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Bill Number	Introducer	One-liner	Hearing Date	Disposition
LB3	Briese	Change notice requirements for school district budget hearings and require access to school district data	2/2/2021	Provisions amended into LB528. Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB5	Blood	Adopt the Purple Star Schools Act	2/23/2021	Approved by the Governor on April 16, 2021.
LB36	Erdman	Require display of the national motto in schools	3/2/2021	Held in Committee.
LB60	Kolterman	Change provisions related to community college levies	2/1/2021	Held in Committee.
LB62	Kolterman	Create the Access College Early Scholarship Cash Fund and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund, Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, and Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund	3/2/2021	Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB87	Morfeld	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds	3/2/2021	Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB92 <sup>1</sup>	Clements	Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for students from schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval requirements	1/26/2021	Approved by the Governor on April 21, 2021.
LB117	Cavanaugh, M.	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	2/2/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB132 <sup>2</sup>	DeBoer	Create the School Financing Review Commission	2/2/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment. LR141 introduced as a compromise to floor debate.
LB135	Wishart	Change special education reimbursements	1/25/2021	Advanced to General File.
LB136	Vargas	Change procedures regarding short-term suspension of students	2/9/2021	Advanced to General File.

<sup>1</sup> Speaker Priority Bill

<sup>2</sup> Legislature's Planning Committee 2021 Priority Bill

Bill Number	Introducer	One-liner	Hearing Date	Disposition
LB137	Vargas	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System	1/25/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB153	Wayne	Include virtual school students in the state aid to schools formula	1/25/2021	Held in Committee.
LB154 <sup>3</sup>	Wayne	Require tracking of student discipline as prescribed	2/9/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 5, 2021.
LB197 <sup>4</sup>	Vargas	Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for participants in the National and Community Service State Grant Program	1/26/2021	Approved by the Governor on April 21, 2021.
LB198	Vargas	Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act	2/9/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB200	Vargas	Provide a high school graduation requirement relating to federal student aid	3/1/2021	Advanced to General File.
LB210	Murman	Change provisions relating to part-time enrollment in public schools and extracurricular activities	1/25/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB243	Bostar	Adopt the Access College Early Tech Promise Program Act	1/26/2021	Advanced to General File.
LB281 <sup>5</sup>	Albrecht	Require child sexual abuse prevention instructional programs for school students and staff	2/23/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB286	Walz	Redefine a term relating to schools	1/25/2021	Held in Committee.
LB287	Walz	Change school finance base limitation and local effort rate provisions	1/25/2021	Held in Committee.
LB288	Walz	Change dates related to certification and distribution of state aid to schools	1/25/2021	Indefinitely postponed Sine Die.
LB289	Walz	Redefine a term in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	1/25/2021	Held in Committee.

<sup>3</sup> Speaker Priority Bill

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<sup>5</sup> Senator Albrecht 2021 Priority Bill

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LB322 <sup>6</sup>	Williams	Adopt the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act	2/9/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2021.
LB323	Walz	Change provisions of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act relating to pandemics	1/25/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB327	Slama	Require a personal finance or financial literacy credit for high school graduation	2/1/2021	Provisions amended into LB452. Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB359	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions regarding multicultural education as prescribed and provide powers for the State Board of Education	2/16/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB378	DeBoer	Require the Commissioner of Education to report data as prescribed	3/1/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB389 <sup>7</sup>	Sanders	Require the issuance of teaching certificates and permits to military spouses	2/8/2021	Approved by the Governor on March 31, 2021.
LB396 <sup>8</sup>	Brandt	Adopt the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act	2/23/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021.
LB452 <sup>9</sup>	McKinney	Adopt the Financial Literacy Act	2/1/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021.
LB473	DeBoer	Adopt the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Cost Act	2/8/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB518	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment under the Student Discipline Act	2/9/2021	Held in Committee.
LB527 <sup>10</sup>	Walz	Change provisions relating to transition services for students with a developmental disability	2/16/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2021.

<sup>6</sup> Senator Williams 2021 Priority Bill

<sup>7</sup> Introduced at the request of the Governor. Senator Sanders 2021 Priority Bill

<sup>8</sup> Speaker Priority Bill

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<sup>10</sup> Speaker Priority Bill

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LB528 <sup>e11</sup>	Walz	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to education	2/2/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021.
LB529 <sup>12</sup>	Walz	Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, transfer powers and duties, create new acts and funds, and change education provisions	2/2/2021	Motion to invoke cloture failed. Provisions amended into LB528.
LB538	Walz	Adopt the Community Schools Act and change the distribution of income from solar and wind agreements on school lands	2/16/2021	Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB550	Wayne	Change enrollment option limits and provisions for part-time enrollment in schools	2/23/2021	Held in Committee.
LB558	Vargas	Adopt the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act	2/8/2021	Provisions amended into LB528. Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB565	McDonnell	Provide for a youth initiated mentoring pilot program	3/1/2021	Held in Committee.
LB587	McDonnell	Adopt the Career Mentoring Grant Act	2/1/2021	Advanced to General File with a Committee Amendment.
LB607	Hilgers	Correct references to a federally defined term relating to education	2/2/2021	Held in Committee.
LB623	Vargas	Adopt the Remote Instruction Act	2/8/2021	Held in Committee.
LB630 <sup>13</sup>	Bostar	Provide for a study of the efficacy of commercial air filters in classrooms	3/1/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021.
LB639 <sup>14</sup>	Day	Adopt the Seizure Safe Schools Act	3/1/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2021.
LB640	Day	Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act	3/1/2021	Held in Committee.

<sup>11</sup> Education Committee 2021 Priority Bill

<sup>12</sup> Education Committee 2021 Priority Bill

<sup>13</sup> Senator Bostar 2021 Priority Bill

<sup>14</sup> Senator Day 2021 Priority Bill

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Introducer</b>	<b>One-liner</b>	<b>Hearing Date</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
LB641	Day	Change provisions regarding school district salaries during an epidemic	2/1/2021	Advanced to General File.
LB642	Day	Provide for reimbursements to school districts and educational service units for mental health expenditures	2/9/2021	Held in Committee.
LB651	Wayne	Provide a termination date for the enrollment option program	2/23/2021	Held in Committee.
LB669 <sup>e</sup>	Vargas	Adopt the Veteran Promise Act	2/23/2021	Approved by the Governor on May 21, 2021.
LB673	Murman	Adopt the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act and change the determination and certification of state aid to schools	2/9/2021	Indefinitely postponed by the Committee.
LB675	Linehan	Adopt the Education Lobbyist Pay Transparency Act	2/1/2021	Held in Committee.
LR13CA	Brewer	Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes	2/8/2021	Held in Committee.
LR21CA	Briese	Constitutional amendment to require the State of Nebraska to pay all classroom expenses related to the operation of public elementary and secondary schools	3/1/2021	Held in Committee.

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LB452 (*McKinney*) Adopt the Financial Literacy Act

## Early Childhood Education

LB137 (*Vargas*) Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System

LB640 (*Day*) Change provisions related to early childhood education in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

## Enrollment Option Program

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LB550 (*Wayne*) Change enrollment option limits and provisions for part-time enrollment in schools

LB651 (*Wayne*) Provide a termination date for the enrollment option program

## Exempt Schools (aka Homeschool Students)

LB92 (*Clements*) Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for students from schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval requirements

LB210 (*Murman*) Change provisions relating to part-time enrollment in public schools and extracurricular activities

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LB528e (*Walz*) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to education



## **Lottery Fund Use *continued***

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## **Mental and Behavioral Health**

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LB322e (*Williams*) Adopt the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act

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LB642 (*Day*) Provide for reimbursements to school districts and educational service units for mental health expenditures

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## **Military and Veteran**

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LB92 (*Clements*) Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for students from schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval requirements

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LB669e (*Vargas*) Adopt the Veteran Promise Act

## **Property Taxes**

LR13CA (*Brewer*) Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes

## **School Breakfast & Lunch**

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## **State Apportionment**

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## **Student Discipline**

LB136 (*Vargas*) Change procedures regarding short-term suspension of students

LB154 (*Wayne*) Require tracking of student discipline as prescribed

LB198 (*Vargas*) Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act

LB518 (*Morfeld*) Change provisions relating to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment under the Student Discipline Act

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LB673 (*Murman*) Adopt the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act and change the determination and certification of state aid to schools

## **Teacher Certification**

LB389 (*Sanders*) Require the issuance of teaching certificates and permits to military spouses

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LB558 (*Vargas*) Adopt the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act

## **Virtual Instruction**

LB153 (*Wayne*) Include virtual school students in the state aid to schools formula

LB623 (*Vargas*) Adopt the Remote Instruction Act

# Summary of Bills Enacted into Law

## **LB5 (*Blood*) Adopt the Purple Star Schools Act**

Establishes the Purple Star Schools Program with designations made annually by the State Board of Education. It encourages, but does not require, every school in the state to appoint a “military liaison”. Military liaisons will create programming for students who have transferred into the school district after moving with their military family. The liaison may also set up a website that demonstrates how to establish a “military-friendly” atmosphere at the school. Choosing to participate in the programming would then designate the school as a “Purple Star” school. The bill allows the Board to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act.

## **LB92 (*Clements*) Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for students from exempt schools and prohibit discrimination against such students**

Clarifies that graduates of an exempt school are residents for the purposes of in-state tuition at state postsecondary educational institutions. Additionally, this bill adds non-discrimination language against disparate treatment of any student on the basis of graduating from an exempt school for the purposes of residency status or scholarship eligibility.

## **LB154 (*Wayne*) Require tracking of student discipline as prescribed**

Requires the implementation of a state-wide system for tracking individual student discipline. Data tracked will include suspensions, expulsions, assignments to an alternative school or program, the use of physical intervention, restraint or seclusion, as well as incidents involving violence or when law enforcement are required to be involved. In addition to the incident reports, data collected will include, but not be limited to, demographic information, race, poverty, high mobility, attendance, disability, and limited English proficiency. The bill adds student discipline to the annual student achievement report prepared by the Nebraska Department of Education, as well as adds student discipline to the State Board of Education’s accountability system.

## **LB197 (*Vargas*) Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for award recipients from the National Service Trust**

Allows for a student who is eligible for a national service educational award from the National Service Trust, a.k.a. AmeriCorps, under 42 U.S.C. § 12602, to have established residency in this state for the purposes of receiving in-state tuition.

## **LB322e (*Williams*) Adopt the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act**

Creates the Nebraska Safety and Security Reporting System, known as Safe2HelpNE. The bill requires the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to establish a multi-modal statewide, anonymous reporting system enabling students, parents, school personnel, and community members to report concerning behavior. The reporting system will support public and nonpublic K-12 school threat assessment teams, the intent of which is to reduce risk and incidents of targeted violence including harm to self, others, or school property. NDE shall provide training for members of any threat assessment team. NDE may adopt and promulgate rule and regulations to carry out the act. This bill had an accompanying appropriations bill that was also signed into law.

**LB389 (*Sanders*) Require the issuance of teaching certificates and permits to military spouses**

Establishes an alternative path for military spouses to receive a teaching certificate or permit in Nebraska if the applicant holds a valid certificate or permit in another state. The certificate or permit shall be valid for at least three years and shall include the same or similar endorsements to teach in all subject areas for which the applicant has been certified in such other state if a similar endorsement is offered in Nebraska. The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to (i) expedite the processing of applications submitted under these provisions, and (ii) specify the documentation necessary to establish the applicant’s status as a military spouse.

**LB396 (*Brandt*) Adopt the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act**

Expands the scale and reach of Nebraska-produced food by providing networking resources for Nebraska schools, local vegetable and fruit growers, and meat and dairy producers to increase the quantity of quality local food purchased by and served in schools. The bill creates one full-time position at the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to administer the program and directs the Department of Agriculture and NDE to cooperate in administering the program.

The program links public and nonpublic schools with Nebraska farms in a manner to provide schools with fresh and minimally processed food for inclusion in school meals and snacks, encourages children to develop healthy eating habits, and improves the income of Nebraska farmers who will enjoy direct access to consumer markets. The program may include activities that provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, including, farm visits, cooking demonstrations, school gardening and composting programs, etc. This bill had an accompanying appropriations bill that was also signed into law.

**LB452 (*McKinney*) Adopt the Financial Literacy Act and provide graduation requirements and academic content standards**

Creates the Financial Literacy Act that requires, beginning in school year 2023-24, each school district, in consultation with the Nebraska Department of Education, to include appropriate financial literacy instruction in elementary and middle schools. Additionally, all student who graduate from Nebraska high schools are required, beginning in school year 2023-24, to complete at least one five-credit high school course in personal finance or financial literacy prior to graduation. The State Board of Education is required to adopt measurable academic content standards for financial literacy as part of the social studies standards. This bill had an accompanying appropriations bill that failed on Final Reading with a vote of one yes vote, 46 no votes, and two senators present – not voting.

**LB527 (*Walz*) Change provisions relating to transition services for students with a developmental disability**

Lowers the requirement for school districts to begin providing transition services to students with disabilities from no later than the age of 16 to 14. Transition services help promote movement from school to post-school activities for people with disabilities based on their individual needs and interests. Post-school activities include postsecondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, adult education or services, independent living, and community participation. This bill had an accompanying appropriations bill that was also signed into law.

## **LB528e (Walz) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to education**

This technical bill was introduced to update statutes primarily due to outdated language, but did include some changes deemed to be minor and noncontroversial. It incorporated changes brought to the Education Committee's attention from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE), the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), the Board of Educational Lands and Funds (BELF), and the State Treasurer's office.

Among the most significant updates amended into the bill on Final Reading is the extension of sunsets related to lottery dollars allocated for education for three years, from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024. A new lottery study is required to be completed by the Education Committee in December 2022. The bill requires that on or before September 20 each year, beginning in 2022, any department or agency that receives an education lottery allocation or acts as the administer for a fund prepare an annual report to the Auditor of Public Accounts in a manner to be prescribed by the Auditor. Recipients, subrecipients, and service contractors responsible for managing any portion of lottery education dollars on behalf of an entity are also responsible for submitting such reports. A recipient or subrecipient does not include an individual who is a direct beneficiary.

Changes references requiring, to "regionally accredited" postsecondary institutions to simply "accredited" in order to reflect recent changes made by the U.S. Department of Education. The bill changes provisions related to the Community College Gap Assistance Program to include other eligible institutions including Nebraska's four tribal colleges. It allows the Commissioner of Education to verify an applicant's eligibility for the Access College Early Scholarship Program upon request of CCPE, while retaining all of the existing eligibility criteria in statute.

Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1065.02 to provide similar procedures for adjustment of valuation of educational service units (ESU) due to annexations as currently exists for adjustment of valuation of school districts due to annexation. When property is transferred after valuations are certified ESU's taxing ability and core service aid amounts do not accurately reflect current valuations; this change corrects the difference. Clarifies terminology in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-1241.03 related to the distribution of funds to ESUs and the ESU Coordinating Council for core services and technology infrastructure, as well as shifts payment dates to the last business day of the month instead of first business day to be consistent with TEEOSA payments. Changes the dates for two reports to be filed with the Legislature by a learning community from January 1st to February 1st of each year and eliminates language no longer needed in statute related to the Learning Community.

Clarifies that the income from solar and wind agreements on school lands through 2019 (reported to NDE by the State Treasurer in 2020) shall be used for the Effective Educator grants through school year 2020-21. A new subsection requires that, on or before June 30, 2022, any unencumbered and unspent funds allocated for the Effective Educators grants shall be transferred to the temporary school fund. Eliminates the separation of income from solar and wind agreements beginning with 2021 and includes the revenue with state apportionment payments.

Removes the 640 acre limit per renter on school lands, removes the requirement that lease sales of school lands must happen in the office of the county treasurer, and allows for the transaction to take place elsewhere in the respective county. Change the default period for leases on school lands from 6 months to 60 days. Repeals the restriction of nonresidents leasing school lands.

**LB528e (Walz) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to education *continued***

Removes a 2009-2010 date restriction in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1802 that makes the purchase of computer technology, equipment, Internet access, and related services a qualified higher education expense from College Savings Plans indefinitely beginning January 1, 2022. Corrects inaccurate and confusing statutory language in the Meadowlark Act changing “qualified private contributions” to “contributions”.

Adds language that, beginning in school year 2022-23, requires all newly-issued school identification cards to include anyone of the following phone numbers: a national suicide prevention hotline, a local suicide prevention hotline, a crisis text line. In middle schools or high schools, school boards are responsible for requiring this to take place. Postsecondary institutions are also required to include the above phone numbers on newly-issued school identification cards.

Requires that each school district include the following statement with its required budget hearing notification, “For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: [Insert Internet address for the website established by NDE].” Requires each school district to electronically publish the statement prominently on its website with an active link to the NDE website providing access to the required information.

Requires the Commissioner of Education to grant a two-year, temporary certificate to teach on a full-time basis to any person in good standing who has completed a teacher education program at a standard institution of higher education, and possesses a valid teaching certificate from another state. Allows the Commissioner to grant a temporary certificate to teach on a full-time basis to other applicants via an alternative path to certification. The holder of a temporary certificate must obtain a certificate to teach pursuant to statute during the two-year period.

**LB630 (Bostar) Provide for a study of the efficacy of commercial air filters in classrooms**

Tasks the Nebraska Department of Education, in consultation with the University of Nebraska, with the development and implementation of a two-year pilot program to study the efficacy of commercial air filters in classrooms to remove common pollutants and particulate matter and their impact on academic and behavioral performance. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the program. This bill had an accompanying appropriations bill that was also signed into law.

