provisions of law. NCSA Summary.	Education 03/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
LB287	Adams	Change provisions relating to summer school and early childhood summer sessions Expands the existing TEEOSA summer school allowance for students enrolled in a summer session of an early childhood education program. Changes the calculation of the allowance. Further provides that each school district will receive an additional six-tenths of a summer school student unit for each early childhood education student unit attributed to a free lunch and free milk. NCSA Summary.	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
LB364	Fischer	Change provisions relating to calculation of state aid to schools Revises state aid formula to eliminate the instructional time allowance, the teacher education allowance, and the student growth adjustment for computation of state aid in school fiscal year 2011-12 and beyond. Although the effect on individual school districts is not yet known, Senator Fischer has indicated her intent was to reduce the total liability for state aid to schools. NCSA Summary.	Education 01/31/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose

BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB381	Speaker Flood	Change provisions relating to educational service units, withdraw from the Compact for Education, and eliminate a student achievement coordinator	Education 02/14/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB382	Nordquist	Change deposit and contribution rates for certain retirement systems Requires School Retirement Fund retirement contributions from employees of 9.28% of compensation from 9/2011 through 8/2013 and contributions of 8.28% from 9/2013 through 8/2014. The most recent required contribution was 8.28%. From 7/2011 until 7/2013, requires retirement contributions paid by Nebraska State Patrol officers or paid on the officer's behalf of 19% of monthly compensation. From 2013 onward, requires 16% contribution. Provides for assessments against the appropriation of the Nebraska State Patrol in those amounts for those periods. NCSA: Proposes to change the employee contribution rate for the School Employees Plan from 8.28% to 9.28% effective September 1, 2011. The employer rate (equal to 101% of the employee rate) would increase from 8.36% to 9.37%. It is important to note that the bill was introduced on behalf of the Governor and that, while the proposal calls for a full percentage increase, the Retirement Committee is not bound to that idea. It is likely that LB 382 will be advanced from committee this session, but it may not have to include a full percent increase. Talks are under way to examine, for instance, a half percent increase or some figure less than a full percent. The underlying objective is to address the immediate actuarial shortfall and to be cognizant of the increased burden placed on employees as well as employers.	Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB397	Lathrop	Redefine a term in the Industrial Relations Act Clarifies that the reference to employer in the definition of employee refers to the definition of employer provided by the Industrial Relations Act.	Business and Labor 02/07/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Monitor
LB430	Cornett	Change property tax levy limitations Provides that property tax levies for "bonds as defined in section 10-134" rather than "bonded indebtedness" are not subject to the local government levy limits established under section 77-3442. Resolves a dispute between State Auditor's office and certain SIDs. ENDC legislation	Revenue 02/02/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Support
LB439	Heidemann	Change valuation of agricultural and horticultural land for school tax purposes Provides that for school district taxation purposes, agricultural and horticultural land shall be valued at 65% of its actual value, and greenland 65% of its special value. Provides that the acceptable range of TERC variation for such land for school district taxation purposes is 59% to 65% of actual value. For purposes of TEEOSA, provides that agricultural and horticultural land has a state aid value of 62% of actual value and greenland has a state aid value of 62% of the special valuation. NCSA summary.	Revenue					Oppose

BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB440	Heidemann	Change adjusted-valuation provisions within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act Provides for a gradual reduction (1% per year) in agricultural and horticultural land state aid value and greenland state aid value from the current 72% to 62% of actual value over the course of the next 10 years. The state aid value is used to calculate TEEOSA aid. NCSA Summary.	Education 02/01/11 at at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB446	Adams	Change duties and funding provisions relating to educational service units Provides that an ESU may consist of a single school district if that district is a Class IV or Class V district. Provides that only an ESU with four or members or that is composed of a single Class IV or V school district may levy a tax. Provides for the calculation of the adjusted students number for a single member ESU. Provides that it is the intent of the legislature that each multidistrict ESU use 5% of its funding for core services and technology infrastructure for cooperative projects between member school districts and 5% for core services and technology infrastructure statewide projects.	Education 02/14/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB463	Ashford	Change juvenile penalty, records, service plan, probation sanctions, and truancy provisions Expands access to sealed records to law enforcement agency if a person whose record has been sealed applies for employment with the law enforcement agency. All school districts shall have a policy that outlines how the school district and the county attorney will handle cases in which excessive absences are due to documented serious illness. If a child is absent more than ten days per year or the hourly equivalent or is suspended from school for any reason, the school district shall inform and request from juvenile probation officers as defined in section 29-2246, the Department of Health and Human Services and any private entity providing services to children and families pursuant to a contract with the department, and the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice any information relating to such child available to the officers, department, entities, and commission. The officers, department, entities, and commission shall provide any such information in their records to the school district. Includes reducing truancy in the list of duties of the learning community. Redefines truancy as students who are absent for more than ten days each year.	Judiciary					Monitor

BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB486	Louden	<p>Change provisions relating to compensation and contributions under the School Employees Retirement Act</p> <p>Sunset the 7% rule effective June 30, 2012. Thereafter, any amount of annual salary increase exceeding 9% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement benefits and there would be no exemptions to this rule. Currently, a plan member of the School Employees Retirement System applying for retirement benefits is subject to have his/her salary examined by NPERS (the Retirement Agency) for the 60 months leading up to the anticipated date of retirement. Under the current rule, any amount of annual salary increase exceeding 7% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement benefits unless at least one of three exemptions applies.</p> <p>NCSA: Proposes to eliminate the 7% Rule under the School Employees Plan along with the three exemptions under the rule and, in exchange, to raise the cap for purposes of calculating benefits to 9% with no exemptions. Under the existing rule, a plan member applying for retirement benefits is subject to have his/her salary examined by NPERS (the Retirement Agency) for the 60 months leading up to the declared date of retirement. Any amount of annual salary exceeding 7% would be excluded for purposes of computation of retirement benefits unless at least one of three exemptions applies. The three exemptions are: A. Substantial change of employment position or duties, B. Result of collective bargaining agreement, or C. District-wide permanent benefit-plan change.</p> <p>Under LB 486, the existing 7% Rule would sunset on June 30, 2012, and, beginning July 1, 2012, a new</p>	<p>Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/08/11 at 12:10 p.m. room 1525</p>					Oppose
LB509	Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee	<p>Change provisions relating to retirement</p> <p>NCSA: Represents the technical cleanup bill for the NPERS. One of the more significant changes proposed in LB 509 is a re-codification effort to place all cost-of-living (COLA) related provisions of each retirement plan into one section of law and to eliminate obsolete language. The bill does not change or alter any existing COLA laws. The bill neither increases nor diminishes any benefit for current or future retirees.</p>	<p>Nebraska Retirement Systems 02/08/11 at 12:10 p.m. room 1525</p>					Monitor
LB531	Fulton	<p>Change permissible budget reserves for schools</p> <p>Lowers MPS allowable reserve percentage from 20% to 15%. Provides that any reduction in a school district's budget made to comply with the budget limitation under the state aid formula must affect classroom expenses at a last resort. The obvious intent behind the bill is to force school districts to utilize its reserves toward instructional staff and to place instructional staff as the priority for budget expenditures. NCSA Summary.</p>	<p>Education 02/01/11 at at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525</p>					Oppose
LB537	Karpisek	<p>Change provisions relating to budget limitations and property tax levy limitations</p>	<p>Revenue 02/04/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524</p>					

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LB544	Pahls	Change provisions relating to civics education for students Currently, state law provides that for grades below grade 6, one hour a week of school time should be devoted to "the duties of citizenship." This bill expands upon that by adding "including active participation in the improvement of a citizen's community, state, country, and world and the value and practice of civil discourse between opposing interests."	Education 03/15/11 at 1:30 p.m. room 1525 CANCELLED 02/14/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB548	McCoy	Change, transfer, and eliminate provisions relating to learning communities Replaces the 18 generally elected voting members of learning community coordinating council with 9 school board members from the districts in the learning community. Selection of members: (a) one school board member would be appointed by the other school district members from each of the six learning community geographic districts (the elected member must live in the district) and (2) three at large school board members as appointed by all school board members within the learning community. Changes duties of the superintendent advisory committee. Eliminates the achievement subcouncil and gives some of those previous duties to the superintendent advisory committee. Provides that the learning community coordinating council must approve a focus program, focus school, or pathway program before it is established by a learning community school districts. Provides that learning community school districts may independently participate in one or more joint entities formed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the purpose of creating, implementing, and operating focus programs, focus schools, magnet schools, or pathway programs which shall not require the approval of the learning community coordinating council. Removes language designating a school district as the primary school district when the school districts collaborate on a focus program, focus school, or magnet school. Provides that student selection and attendance for such focus programs, focus schools, magnet schools, and pathway programs, whether approved by the learning community coordinating council or created and operated	Education 02/22/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Support
LB558	Nordquist	Change provisions relating to focus schools, focus programs, and magnet schools Removes the "pursuant to the diversity plan developed by the learning community coordinating council" language after the section that allows any members school district of a learning community to establish one or more focus programs, focus schools, or magnet schools. Provides that if a focus school or focus program is part of a diversity plan of the learning community, it is eligible for an allowance. Removes the designation of a primary school district when the school districts collaborate on a focus program, focus school, or magnet school.	Education 02/22/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					
LB564	Fulton	Change and eliminate provisions of the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act	Business and Labor 02/07/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					

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LB572	Price	Limit transfers of students between learning community member school districts Provides that if a learning community coordinating council creates an elementary learning center within a member school district, a student residing in such member school district is not eligible to transfer to another school district within the learning community.	Education 02/28/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB582	Haar	Adopt the Student Expression Act Provides that the right of students to free expression in all public schools in Nebraska shall not be abridged except as provided in the Student Expression Act. Prohibits certain types of student expression including (1) obscene expressions, defamatory expressions, and expression that creates clear and present danger of unlawful acts or causes material and substantial disruption of the school or invasion of privacy. Provides that the Legislature encourages school districts to adopt and publish policies on student expression following the guidelines of the Student Expression Act.	Education 03/08/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB591	Gloor	Provide for a syndromic surveillance program and change immunization information exchange provisions The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a syndromic surveillance program that respects patient privacy and benefits from advances in both electronic health records and electronic health information exchange. The syndromic surveillance program shall include the monitoring, detection, and investigation of public health threats. The department shall adopt standards for syndromic surveillance reporting by hospitals. The department may require syndromic surveillance reporting by other health care facilities or any person issued a credential by the department. The department shall a schedule for the implementation of full electronic reporting of all syndromic surveillance data elements. Confidentiality and immunity provisions apply to syndromic surveillance data reports. It is the intent of immunization information between professionals, facilities, and departments health care professionals, health care facilities, health care services, schools, postsecondary educational institutions, licensed child care facilities, electronic health-record systems, public health departments, health departments of other states, Indian health services, and tribes for the purpose of protecting the public health by facilitating age-appropriate immunizations which will minimize the risk of outbreak of childhood vaccine-preventable diseases. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish an immunization information system for the purpose of providing a central data base.	Health and Human Services 02/24/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1510					Monitor
LB615	Krist	Change provisions relating to access to student records and learning community reporting and diversity plans	Education 02/22/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Oppose
LB618	Harr	Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed for school or school event security Provides that peace officers or other duly authorized law enforcement officers, when contracted to or otherwise requested to by a school district, may possess a firearm on school property.	Judiciary					Support

BILL NO.	INTRODUCER(S)	DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF BILL	COMM. & HRG. DATE	GF	SF	FR	Status	POSITION
LB619	Larson	Remove school districts, learning communities, and educational service units from the Industrial Relations Act	Business and Labor 02/07/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Oppose
LB633	Adams	Change provisions relating to certain tax levies and certain bonds of school districts and authorize refunding bonds	Education 03/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB634	Adams	Change provisions relating to the tax levy authority of school districts relating to certain bonds Allows a school district to exceed the maximum levy of 5.2¢ (to cover environmental hazard abatement and other projects) in any year in which: (1) the taxable valuation of the district is lower than the taxable valuation in the year in which the district last issued bonds pursuant to this section and (2) the maximum levy of 5.2¢ is insufficient to meet the combined annual principal and interest obligations for all bonds issued under section 79-10,110. The amount generated from a district's levy in excess of the maximum levy of 5.2¢ upon the taxable valuation of the district may not exceed the combined annual principal and interest obligations for such bonds minus the amount generated by levying the maximum levy of 5.2¢ upon the taxable valuation of the district and minus any federal payments or subsidies associated with such bonds.	Education 03/01/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor
LB635	Adams	Change the Quality Education Accountability Act Requires the State Board of Education to establish an index to be used to measure the performance of individual public schools beginning with school year 2012-13. Schools who do not meet the minimum level of performance established by the board would be designated as a "priority school" and an intervention team would be established for each priority school. The intervention team would develop annual progress plans. Provides for possible loss of accreditation after 5 years of being a priority school.	Education 03/15/11 at 1:30 p.m. room 1525					Monitor
LB636	Adams	Change provisions relating to access to student records and learning community reporting and diversity plans Permits the disclosure of certain student records to learning community employees, but without identifiable personal information. Requires the learning community coordinating council to annually report data and information provided by member school districts under certain sections to the Education Committee. Changes requirements for the learning community school districts to provide copies of applications submitted to attend a focus school, focus program, magnet school, or school building not in the student's attendance area and to mark whether that application was accepted or rejected.	Education 02/22/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor???

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LB664	Nelson	Repeal the Industrial Relations Act and the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act and prohibit public collective bargaining and work stoppage	Business and Labor 02/07/11 at 1:30 p.m. Room 1524					Monitor
LB680	Heidemann	<p>Adopt the School Employees Cash Balance Retirement Act</p> <p>Creates a cash balance retirement system for new hire school employees, similar to the current plan offered to state employees, often referred to as a hybrid of both defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Does not impact the retirement system for existing school employees. Under the State Employees Retirement Plan, employees contribute about 4.8% of salary and the employer (the state) contributes about 7.5% of salary to an employee account. The employee cannot control investment of the account, but is guaranteed an annual return of at least 5% a year. The account can receive a higher return, depending on investment earnings. At retirement, the employee may buy an annuity, or withdraw the balance in a lump sum or in installments. The bill will likely be referred to an interim study after the session adjourns.</p> <p>NCSA: Would create a cash balance retirement system for new hire school employees. It is important to note this legislation would not change the retirement system for existing school employees. The bill proposes a retirement system similar to the current plan offered to state employees, often referred to as a hybrid system (both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan). Senator Heidemann offered the bill knowing that it would require significant study. The bill will likely be referred to an interim study after the session adjourns.</p>	Nebraska Retirement Systems 03/01/11 at 12:10 p.m. Room 1525					Monitor