



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 21

Hearing Date: January 16, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Raikes, Ron, 25)
Title: Change school finance provisions relating to the cost growth factor

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Adams, Ashford, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:
Senator Ron Raikes

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Russ Inbody

Representing:
Nebraska Department of Education

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 21 would remove early childhood education students from the calculation of student growth in the cost growth factor for the purpose of calculating state aid for school districts pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The deadline for the certification of state aid would be delayed from February 1 to February 15 for 2007 to accommodate the change for the 2007-08 school fiscal year.

Sections 79-1007.02 and 79-1007.10 would be amended by subtracting the qualified early childhood education fall membership of the cost group from the cost group formula students for the current certification and the cost group average daily membership from the most recently available complete data year for the calculation of student growth in the cost growth factor. Section 79-1007.02 provides the cost growth factor for school fiscal years through 2007-08.

Section 79-1007.10 provides the cost growth factor for school fiscal year 20008-09 and thereafter.

Section 79-1022 would be amended by delaying the deadline for the certification of state aid from February 1 to February 15 for 2007. The deadline for the department to report the necessary funding level to the Governor, Appropriations Committee, and Education Committee would likewise be delayed.

Section 79-1026 would be amended by delaying the deadline for the certification of the applicable growth rates from February 1 to February 15 for 2007.

Section 79-1027 would be amended by delaying the deadline for the certification of applicable allowable reserve percentages from February 1 to February 15 for 2007.

Section 79-1031.01 would be amended by recognizing the delay of the certification deadline in the Appropriations Committee requirement to include the amount necessary to fund state aid in the recommendations to the Legislature.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson