

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB511

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 19, 2013
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Change allocation provisions relating to the Education Innovation Fund

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Jim Scheer Matt Blomstedt Brent Gaswick	Representing: Introducer ESU Coordinating Council Nebraska Department of Education
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 511 would provide for the distribution of money accruing to the Education Innovation Fund from lottery proceeds to the Educational Technology Center for fiscal years 2016-17 fiscal year through 2019-20. The current uses of the fund are set to expire at the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Section 9-812 would be amended by directing that proceeds in the Education Innovation Fund be allocated to the Educational Technology Center for fiscal years 2016-17 through 2019-20 to carry new requirements and a grant program.

The Center would be required to create a plan with partners, including but not limited to, the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, Network Nebraska, and representatives from school districts. The plan would include the development of an educational content or learning object repository system, learning management system deployment or enhancement, professional development and educational content development, and directory services to allow common access. Systems could be sponsored by partners, would be hosted on Network Nebraska, and would be made available to Network Nebraska participants.

In addition, the Department of Education would be required to develop a local technology grant to enhance school district technology adoption and integration, reserving at least 50% of the Education Innovation Fund for such grants. For fiscal years beginning with 2016-17, the funds would be allocated for education purposes as provided by the Legislature.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson