



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Revised Committee Statement
LB 590

Hearing Date: January 29, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Cornett, 45)
Title: Change provisions relating to educational service unit reorganization

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Ashford

Proponents:
 Senator Abbie Cornett
 Kyle Fairbairn
 Nydra Karlen

Representing:
 Introducer
 Bellevue Public Schools
 Self

Opponents:
 Brian L. Halstead

Representing:
 Nebraska Department of Education

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 590 would allow school districts with an average daily membership (A.D.M.) of at least 8,500 students to form their own Educational Service Units (E.S.U.'s). The measure would also provide for additional districts to join E.S.U.'s 18 and 19, which currently are single district E.S.U.'s governed by the school board of the member school district.

Section 79-1202 would be amended by recognizing that E.S.U.'s 18 and 19 could have additional school districts as a result of reorganizations. Those two E.S.U.'s are currently defined by the only member school district in the E.S.U.

Section 79-1206 would be amended by adding legislative intent to allow school districts with an A.D.M. of 8,500 or more students in prekindergarten through 12th grade to form their own new E.S.U. Language is also added to clarify that the addition of school districts to E.S.U.'s 18 and 19 would not be prevented. Perceived conflicts relating to the addition of school districts to E.S.U.'s 18 or 19 would be required to be addressed in the reorganization petition.

Section 79-1209 would be amended by adding the withdrawal of school districts with an A.D.M. of 8,500 or more students from an established E.S.U. to form a new E.S.U. as a form of reorganization that could be included in a petition pursuant to the section.

Section 79-1210 would be amended by adding the attainment of an A.D.M of 8,500 or more students as criteria by which the State Board of Education could grant or deny petitions to change E.S.U. boundaries.

Section 79-1212 would be amended by adding a provision stating that E.S.U. board member terms would expire if the E.S.U. is reorganized and the board member no longer lives within the boundaries of the E.S.U. as a result of the reorganization.

Section 79-1217 would be amended by adding E.S.U.'s formed by school districts with an A.D.M. of at least 8,500 students to E.S.U.'s 18 and 19 as E.S.U.'s that are not governed by the standard E.S.U. board. The governance provisions for E.S.U.'s 18 and 19 would be amended by stating that if additional school districts join the E.S.U.'s, the E.S.U. would continue to be governed by the school board of the original member district until the school districts comprising the reorganized E.S.U. reorganize. The districts would be required to reorganize the governing board within 12 months after joining. E.S.U.'s formed by school districts with an A.D.M. of at least 8,500 students, would be governed by the school board of the school district.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson