

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1093

Approved by the Governor April 17, 1986

Introduced by Appropriations Committee, Warner, 25,
Chairperson; L. Johnson, 15; Carsten, 2;
Goll, 16; Hannibal, 4; Lundy, 36;
Scofield, 49.

AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 43-611 and 43-641, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to change provisions relating to transportation reimbursement for special education; to provide for a salary adjustment for certain teachers of the deaf and visually handicapped as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 43-611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

43-611. Sufficient funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature to carry out the provisions of sections 43-601 and 43-604 to ~~43-616-01~~ 43-611.01, such funds to be channeled through the office of the State Department of Education and the department shall be authorized to expend such funds upon proper vouchers approved by the department and warrants issued by the Director of Administrative Services for ~~(1)~~ financial reimbursement to local school districts, educational service units, agencies, and parents or guardians, including ~~four~~ (1) reimbursement for ninety per cent of the amount expended pursuant to ~~sections~~ section 43-607 ~~and 43-616-01~~ for actual transportation expenses per year for handicapped and mentally retarded children, (2) reimbursement for instructional aids and consultative, supervisory, research, and testing services to local school districts, and (3) reimbursement for salaries, wages, maintenance, supplies, travel, and other expenses essential to carrying out the provisions for special education.

Sec. 2. That section 43-641, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

43-641. The Legislature desires to reaffirm its position that all children in the State of Nebraska, regardless of physical or mental capacity, are entitled

to a meaningful educational program. It shall be the duty of the board of education of every school district to provide or contract for special education programs and transportation for all resident children who would benefit from such programs. Such programs shall include, but not be restricted to, the development of self-realization, social awareness, economic usefulness, and civic responsibility.

Sec. 3. If appropriations are provided in Legislative Bill 1250A, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 1986, salaries for fiscal year 1986-87 for teachers at the Nebraska School for the Deaf and Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped may be paid at rates which are determined by the State Board of Education to be comparable to the prevalent wage rates paid for the same or similar work of workers exhibiting like or similar skills under the same or similar working conditions. Any salary increase resulting from this section for fiscal year 1986-87 shall be in lieu of any increase provided for state employees in subsection (2) of section 5 of Legislative Bill 1250, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 1986.

Sec. 4. That original sections 43-611 and 43-641, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.