AMENDMENTS TO LB 545

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1056)

Introduced by Education.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 9-812, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 9-812 (1) All money received from the operation of
- 6 lottery games conducted pursuant to the State Lottery Act in
- 7 Nebraska shall be credited to the State Lottery Operation Trust
- 8 Fund, which fund is hereby created. All payments of the costs
- 9 of establishing and maintaining the lottery games shall be made
- 10 from the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund. In accordance with
- 11 legislative appropriations, money for payments for expenses of the
- 12 division shall be transferred from the State Lottery Operation
- 13 Trust Fund to the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund, which fund
- 14 is hereby created. All money necessary for the payment of lottery
- 15 prizes shall be transferred from the State Lottery Operation Trust
- 16 Fund to the State Lottery Prize Trust Fund, which fund is hereby
- 17 created. The amount used for the payment of lottery prizes shall
- 18 not be less than forty percent of the dollar amount of the lottery
- 19 tickets which have been sold.
- 20 (2) (a) Beginning October 1, 2003, and until July 1, 2009,
- 21 a portion of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have
- 22 been sold on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the

1 State Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the Education Innovation

- 2 Fund, the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, the Nebraska Environmental
- 3 Trust Fund, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the Compulsive
- 4 Gamblers Assistance Fund, except that the dollar amount transferred
- 5 shall not be less than the dollar amount transferred to the funds
- 6 in fiscal year 2002-03.
- 7 (b) On and after July 1, 2009, at least twenty-five
- 8 percent of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have been
- 9 sold on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the State
- 10 Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the Education Innovation Fund,
- 11 the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, the Nebraska Environmental Trust
- 12 Fund, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the Compulsive Gamblers
- 13 Assistance Fund.
- 14 (3) Of the money available to be transferred to the
- 15 Education Innovation Fund, the Nebraska Scholarship Fund, the
- 16 Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the Nebraska State Fair Board,
- 17 and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund:
- 18 (a) The first five hundred thousand dollars shall be
- 19 transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be used
- 20 as provided in section 71-817;
- 21 (b) Nineteen and three-fourths percent of the money
- 22 remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and
- 23 the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
- 24 shall be transferred to the Education Innovation Fund;
- 25 (c) Twenty-four and three-fourths percent of the money
- 26 remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and
- 27 the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund

1 shall be transferred to the Nebraska Scholarship Fund;

2 (d) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money

- 3 remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and
- 4 the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund
- 5 shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be
- 6 used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;
- 7 (e) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment
- 8 of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to
- 9 the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to
- 10 the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within
- 11 the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds
- 12 equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such
- 13 matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private
- 14 or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds
- 15 shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases
- 16 operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment
- 17 of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the
- 18 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the
- 19 General Fund; and
- 20 (f) One percent of the money remaining after the payment
- 21 of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the
- 22 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the
- 23 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be used as provided in
- 24 section 71-817.
- 25 (4)(a) The Education Innovation Fund is created. At least
- 26 seventy-five percent of the lottery proceeds allocated to the
- 27 Education Innovation Fund shall be available for disbursement.

(b) For fiscal year 2005-06, the Education Innovation

Fund shall be allocated as follows: The first one million dollars

shall be transferred to the School District Reorganization Fund,

and the remaining amount shall be allocated to the General Fund

after operating expenses for the Excellence in Education Council

are deducted.

(c) For fiscal year 2006-07, the Education Innovation

- Fund shall be allocated as follows: The first two hundred fifty 8 9 thousand dollars shall be transferred to the Attracting Excellence 10 to Teaching Program Cash Fund to fund the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program Act, the next one million dollars shall 11 12 be transferred to the School District Reorganization Fund, and the amount remaining in the Education Innovation Fund shall be 13 14 allocated, after administrative expenses, for distance education 15 equipment and incentives pursuant to sections 79-1336 and 79-1337.
- 16 (d) For fiscal year 2007-08, the Education Innovation 17 Fund shall be allocated as follows: The first five hundred thousand dollars shall be transferred to the Attracting Excellence to 18 Teaching Program Cash Fund to fund the Attracting Excellence to 19 Teaching Program Act, and the amount remaining in the Education 20 21 Innovation Fund shall be allocated, after administrative expenses, 22 for distance education equipment and incentives pursuant to 23 sections 79-1336 and 79-1337.
- (e) For fiscal year 2008-09, the Education Innovation

 Fund shall be allocated as follows: The first seven hundred

 fifty thousand dollars shall be transferred to the Attracting

 Excellence to Teaching Program Cash Fund to fund the Attracting

1 Excellence to Teaching Program Act, and the amount remaining in the

- 2 Education Innovation Fund shall be allocated, after administrative
- 3 expenses, for distance education equipment and incentives pursuant
- 4 to sections 79-1336 and 79-1337.
- 5 (f) For fiscal years year 2009-10, the Education
- 6 Innovation Fund shall be allocated as follows: Any amounts
- 7 transferred to the Education Innovation Fund from the School
- 8 District Reorganization Fund shall be returned to the School
- 9 District Reorganization Fund first, the next one million dollars
- 10 shall be transferred to the Attracting Excellence to Teaching
- 11 Program Cash Fund to fund the Attracting Excellence to Teaching
- 12 Program Act, and the amount remaining in the Education Innovation
- 13 Fund shall be allocated, after administrative expenses, for
- 14 <u>distance education equipment and incentives pursuant to sections</u>
- 15 <u>79-1336</u> and 79-1337.
- 16 (g) For fiscal year 2010-11 through 2015-16, the
- 17 Education Innovation Fund shall be allocated as follows: The
- 18 first one million dollars shall be transferred to the Attracting
- 19 Excellence to Teaching Program Cash Fund to fund the Attracting
- 20 Excellence to Teaching Program Act, and the amount remaining in the
- 21 Education Innovation Fund shall be allocated, after administrative
- 22 expenses, for distance education equipment and incentives pursuant
- 23 to sections 79-1336 and 79-1337.
- 24 (g) (h) For fiscal year 2016-17 and each fiscal year
- 25 thereafter, the Education Innovation Fund shall be allocated, after
- 26 administrative expenses, for education purposes as provided by the
- 27 Legislature.

1 (5) Any money in the State Lottery Operation Trust

- 2 Fund, the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund, the State Lottery
- 3 Prize Trust Fund, or the Education Innovation Fund available
- 4 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer
- 5 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 6 State Funds Investment Act.
- 7 (6) Unclaimed prize money on a winning lottery ticket
- 8 shall be retained for a period of time prescribed by rules and
- 9 regulations. If no claim is made within such period, the prize
- 10 money shall be used at the discretion of the Tax Commissioner for
- 11 any of the purposes prescribed in this section.
- 12 Sec. 2. Section 77-3446, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 13 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 14 77-3446 Base limitation means the budget limitation rate
- 15 applicable to school districts and the limitation on growth of
- 16 restricted funds applicable to other political subdivisions prior
- 17 to any increases in the rate as a result of special actions
- 18 taken by a supermajority of any governing board or of any
- 19 exception allowed by law. The base limitation is two and one-half
- 20 percent until adjusted, except that the base limitation for school
- 21 districts for school fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 is zero.
- 22 2009-10 through 2012-13 is one and one-half percent. The base
- 23 limitation may be adjusted annually by the Legislature to reflect
- 24 changes in the prices of services and products used by school
- 25 districts and political subdivisions.
- Sec. 3. Section 79-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 27 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 79-1001 Sections 79-1001 to 79-1033 and sections 15 and

- 2 16 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Tax Equity
- 3 and Educational Opportunities Support Act.
- 4 Sec. 4. Section 79-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 5 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 6 79-1003 For purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational
- 7 Opportunities Support Act:
- 8 (1) Adjusted general fund operating expenditures means
- 9 (a) for school fiscal years before school fiscal year 2007-08,
- 10 general fund operating expenditures as calculated pursuant to
- 11 subdivision (21) of this section minus the transportation allowance
- 12 and minus the special receipts allowance, (b) for school fiscal
- 13 year 2007-08, general fund operating expenditures as calculated
- 14 pursuant to subdivision (21) of this section minus the sum of
- 15 the transportation, special receipts, and distance education
- 16 and telecommunications allowances, (c) for school fiscal year
- 17 2008-09, the difference of the product of the general fund
- 18 operating expenditures as calculated pursuant to subdivision (21)
- 19 of this section multiplied by the cost growth factor calculated
- 20 pursuant to section 79-1007.10 minus the transportation allowance,
- 21 special receipts allowance, poverty allowance, limited English
- 22 proficiency allowance, distance education and telecommunications
- 23 allowance, elementary site allowance, elementary class size
- 24 allowance, summer school allowance, and focus school and program
- 25 allowance, (d) for school fiscal years 2009-10 through 2012-13,
- 26 the difference of the product of the general fund operating
- 27 expenditures as calculated pursuant to subdivision (21) of this

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section multiplied by the cost growth factor calculated pursuant 1 2 to section 79-1007.10 minus the transportation allowance, special receipts allowance, poverty allowance, limited English proficiency 3 4 allowance, distance education and telecommunications allowance, 5 elementary site allowance, elementary class size allowance, summer school allowance, instructional time allowance, and focus school 6 and program allowance, and (e) for school fiscal year 2013-14 7 8 and each school fiscal year thereafter, the difference of the 9 product of the general fund operating expenditures as calculated 10 pursuant to subdivision (21) of this section multiplied by the 11 cost growth factor calculated pursuant to section 79-1007.10 12 minus the transportation allowance, special receipts allowance, poverty allowance, limited English proficiency allowance, distance 13 14 education and telecommunications allowance, elementary site 15 allowance, summer school allowance, instructional time allowance, 16 and focus school and program allowance; 17 (2) Adjusted valuation means the assessed valuation of taxable property of each local system in the state, adjusted 18 19 pursuant to the adjustment factors described in section 79-1016. Adjusted valuation means the adjusted valuation for the property 20 21 tax year ending during the school fiscal year immediately preceding 22 the school fiscal year in which the aid based upon that value is 23 to be paid. For purposes of determining the local effort rate yield pursuant to section 79-1015.01, adjusted valuation does not include 24 25 the value of any property which a court, by a final judgment from 26 which no appeal is taken, has declared to be nontaxable or exempt 27 from taxation;

1 (3) Allocated income tax funds means the amount of

- 2 assistance paid to a local system pursuant to section 79-1005.01 or
- 3 79-1005.02 as adjusted by the minimum levy adjustment pursuant to
- 4 section 79-1008.02;
- 5 (4) Average daily attendance of a student who resides on
- 6 Indian land means average daily attendance of a student who resides
- 7 on Indian land from the most recent data available on November 1
- 8 preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid;
- 9 (5) Average daily membership means the average daily
- 10 membership for grades kindergarten through twelve attributable to
- 11 the local system, as provided in each district's annual statistical
- 12 summary, and includes the proportionate share of students enrolled
- 13 in a public school instructional program on less than a full-time
- 14 basis;
- 15 (6) Base fiscal year means the first school fiscal year
- 16 following the school fiscal year in which the reorganization or
- 17 unification occurred;
- 18 (7) Board means the school board of each school district;
- 19 (8) Categorical funds means funds limited to a specific
- 20 purpose by federal or state law, including, but not limited to,
- 21 Title I funds, Title VI funds, federal vocational education funds,
- 22 federal school lunch funds, Indian education funds, Head Start
- 23 funds, and funds from the Education Innovation Fund;
- 24 (9) Consolidate means to voluntarily reduce the number of
- 25 school districts providing education to a grade group and does not
- 26 include dissolution pursuant to section 79-498;
- 27 (10) Department means the State Department of Education;

1 (11) District means any Class I, II, III, IV, V, or VI

- 2 school district;
- 3 (12) Ensuing school fiscal year means the school fiscal
- 4 year following the current school fiscal year;
- 5 (13) Equalization aid means the amount of assistance
- 6 calculated to be paid to a local system pursuant to sections
- 7 79-1007.11 to 79-1007.23, 79-1008.01 to 79-1022, and 79-1022.02;
- 8 (14) Fall membership means the total membership in
- 9 kindergarten through grade twelve attributable to the local system
- 10 as reported on the fall school district membership reports for each
- 11 district pursuant to section 79-528;
- 12 (15) Fiscal year means the state fiscal year which is the
- 13 period from July 1 to the following June 30;
- 14 (16) Formula students means:
- 15 (a) For school fiscal years prior to school fiscal year
- 16 2008-09, (i) for state aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022,
- 17 the sum of fall membership from the school fiscal year immediately
- 18 preceding the school fiscal year in which the aid is to be paid,
- 19 multiplied by the average ratio of average daily membership to fall
- 20 membership for the second school fiscal year immediately preceding
- 21 the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid and the prior
- 22 two school fiscal years, plus qualified early childhood education
- 23 fall membership plus tuitioned students from the school fiscal year
- 24 immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which the aid is
- 25 to be paid and (ii) for final calculation of state aid pursuant to
- 26 section 79-1065, the sum of average daily membership plus qualified
- 27 early childhood education average daily membership plus tuitioned

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students from the school fiscal year immediately preceding the 1

- 2 school fiscal year in which the aid was paid; and
- 3 (b) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each school fiscal
- 4 year thereafter, (i) for state aid certified pursuant to section
- 5 79-1022, the sum of the product of fall membership from the school
- fiscal year immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which 6
- 7 the aid is to be paid multiplied by the average ratio of average
- 8 daily membership to fall membership for the second school fiscal
- 9 year immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which the aid
- 10 is to be paid and the prior two school fiscal years plus sixty
- percent of the qualified early childhood education fall membership 11
- 12 plus tuitioned students from the school fiscal year immediately
- 13 preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid minus
- 14 the product of the number of students enrolled in kindergarten that
- 15 is not full-day kindergarten from the fall membership multiplied by
- 16 0.5 and (ii) for final calculation of state aid pursuant to section
- 17 79-1065, the sum of average daily membership plus sixty percent of
- the qualified early childhood education average daily membership 18
- 19 plus tuitioned students minus the product of the number of students
- enrolled in kindergarten that is not full-day kindergarten from the 20
- 21 average daily membership multiplied by 0.5 from the school fiscal
- 22 year immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which aid was
- 23 paid;
- (17) Free lunch and free milk student means a student 24
- 25 who qualified for free lunches or free milk from the most recent
- 26 data available on November 1 of the school fiscal year immediately
- 27 preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid;

1 (18) Full-day kindergarten means kindergarten offered by

- 2 a district for at least one thousand thirty-two instructional
- 3 hours;
- 4 (19) General fund budget of expenditures means the total
- 5 budget of disbursements and transfers for general fund purposes as
- 6 certified in the budget statement adopted pursuant to the Nebraska
- 7 Budget Act, except that for purposes of the limitation imposed in
- 8 section 79-1023 and the calculation pursuant to subdivision (2) of
- 9 section 79-1027.01, the general fund budget of expenditures does
- 10 not include any special grant funds, exclusive of local matching
- 11 funds, received by a district;
- 12 (20) General fund expenditures means all expenditures
- 13 from the general fund;
- 14 (21) General fund operating expenditures means:
- 15 (a) For state aid calculated for school fiscal years
- 16 prior to school fiscal year 2008-09, the total general fund
- 17 expenditures minus categorical funds, tuition paid, transportation
- 18 fees paid to other districts, adult education, summer school,
- 19 community services, redemption of the principal portion of general
- 20 fund debt service, retirement incentive plans, staff development
- 21 assistance, and transfers from other funds into the general fund
- 22 for the second school fiscal year immediately preceding the school
- 23 fiscal year in which aid is to be paid as reported on the annual
- 24 financial report prior to December 1 of the school fiscal year
- 25 immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be
- 26 paid;
- 27 (b) For state aid calculated for school fiscal year

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1 2008-09, as reported for the second school fiscal year immediately 2 preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid on the annual financial report submitted prior to December 3 4 1 of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the school 5 fiscal year in which aid is to be paid, the total general 6 fund expenditures minus (i) the amount of all receipts to 7 the general fund, to the extent that such receipts are not 8 included in local system formula resources, from early childhood education tuition, summer school tuition, educational entities as 9 10 defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance education 11 courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council 12 to such educational entities, private foundations, individuals, associations, charitable organizations, the textbook loan program 13 14 authorized by section 79-734, and federal impact aid, (ii) 15 the amount of expenditures for categorical funds, tuition paid, 16 transportation fees paid to other districts, adult education, 17 community services, redemption of the principal portion of general 18 fund debt service, retirement incentive plans authorized by section 19 79-855, and staff development assistance authorized by section 79-856, and (iii) the amount of any transfers from the general fund 20 21 to any bond fund and transfers from other funds into the general 22 fund; 23 (c) For state aid calculated for school fiscal year 2009-10, as reported for the second school fiscal year immediately 24 25 preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid 26 on the annual financial report submitted prior to December 27 1 of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the school

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fiscal year in which aid is to be paid, the total general 1 2 fund expenditures minus (i) the amount of all receipts to 3 the general fund, to the extent that such receipts are not 4 included in local system formula resources, from early childhood 5 education tuition, summer school tuition, educational entities as defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance education 6 7 courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to such educational entities, private foundations, individuals, 8 9 associations, charitable organizations, the textbook loan program 10 authorized by section 79-734, and federal impact aid, (ii) 11 the amount of expenditures for categorical funds, tuition paid, 12 transportation fees paid to other districts, adult education, community services, redemption of the principal portion of general 13 14 fund debt service, retirement incentive plans authorized by section 15 79-855, and staff development assistance authorized by section 16 79-856, (iii) the amount of any transfers from the general fund to 17 any bond fund and transfers from other funds into the general fund, 18 and (iv) any legal expenses in excess of fifteen-hundredths of one 19 percent of the formula need for the school fiscal year in which the 20 expenses occurred; and (d) For state aid calculated for school fiscal year 21 22 2010-11 and each school fiscal year thereafter, as reported for 23 the second school fiscal year immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid on the annual financial 24 25 report submitted prior to December 1 of the school fiscal year 26 immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be

paid, the total general fund expenditures minus (i) the amount of

all receipts to the general fund, to the extent that such receipts 1 2 are not included in local system formula resources, from early childhood education tuition, summer school tuition, educational 3 4 entities as defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance 5 education courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating 6 Council to such educational entities, private foundations, 7 individuals, associations, charitable organizations, the textbook 8 loan program authorized by section 79-734, federal impact aid, 9 and levy override elections pursuant to section 77-3444, (ii) 10 the amount of expenditures for categorical funds, tuition paid, 11 transportation fees paid to other districts, adult education, community services, redemption of the principal portion of general 12 13 fund debt service, retirement incentive plans authorized by section 14 79-855, and staff development assistance authorized by section 15 79-856, (iii) the amount of any transfers from the general fund to 16 any bond fund and transfers from other funds into the general fund, 17 and (iv) any legal expenses in excess of fifteen-hundredths of one 18 percent of the formula need for the school fiscal year in which the expenses occurred, (v) expenditures to pay for sums agreed to 19 20 be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange 21 for a voluntary termination occurring prior to July 1, 2009, and 22 (vi)(A) expenditures in school fiscal years 2009-10 through 2013-14 23 to pay for employer contributions pursuant to subsection (2) of 24 section 79-958 to the School Retirement System of the State of 25 Nebraska to the extent that such expenditures exceed the employer 26 contributions under such subsection that would have been made at a 27 contribution rate of seven and thirty-five hundredths percent or

1 (B) expenditures in school fiscal years 2009-10 through 2013-14

- 2 to pay for school district contributions pursuant to subdivision
- 3 (1)(b)(i) of section 79-9,113 to the Class V School Employees
- 4 Retirement System to the extent that such expenditures exceed the
- 5 school district contributions under such subdivision that would
- 6 have been made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-seven
- 7 hundredths percent.
- 8 For purposes of this subdivision (21) of this section,
- 9 receipts from levy override elections shall equal ninety-nine
- 10 percent of the difference of the total general fund levy minus
- 11 a levy of one dollar and five cents per one hundred dollars of
- 12 taxable valuation multiplied by the assessed valuation for school
- 13 districts that have voted pursuant to section 77-3444 to override
- 14 the maximum levy provided pursuant to section 77-3442;
- 15 (22) High school district means a school district
- 16 providing instruction in at least grades nine through twelve;
- 17 (23) Income tax liability means the amount of the
- 18 reported income tax liability for resident individuals pursuant
- 19 to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 less all nonrefundable credits
- 20 earned and refunds made;
- 21 (24) Income tax receipts means the amount of income tax
- 22 collected pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 less all
- 23 nonrefundable credits earned and refunds made;
- 24 (25) Limited English proficiency students means (a) for
- 25 school fiscal years prior to school fiscal year 2009-10, the number
- 26 of students with limited English proficiency in a district from
- 27 the most recent data available on November 1 of the school fiscal

year preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid 1 2 and (b) for school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal year 3 thereafter, the number of students with limited English proficiency 4 in a district from the most recent data available on November 1 of 5 the school fiscal year preceding the school fiscal year in which aid is to be paid plus the difference of such students with limited 6 7 English proficiency minus the average number of limited English 8 proficiency students for such district, prior to such addition, for the three immediately preceding school fiscal years if such 9 10 difference is greater than zero;

11 (26) Local system means a learning community, a unified 12 system, a Class VI district and the associated Class I districts, or a Class II, III, IV, or V district and any affiliated Class 13 14 I districts or portions of Class I districts. The membership, 15 expenditures, and resources of Class I districts that are 16 affiliated with multiple high school districts will be attributed 17 to local systems based on the percent of the Class I valuation that 18 is affiliated with each high school district;

19 (27) Low-income child means (a) for school fiscal years prior to 2008-09, a child under nineteen years of age living in 20 21 a household having an annual adjusted gross income of fifteen 22 thousand dollars or less for the second calendar year preceding 23 the beginning of the school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated and (b) for school fiscal year 2008-09 and each school 24 25 fiscal year thereafter, a child under nineteen years of age living 26 in a household having an annual adjusted gross income for the 27 second calendar year preceding the beginning of the school fiscal

- 1 year for which aid is being calculated equal to or less than the
- 2 maximum household income that would allow a student from a family
- 3 of four people to be a free lunch and free milk student during the
- 4 school fiscal year immediately preceding the school fiscal year for
- 5 which aid is being calculated;
- 6 (28) Low-income students means the number of low-income
- 7 children within the district multiplied by the ratio of the formula
- 8 students in the district divided by the total children under
- 9 nineteen years of age residing in the district as derived from
- 10 income tax information;
- 11 (29) Most recently available complete data year means
- 12 the most recent single school fiscal year for which the annual
- 13 financial report, fall school district membership report, annual
- 14 statistical summary, Nebraska income tax liability by school
- 15 district for the calendar year in which the majority of the school
- 16 fiscal year falls, and adjusted valuation data are available;
- 17 (30) Poverty students means (a) for school fiscal years
- 18 prior to school fiscal year 2009-10, the number of low-income
- 19 students or the number of students who are free lunch and free milk
- 20 students in a district, whichever is greater, and (b) for school
- 21 fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal year thereafter, the
- 22 number of low-income students or the number of students who are
- 23 free lunch and free milk students in a district plus the difference
- 24 of the number of low-income students or the number of students
- 25 who are free lunch and free milk students in a district, whichever
- 26 is greater, minus the average number of poverty students for
- 27 such district, prior to such addition, for the three immediately

1 preceding school fiscal years if such difference is greater than

2 zero;

3 (31) Qualified early childhood education average daily 4 membership means the product of the average daily membership for 5 school fiscal year 2006-07 and each school fiscal year thereafter of students who will be eligible to attend kindergarten the 6 following school year and are enrolled in an early childhood 7 education program approved by the department pursuant to section 8 9 79-1103 for such school district for such school year multiplied by 10 the ratio of the actual instructional hours of the program divided 11 by one thousand thirty-two if: (a) The program is receiving a grant 12 pursuant to such section for the third year; (b) the program has already received grants pursuant to such section for three years; 13 14 or (c) the program has been approved pursuant to subsection (5) of 15 section 79-1103 for such school year and the two preceding school 16 years, including any such students in portions of any of such 17 programs receiving an expansion grant; 18 (32) Qualified early childhood education fall membership 19 means the product of membership on the last Friday in September

20 2006 and each year thereafter of students who will be eligible 21 to attend kindergarten the following school year and are enrolled 22 in an early childhood education program approved by the department 23 pursuant to section 79-1103 for such school district for such 24 school year multiplied by the ratio of the planned instructional 25 hours of the program divided by one thousand thirty-two if: (a) 26 The program is receiving a grant pursuant to such section for the 27 third year; (b) the program has already received grants pursuant to

1 such section for three years; or (c) the program has been approved

- 2 pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-1103 for such school year
- 3 and the two preceding school years, including any such students in
- 4 portions of any of such programs receiving an expansion grant;
- 5 (33) Regular route transportation means the
- 6 transportation of students on regularly scheduled daily routes to
- 7 and from the attendance center;
- 8 (34) Reorganized district means any district involved
- 9 in a consolidation and currently educating students following
- 10 consolidation;
- 11 (35) School year or school fiscal year means the fiscal
- 12 year of a school district as defined in section 79-1091;
- 13 (36) Sparse local system means a local system that is not
- 14 a very sparse local system but which meets the following criteria:
- 15 (a)(i) Less than two students per square mile in the
- 16 county in which each high school is located, based on the school
- 17 district census, (ii) less than one formula student per square
- 18 mile in the local system, and (iii) more than ten miles between
- 19 each high school attendance center and the next closest high school
- 20 attendance center on paved roads;
- 21 (b)(i) Less than one and one-half formula students per
- 22 square mile in the local system and (ii) more than fifteen miles
- 23 between each high school attendance center and the next closest
- 24 high school attendance center on paved roads;
- (c) (i) Less than one and one-half formula students per
- 26 square mile in the local system and (ii) more than two hundred
- 27 seventy-five square miles in the local system; or

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1 (d)(i) Less than two formula students per square mile in

- 2 the local system and (ii) the local system includes an area equal
- to ninety-five percent or more of the square miles in the largest 3
- 4 county in which a high school attendance center is located in the
- 5 local system;
- 6 (37)Special education means specially designed
- 7 kindergarten through grade twelve instruction pursuant to section
- 8 79-1125, and includes special education transportation;
- 9 (38) Special grant funds means the budgeted receipts for
- 10 grants, including, but not limited to, Title I funds, Title VI
- 11 funds, funds from the Education Innovation Fund, reimbursements
- 12 for wards of the court, short-term borrowings including, but
- not limited to, registered warrants and tax anticipation notes, 13
- 14 interfund loans, insurance settlements, and reimbursements to
- 15 county government for previous overpayment. The state board shall
- 16 approve a listing of grants that qualify as special grant funds;
- 17 (39) State aid means the amount of assistance paid to a
- district pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities 18
- 19 Support Act;
- 20 (40) State board means the State Board of Education;
- 21 (41) State support means all funds provided to districts
- 22 by the State of Nebraska for the general fund support of elementary
- 23 and secondary education;
- 24 (42) Statewide average basic funding per formula student
- 25 means the statewide total basic funding for all districts divided
- 26 by the statewide total formula students for all districts;
- 27 (43) Statewide average general fund operating

1 expenditures per formula student means the statewide total

- 2 general fund operating expenditures for all districts divided by
- 3 the statewide total formula students for all districts;
- 4 (44) Teacher has the definition found in section 79-101;
- 5 (45) Temporary aid adjustment factor means (a) for school
- 6 fiscal years before school fiscal year 2007-08, one and one-fourth
- 7 percent of the sum of the local system's transportation allowance,
- 8 the local system's special receipts allowance, and the product
- 9 of the local system's adjusted formula students multiplied by
- 10 the average formula cost per student in the local system's
- 11 cost grouping and (b) for school fiscal year 2007-08, one and
- 12 one-fourth percent of the sum of the local system's transportation
- 13 allowance, special receipts allowance, and distance education and
- 14 telecommunications allowance and the product of the local system's
- 15 adjusted formula students multiplied by the average formula cost
- 16 per student in the local system's cost grouping;
- 17 (46) Tuitioned students means students in kindergarten
- 18 through grade twelve of the district whose tuition is paid by the
- 19 district to some other district or education agency; and
- 20 (47) Very sparse local system means a local system that
- 21 has:
- (a) (i) Less than one-half student per square mile in
- 23 each county in which each high school attendance center is located
- 24 based on the school district census, (ii) less than one formula
- 25 student per square mile in the local system, and (iii) more than
- 26 fifteen miles between the high school attendance center and the
- 27 next closest high school attendance center on paved roads; or

1 (b) (i) More than four hundred fifty square miles in the

- 2 local system, (ii) less than one-half student per square mile in
- 3 the local system, and (iii) more than fifteen miles between each
- 4 high school attendance center and the next closest high school
- 5 attendance center on paved roads.
- 6 Sec. 5. Section 79-1007.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 7 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 8 79-1007.07 (1)(a) For school fiscal year 2007-08, the
- 9 annual financial report required pursuant to section 79-528 shall
- 10 include:
- 11 (i) The amount of federal funds received based on poverty
- 12 as defined by the federal program providing the funds; and
- (ii) The expenditures and sources of funding for each
- 14 program related to poverty with a narrative description of the
- 15 program and the method used to allocate money to the program and
- 16 within the program.
- 17 (b) The department shall set up accounting codes for the
- 18 receipts and expenditures required to be reported on the annual
- 19 financial report pursuant to this subsection. The department shall
- 20 also determine for each school district an amount that shall
- 21 be deemed the poverty allowance for purposes of this section.
- 22 Such amount shall equal the adjustments to the weighted formula
- 23 students pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(iii) of section 79-1007.01
- 24 multiplied by the average formula cost per student in the school
- 25 district's cost grouping.
- 26 (2)(a) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each school
- 27 fiscal year thereafter, the annual financial report required

- 1 pursuant to section 79-528 shall include:
- 2 (i) The amount of the poverty allowance used in the
- 3 certification of state aid pursuant to section 79-1022 for such
- 4 school fiscal year;
- 5 (ii) The amount of federal funds received based on
- 6 poverty as defined by the federal program providing the funds;
- 7 (iii) The expenditures and sources of funding for each
- 8 program related to poverty with a narrative description of the
- 9 program, the method used to allocate money to the program and
- 10 within the program, and the program's relationship to the poverty
- 11 plan submitted pursuant to section 79-1013 for such school fiscal
- 12 year;
- 13 (iv) The expenditures and sources of funding for support
- 14 costs directly attributable to implementing the district's poverty
- 15 plan; and
- 16 (v) An explanation of how any required elements of the
- 17 poverty plan for such school fiscal year were met.
- 18 (b) The department shall set up accounting codes for the
- 19 receipts and expenditures required to be reported on the annual
- 20 financial report pursuant to this subsection.
- 21 (3) For school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school
- 22 fiscal year thereafter, the department shall determine the poverty
- 23 allowance expenditures using the reported expenditures on the
- 24 annual financial report for the most recently available complete
- 25 data year that would include in the poverty allowance expenditures
- 26 only those expenditures that were used to specifically address
- 27 issues related to the education of students living in poverty or

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to the implementation of the poverty plan, that do not replace

expenditures that would have occurred if the students involved in

the program did not live in poverty, that are not included in

4 other allowances, and that are paid for with noncategorical funds

5 generated by state or local taxes or funds distributed through the

6 Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act pursuant to

7 the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The

8 department shall establish a procedure to allow school districts to

receive preapproval for categories of expenditures that could be

10 included in poverty allowance expenditures.

11 (4) For school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal 12 year thereafter, if the poverty allowance expenditures do not equal 117.65 percent or more of the poverty allowance for the 13 14 most recently available complete data year, the department shall 15 calculate a poverty allowance correction. The poverty allowance 16 correction shall equal the poverty allowance minus eighty-five 17 percent of the poverty allowance expenditures. If the poverty allowance expenditures do not equal fifty percent or more of the 18 19 allowance for such school fiscal year, the school district shall 20 also be disqualified from receiving a poverty allowance for the 21 school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated.

22 (5) For school fiscal year 2010-11 and each school fiscal
23 year thereafter, if the department determines that the school
24 district did not meet the required elements of the poverty plan
25 for the most recently available complete data year, the department
26 shall calculate a poverty allowance correction equal to fifty
27 percent of the poverty allowance for such school fiscal year and

1 the school district shall also be disqualified from receiving a

- 2 poverty allowance for the school fiscal year for which aid is being
- 3 calculated. Any poverty allowance correction calculated pursuant to
- 4 this subsection shall be added to any poverty allowance correction
- 5 calculated pursuant to subsection (4) of this section to arrive at
- 6 the total poverty allowance correction.
- 7 (6) The department may request additional information
- 8 from any school district to assist with calculations and
- 9 determinations pursuant to this section. If the school district
- 10 does not provide information upon the request of the department
- 11 pursuant to this section, the school district shall be disqualified
- 12 from receiving a poverty allowance for the school fiscal year for
- 13 which aid is being calculated.
- 14 (7) The department shall annually provide the Legislature
- 15 with a report containing a general description of the expenditures
- 16 and funding sources for programs related to poverty statewide and
- 17 specific descriptions of the expenditures and funding sources for
- 18 programs related to poverty for each school district.
- 19 (8) The state board shall establish a procedure for
- 20 appeal of decisions of the department to the state board for a
- 21 final determination.
- 22 Sec. 6. Section 79-1007.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 79-1007.09 (1)(a) For school fiscal year 2007-08, the
- 25 annual financial report required pursuant to section 79-528 shall
- 26 include:
- 27 (i) The amount of federal funds received based on

1 students who are limited English proficient as defined by the

- 2 federal program providing the funds; and
- 3 (ii) The expenditures and sources of funding for each
- 4 program related to limited English proficiency with a narrative
- 5 description of the program and the method used to allocate money to
- 6 the program and within the program.
- 7 (b) The department shall set up accounting codes for the
- 8 receipts and expenditures required to be reported on the annual
- 9 financial report pursuant to this subsection. The department shall
- 10 also determine for each school district an amount that shall
- 11 be deemed the limited English proficiency allowance for purposes
- 12 of this section. Such amount shall equal the adjustments to the
- 13 weighted formula students pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of
- 14 section 79-1007.01 multiplied by the average formula cost per
- 15 student in the school district's cost grouping.
- 16 (2)(a) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each school
- 17 fiscal year thereafter, the annual financial report required
- 18 pursuant to section 79-528 shall include:
- 19 (i) The amount of the limited English proficiency
- 20 allowance used in the certification of state aid pursuant to
- 21 section 79-1022 for such school fiscal year;
- 22 (ii) The amount of federal funds received based on
- 23 students who are limited English proficient as defined by the
- 24 federal program providing the funds;
- 25 (iii) The expenditures and sources of funding for each
- 26 program related to limited English proficiency with a narrative
- 27 description of the program, the method used to allocate money to

- 1 the program and within the program, and the program's relationship
- 2 to the limited English proficiency plan submitted pursuant to
- 3 section 79-1014 for such school fiscal year;
- 4 (iv) The expenditures and sources of funding for support
- 5 costs directly attributable to implementing the district's limited
- 6 English proficiency plan; and
- 7 (v) An explanation of how any required elements of the
- 8 limited English proficiency plan for such school fiscal year were
- 9 met.
- 10 (b) The department shall set up accounting codes for the
- 11 receipts and expenditures required to be reported on the annual
- 12 financial report pursuant to this subsection.
- 13 (3) For school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal
- 14 year thereafter, the department shall determine the limited English
- 15 proficiency allowance expenditures using the reported expenditures
- 16 on the annual financial report for the most recently available
- 17 complete data year that would only include in the limited English
- 18 proficiency allowance expenditures those expenditures that were
- 19 used to specifically address issues related to the education of
- 20 students with limited English proficiency or to the implementation
- 21 of the limited English proficiency plan, that do not replace
- 22 expenditures that would have occurred if the students involved
- 23 in the program did not have limited English proficiency, that
- 24 are not included in other allowances, and that are paid for
- 25 with noncategorical funds generated by state or local taxes
- 26 or funds distributed through the Tax Equity and Educational
- 27 Opportunities Support Act pursuant to the federal American Recovery

1 and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The department shall establish a

- 2 procedure to allow school districts to receive preapproval for
- 3 categories of expenditures that could be included in limited
- 4 English proficiency allowance expenditures.
- 5 (4) For school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal
- 6 year thereafter, if the limited English proficiency allowance
- 7 expenditures do not equal 117.65 percent or more of the limited
- 8 English proficiency allowance for the most recently available
- 9 complete data year, the department shall calculate a limited
- 10 English proficiency allowance correction. The limited English
- 11 proficiency allowance correction shall equal the limited English
- 12 proficiency allowance minus eighty-five percent of the limited
- 13 English proficiency allowance expenditures. If the limited English
- 14 proficiency allowance expenditures do not equal fifty percent or
- 15 more of the allowance for such school fiscal year, the school
- 16 district shall also be disqualified from receiving a limited
- 17 English proficiency allowance for the school fiscal year for which
- 18 aid is being calculated.
- 19 (5) For school fiscal year 2010-11 and each school fiscal
- 20 year thereafter, if the department determines that the school
- 21 district did not meet the required elements of the limited English
- 22 proficiency plan for the most recently available complete data
- 23 year, the department shall calculate a limited English proficiency
- 24 allowance correction equal to fifty percent of the limited English
- 25 proficiency allowance for such school fiscal year and the school
- 26 district shall also be disqualified from receiving a limited
- 27 English proficiency allowance for the school fiscal year for which

1 aid is being calculated. Any limited English proficiency allowance

- 2 correction calculated pursuant to this subsection shall be added
- 3 to any limited English proficiency allowance correction calculated
- 4 pursuant to subsection (4) of this section to arrive at the total
- 5 limited English proficiency allowance correction.
- 6 (6) The department may request additional information
- 7 from any school district to assist with calculations and
- 8 determinations pursuant to this section. If the school district
- 9 does not provide information upon the request of the department
- 10 pursuant to this section, the school district shall be disqualified
- 11 from receiving a limited English proficiency allowance for the
- 12 school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated.
- 13 (7) The department shall annually provide the Legislature
- 14 with a report containing a general description of the expenditures
- 15 and funding sources for programs related to limited English
- 16 proficiency statewide and specific descriptions of the expenditures
- 17 and funding sources for programs related to limited English
- 18 proficiency for each school district.
- 19 (8) The state board shall establish a procedure for
- 20 appeal of decisions of the department to the state board for a
- 21 final determination.
- 22 Sec. 7. Section 79-1007.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 23 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 79-1007.10 For state aid calculated for school fiscal
- 25 year 2008-09 and each school fiscal year thereafter, all school
- 26 <u>fiscal years except 2009-10 and 2010-11,</u> the cost growth factor
- 27 shall equal the sum of: (1) One; plus (2) the basic allowable

1 growth rate pursuant to section 79-1025 for the school fiscal year

- 2 in which the aid is to be distributed; plus (3) the basic allowable
- 3 growth rate pursuant to section 79-1025 for the school fiscal year
- 4 immediately preceding the school fiscal year in which the aid is to
- 5 be distributed; plus (4) one percent.
- 6 For state aid calculated for school fiscal years 2009-10
- 7 and 2010-11, the cost growth factor shall equal one hundred six
- 8 percent.
- 9 Sec. 8. Section 79-1007.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 10 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 11 79-1007.11 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
- 12 section, for school fiscal year 2008-09, each school district's
- 13 formula need shall equal the difference of the sum of the school
- 14 district's basic funding, poverty allowance, limited English
- 15 proficiency allowance, elementary class size allowance, focus
- 16 school and program allowance, summer school allowance, special
- 17 receipts allowance, transportation allowance, elementary site
- 18 allowance, distance education and telecommunications allowance,
- 19 averaging adjustment, and teacher education adjustment, minus
- 20 the sum of the limited English proficiency allowance correction,
- 21 poverty allowance correction, and local choice adjustment.
- 22 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for
- 23 school fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11, each school district's
- 24 formula need shall equal the difference of the sum of the
- 25 school district's basic funding, poverty allowance, limited
- 26 English proficiency allowance, elementary class size allowance,
- 27 focus school and program allowance, summer school allowance,

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1 special receipts allowance, transportation allowance, elementary

2 site allowance, instructional time allowance, distance education

3 and telecommunications allowance, averaging adjustment, teacher

4 education adjustment, new learning community transportation

5 adjustment, student growth adjustment, and new school adjustment,

6 minus the sum of the limited English proficiency allowance

7 correction, poverty allowance correction, and local choice

8 adjustment.

9 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for 10 school fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, each school district's 11 formula need shall equal the difference of the sum of the 12 school district's basic funding, poverty allowance, limited English proficiency allowance, elementary class size allowance, 13 14 focus school and program allowance, summer school allowance, 15 special receipts allowance, transportation allowance, elementary 16 site allowance, instructional time allowance, distance education 17 and telecommunications allowance, averaging adjustment, teacher 18 education adjustment, new learning community transportation 19 adjustment, student growth adjustment, any positive student growth 20 adjustment correction, and new school adjustment, minus the sum 21 of the limited English proficiency allowance correction, poverty 22 allowance correction, any negative student growth adjustment 23 correction, and local choice adjustment.

24 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for 25 school fiscal year 2013-14 and each school fiscal year thereafter, 26 each school district's formula need shall equal the difference of 27 the sum of the school district's basic funding, poverty allowance, AM1118 LB545 MHF-04/20/2009 AM1118 LB545 MHF-04/20/2009

1 limited English proficiency allowance, focus school and program

- 2 allowance, summer school allowance, special receipts allowance,
- 3 transportation allowance, elementary site allowance, instructional
- 4 time allowance, distance education and telecommunications
- 5 allowance, averaging adjustment, teacher education adjustment,
- 6 new learning community transportation adjustment, student growth
- 7 adjustment, any positive student growth adjustment correction,
- 8 and new school adjustment, minus the sum of the limited English
- 9 proficiency allowance correction, poverty allowance correction, any
- 10 negative student growth adjustment correction, and local choice
- 11 adjustment.
- 12 (5) If the formula need calculated for a school district
- 13 pursuant to subsections (1) through (4) of this section is less
- 14 than one hundred percent of the formula need for such district
- 15 for the school fiscal year immediately preceding the school fiscal
- 16 year for which aid is being calculated, the formula need for such
- 17 district shall equal one hundred percent of the formula need for
- 18 such district for the school fiscal year immediately preceding the
- 19 school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated.
- 20 (6) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section,
- 21 if ## the formula need calculated for a school district pursuant
- 22 to subsections (1) through (4) of this section is more than one
- 23 hundred twelve percent of the formula need for such district for
- 24 the school fiscal year immediately preceding the school fiscal
- 25 year for which aid is being calculated, the formula need for such
- 26 district shall equal one hundred twelve percent of the formula
- 27 need for such district for the school fiscal year immediately

preceding the school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated, 1 2 except that the formula need shall not be reduced pursuant to this subsection for any district (a) receiving a student growth 3 4 adjustment for the school fiscal year for which aid is being 5 calculated or (b) for school fiscal year 2008-09, for which the formula students for the certification of aid pursuant to 6 7 section 79-1022 for school fiscal year 2008-09 minus the formula 8 students for the certification of aid pursuant to section 79-1022 9 for school fiscal year 2007-08 equals at least the greater of 10 twenty-five students or one percent of the formula students for the certification of aid pursuant to section 79-1022 for school fiscal 11

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year 2007-08.

