

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB296

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 28, 2025
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system and employ registrars relating to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and change provisions relating to graduation requirements and the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Conrad, Hughes, Juarez, Lonowski, Hunt, Meyer, Murman, Sanders
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Arch
Kari Rumbaugh
Alyssa Bish
Brian Halstead
Scott Thomas

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Education
Village in Progress

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 296 amends sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system by July 2026 for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, ensures the prompt transfer of education records for students to other educational providers through the system, and awarding of academic credit when needed. This bill seeks to amend various provisions related to education, with a focus on improving support for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, enhancing high school diploma issuance processes, and modifying the State Department of Education's Improvement Grant Program. The bill further requires the Commissioner to employ registrars to manage and oversee the system as prescribed in the bill. Finally, the bill provides the Commissioner with authority to grant a



statewide diploma for students, under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, as outlined in the bill. The original version of sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054 will be repealed to reflect the new, updated provisions as outlined in the bill.

Dave Murman, Chairperson