**LB639 (Day) Adopt the Seizure Safe Schools Act**

Requires, beginning in school year 2022-23, that each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school have at least one employee who has met training requirements necessary to administer or assist with self-administration of a seizure rescue medication as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Establishes requirements for written authorization for the administration of seizure rescue medications or medications prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms by a school employee. Further requires that seizure action plans shall be kept on file and distributed to school personnel or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of the student and shall be renewed each school year.



**LB639 (Day) Adopt the Seizure Safe Schools Act *continued***

Requires, beginning in school year 2022-23, that each certificated school employee shall participate in a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials at least once every two school years. Provides liability and disciplinary protection for school employees that act in compliance with the Seizure Safe Schools Act. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act.

**LB669e (Vargas) Adopt the Veteran Promise Act and change residency requirements for postsecondary education for veterans and spouses and dependents of veterans**

Requires Nebraska's public postsecondary institutions to accept military and veteran students who apply to enroll as undergraduates if they otherwise meet admissions requirements. Eligible students include those who graduate from a Nebraska high school on or after Jan. 1, 2022, sign enlistment papers to serve in a uniformed service and meets other requirements related to the length of their service, graduates from a Nebraska high school on or after Jan. 1, 2002, and individuals who graduated from high school in another state on or after Jan. 1, 2002 and served in a uniformed service while assigned to a location in Nebraska if they received an honorable discharge.

## Interim Study Resolutions

Resolution Number	Introducer	One-liner
LR148	Day	Interim study to examine the duties of education support professionals in Nebraska
LR149	Day	Interim study to examine the potential for statewide early childhood autism spectrum disorder screening
LR157	Pansing Brooks	Interim study to examine how Nebraska schools can recruit teachers and administrators who accurately reflect the proportion of students of color attending Nebraska schools
LR161	McKinney	Interim study to examine the impact of natural hair discrimination in Nebraska educational settings
LR180	Walz	Interim study to examine the identification of at-risk and economically disadvantaged students as a qualification factor for state-funded, education-related programs
LR181	Walz	Interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska
LR182	Walz	Interim study to examine the school enrollment options available to students
LR185	Brandt	Interim study to examine the feasibility of an agricultural school or educational center in Nebraska
LR204	Flood	Interim study to examine a coding curriculum for students in Nebraska
LR213	Day	Interim study to examine the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraska students and the role of school psychologists
LR227	Linehan	Interim study to examine learning communities and learning community coordinating councils
LR228	Albrecht	<del>Interim study to examine the educational environment in Nebraska</del> Senator Albrecht's Motion to Withdraw prevailed on 5/27/2021.

## Gubernatorial Appointments

Name	Board/Commission (Term)	Hearing Date	Disposition
Clay Smith	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (January 13, 2021 – January 12, 2025)	1/26/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (32-0-5-12) on February 4, 2021.
Marilyn Hadley	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (January 13, 2021 – January 12, 2025)	1/26/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (32-0-5-12) on February 4, 2021.
Paul Turman	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (January 13, 2021 – January 12, 2025)	1/26/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (32-0-5-12) on February 4, 2021.
Paul Von Behren	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (January 2, 2020 – January 1, 2026)	1/26/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (29-0-8-12) on February 4, 2021.
Mary Lauritzen	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (January 2, 2020 – January 1, 2026)	1/26/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (29-0-8-12) on February 4, 2021.
Molly S. O'Holleran	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2022)	2/1/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (33-0-7-9) on February 11, 2021.
Duane L. Kime	Board of Educational Lands and Funds (November 17, 2020 – October 1, 2024)	2/8/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (32-0-11-6) on March 31, 2021.
Gene Kelly	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (December 21, 2020 – January 1, 2026)	2/9/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (36-0-6-7) on March 4, 2021.

Name	Board/Commission (Term)	Hearing Date	Disposition
William “Scott” Wilson	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (January 2, 2020 – January 1, 2026)	5/4/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (37-3-5-4) on May 21, 2021.
Marjean C. Terrell	Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges (January 2, 2021 – January 1, 2027)	5/4/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (29-2-13-5) on May 21, 2021.
Jess D. Zeiss	Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges (January 2, 2021 – January 1, 2027)	5/4/2021	Reported favorably to the Legislature for confirmation. Confirmed by the Legislature (29-2-13-5) on May 21, 2021.