13 (7) For purposes of this subsection, subsections (5) and 14 (6) of this section, the formula need for the school fiscal year 15 immediately preceding the school fiscal year for which aid is being 16 calculated shall be the formula need used in the final calculation 17 of aid pursuant to section 79-1065 and for districts that were 18 affected by a reorganization with an effective date in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which aid is certified for the 19 20 school fiscal year for which aid is being calculated, the formula 21 need for the school fiscal year immediately preceding the school 22 fiscal year for which aid is being calculated shall be attributed 23 to the affected school districts based on information provided to 24 the department by the school districts or proportionally based on 25 the adjusted valuation transferred if sufficient information has 26 not been provided to the department.

(8) For state aid calculated for the first full school

1 fiscal year of a new learning community, if the formula need

- 2 <u>calculated for a member school district pursuant to subsections</u>
- 3 (1) through (5) of this section is less than the sum of the
- 4 school district's state aid certified for the school fiscal year
- 5 immediately preceding the first full school fiscal year of the
- 6 learning community plus the school district's other actual receipts
- 7 included in local system formula resources pursuant to section
- 8 79-1018.01 for such school fiscal year plus the product of the
- 9 school district's general fund levy for such school fiscal year up
- 10 to one dollar and five cents multiplied by the school district's
- 11 assessed valuation for such school fiscal year, the formula need
- 12 for such school district for the school fiscal year for which aid
- 13 is being calculated shall equal such sum.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 79-1007.23, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 15 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 16 79-1007.23 For state aid calculated for school fiscal
- 17 year 2009-10 and each school fiscal year thereafter:
- 18 (1) The department shall calculate an instructional time
- 19 allowance for each district equal to the product of the formula
- 20 students of such district multiplied by the instructional time
- 21 factor for such district multiplied by eighty-five percent of the
- 22 statewide average general fund operating expenditures per formula
- 23 student;
- 24 (2) The instructional time factor shall equal the
- 25 difference of the ratio of the district's average hours of
- 26 instruction for each full-time student during the regular school
- 27 year for the most recently available complete data year divided by:

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(a) For state aid calculated for school fiscal year 2009-10, the 1 2 comparison group average hours of instruction for each full-time student during the regular school year for the most recently 3 4 available complete data year minus one; or (b) for state aid 5 calculated for school fiscal year 2010-11 and each school fiscal 6 year thereafter the statewide average hours of instruction for 7 each full-time student during the regular school year for the most 8 recently available complete data year minus one, except that if the result is less than zero, the instructional time factor shall 9 10 equal zero; and 11 (3) The department shall develop a form for determining 12 the district's average hours of instruction for each full-time 13 student. The comparison group average hours of instruction for each 14 full-time student shall be an average of the averages for the 15 all school districts in the comparison group. The average hours 16 of instruction shall be defined by the department and shall not 17 include extracurricular activities outside of the regular school 18 day or time designated for students to eat lunch. The statewide average hours of instruction for each full-time student shall be an 19 average of the averages for all school districts. 20 Sec. 11. Section 79-1011, Reissue Revised Statutes of 21 Nebraska, is amended to read: 22 23 79-1011 (1) To encourage consolidation of Class II and III school districts with less than three hundred ninety students, 24 25 incentives shall be paid to reorganized Class II, III, IV, or V 26 districts resulting from consolidations which meet the requirements

of this section. This section shall only apply to consolidations

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1 with an effective date after May 31, 2005, 2009, and before June 1,

- 2 2007. 2011.
- 3 (2) To qualify for incentive payments under this section,
- 4 the consolidation must be approved for incentive payments by
- 5 the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts.
- 6 Consolidating school districts shall file an application with the
- 7 state committee on or before June 15, 2009, or within thirty days
- 8 following the issuance of the boundary change order pursuant to
- 9 subsection (1) of section 79-479, whichever is later. The state
- 10 committee shall approve or disapprove incentive payments within
- 11 thirty days after receipt of the application.
- 12 (3) For incentive payments to be approved by the
- 13 state committee, a reorganization study, including efficiency,
- 14 demographic, curriculum, facility, financial, and community
- 15 components, must be completed prior to the reorganization. If
- 16 a study containing such elements is has been completed and the
- 17 study indicates that the reorganization will most likely result
- 18 in more efficiency in the delivery of educational services or
- 19 greater educational opportunities, the state committee may approve
- 20 incentive payments.
- 21 (4) Incentive payments shall be based on the number of
- 22 students moving from Class II or III school districts with less
- 23 than three hundred ninety students into a reorganized Class II,
- 24 III, IV, or V school district with at least three hundred ninety
- 25 students based on the average daily membership in each affected
- 26 district in the school fiscal year immediately preceding the first
- 27 school fiscal year the boundary change will be in effect and the

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2 following the boundary change if it had occurred in the school 3 fiscal year immediately preceding the first school fiscal year 4 the boundary change will be in effect. The per-student incentive 5 amount for each district involved in the reorganization having an 6 average daily membership of less than three hundred ninety students 7 shall equal four one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars minus 8 plus the product of five hundred dollars per student multiplied by 9 the difference of three hundred ninety students minus the average 10 daily membership in such district. multiplied by the ratio of three 11 thousand divided by three hundred ninety. The total incentives for 12 each such district shall equal the district's per-student incentive amount multiplied by the district's average daily membership. 13 14 (5) For school fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07, one 15 million dollars shall be transferred from the Education Innovation 16 Fund to the School District Reorganization Fund pursuant to section 17 9 - 812. (6) (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 18 19 base fiscal year incentive payments shall equal fifty percent of the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. 20 21 Base fiscal year incentive payments shall be calculated as of 22 August 2 immediately preceding the base fiscal year and shall be

average daily membership the consolidated district would have had

payments on the last business day of each month, beginning in September and ending the following June, for the base fiscal year.

paid directly to the reorganized district from the School District

Reorganization Fund pursuant to subsection (5) (6) of this section.

The payments shall be made in ten as nearly as possible equal

If the total amount of base fiscal year incentive payments for 1 2 that school fiscal year exceeds the amount in the School District 3 Reorganization Fund, the base fiscal year incentive payments shall 4 be reduced proportionately so that the total amount of base fiscal 5 year incentive payments equals the amount in the fund. of funds so appropriated. The base fiscal year incentive payments shall not 6 7 be included in local system formula resources as calculated under 8 section 79-1018.01. 9 (7) (6) The amount calculated pursuant to subsection (4) 10 of this section minus the amount of base fiscal year incentive payments pursuant to subsection (6) (5) of this section shall 11 be paid out of any remaining funds in the School District 12 13 Reorganization Fund after base fiscal year incentive payments. 14 If the total amount of second-year incentive payments exceeds 15 the remaining funds, the second-year incentive payments shall be reduced proportionately so that the total amount of second-year 16 17 incentive payments equals the amount in the fund. Second-year 18 incentive payments shall not be included in local system formula resources as calculated pursuant to section 79-1018.01. included 19 in the distribution of state aid for the first school fiscal year 20 21 following the base fiscal year. 22 Sec. 12. Section 79-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read: 23 79-1012 The School District Reorganization Fund is 24 25 created. The fund shall be administered by the department. The fund 26 shall consist of money transferred from the Education Innovation 27 Fund and shall be used to provide payments to reorganized school

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- districts pursuant to section 79-1011. through June 30, 2008, and 1 2 to provide temporary funding for aggregation routing equipment 3 and network transport costs for Network Nebraska pursuant to 4 section 86-5,101 through June 30, 2010. Any money in excess of 5 the difference of two hundred thousand dollars minus any amount 6 previously used to provide temporary funding for aggregation 7 routing equipment and network transport costs for Network Nebraska 8 pursuant to section 86-5,101 remaining in the fund on July 1, 9 2008, shall be transferred to the Education Innovation Fund on such 10 date. Any money remaining in the School District Reorganization 11 Fund on July 1, 2010, 2013, shall be transferred to the Education 12 Innovation Fund on such date. Any money in the School District Reorganization Fund available for investment shall be invested 13 14 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital 15 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Sec. 13. Section 79-1017.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of 16 Nebraska, is amended to read: 17 79-1017.01 Local system formula resources includes
- 79-1017.01 Local system formula resources includes

 retirement aid determined under section 17 of this act, allocated

 income tax funds determined for each such district pursuant to the

 provisions of section 79-1005.01 or 79-1005.02, and adjustments

 pursuant to section 79-1008.02.
- Sec. 14. Section 79-1008.02.

 Sec. 14. Section 79-1023, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 Nebraska, as amended by section 2, Legislative Bill 548, One
 Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009, is amended to read:
 79-1023 (1) On or before June 1, 2009, and on or before
 February 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall determine

1 and certify to each school district the maximum general fund budget

- 2 of expenditures minus the special education budget of expenditures
- 3 for the immediately following school fiscal year.
- 4 (2) For school fiscal years prior to 2008-09, no Class
- 5 II, III, IV, V, or VI district shall increase its general fund
- 6 budget of expenditures more than the local system's applicable
- 7 allowable growth rate.

8 (3) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each school 9 fiscal year thereafter, except (2) Except as provided in section 10 79-1028.01, no school district shall have a general fund budget of 11 expenditures minus special grant funds and the special education 12 budget of expenditures more than the greater of (a) the product of the difference of the general fund budget of expenditures 13 14 minus special grant funds and the special education budget of 15 expenditures for the immediately preceding school fiscal year 16 multiplied by the sum of one plus the local system's applicable 17 allowable growth rate or (b) except as otherwise provided in 18 subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection, (i) the difference of one 19 hundred twenty percent of formula need for such school fiscal year 20 minus the product of the sum of one plus the basic allowable 21 growth rate for such school fiscal year multiplied by the special 22 education budget of expenditures as filed on the school district 23 budget statement on or before September 20 for the immediately preceding school fiscal year or (ii) for school fiscal years 24 25 2009-10 and 2010-11, the difference of one hundred sixteen and 26 fifteen-hundredths percent of formula need for such school fiscal 27 year minus the product of the sum of one plus the basic allowable

- 1 growth rate for such school fiscal year multiplied by the special
- 2 education budget of expenditures as filed on the school district
- 3 budget statement on or before September 20 for the immediately
- 4 preceding school fiscal year.
- 5 Sec. 15. Section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 7 79-1028.01 (1) For school fiscal year 2008-09 and each
- 8 school fiscal year thereafter, a school district may exceed its
- 9 maximum general fund budget of expenditures minus the special
- 10 education budget of expenditures by a specific dollar amount for:
- 11 (1) (a) Expenditures for repairs to infrastructure
- 12 damaged by a natural disaster which is declared a disaster
- 13 emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act;
- 14 (2) (b) Expenditures for judgments, except judgments
- 15 or orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained
- 16 against a school district which require or obligate a school
- 17 district to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not
- 18 paid by liability insurance coverage of a school district;
- 19 (3) (c) Expenditures pursuant to the Retirement Incentive
- 20 Plan authorized in section 79-855 or the Staff Development
- 21 Assistance authorized in section 79-856;
- 22 (4) (d) Expenditures of incentive payments or base fiscal
- 23 year incentive payments to be received in such school fiscal year
- 24 pursuant to section 79-1011;
- 25 (e) Expenditures of amounts received from educational
- 26 entities as defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance
- 27 education courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating

1 Council to such educational entities;

2 (6) (f) Either (a) (i) the first and second school fiscal years the district will be participating in Network Nebraska for 3 4 the full school fiscal year or (b) (ii) school fiscal year 2008-09, 5 if the school district participated in Network Nebraska for all of school fiscal year 2007-08, for the difference of the estimated 6 7 expenditures for such school fiscal year for telecommunications 8 services, access to data transmission networks that transmit data to and from the school district, and the transmission of data on 9 10 such networks as such expenditures are defined by the department for purposes of the distance education and telecommunications 11 12 allowance minus the dollar amount of such expenditures for the second school fiscal year preceding the first full school fiscal 13 14 year the district participates in Network Nebraska; and 15 (7) (g) Expenditures to pay another school district for the transfer of land from such other school district; -16 17 (h) Expenditures in school fiscal years 2009-10 through 18 2013-14 to pay for employer contributions pursuant to subsection (2) of section 79-958 to the School Retirement System of the 19 State of Nebraska to the extent that such expenditures exceed the 20 21 employer contributions under such subsection that would have been 22 made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-five hundredths 23 percent; and 24 (i) Expenditures in school fiscal years 2009-10 through 25 2013-14 to pay for school district contributions pursuant to 26 subdivision (1)(b)(i) of section 79-9,113 to the Class V School 27 Employees Retirement System to the extent that such expenditures

1 exceed the school district contributions under such subdivision

- 2 that would have been made at a contribution rate of seven and
- 3 thirty-seven hundredths percent.
- 4 (2) For school fiscal year 2009-10 and each school fiscal
- 5 year thereafter, a school district may exceed its maximum general
- 6 fund budget of expenditures minus the special education budget of
- 7 expenditures by a specific dollar amount for expenditures for sums
- 8 agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees
- 9 in exchange for a voluntary termination occurring prior to July 1,
- 10 2009.
- 11 (3) The state board shall approve, deny, or modify the
- 12 amount allowed for any exception to the maximum general fund budget
- 13 of expenditures minus the special education budget of expenditures
- 14 pursuant to this section.
- 15 Sec. 16. For each of school fiscal years 2009-10 and
- 16 2010-11, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act percentage
- 17 shall equal the amount of funding from the federal American
- 18 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to be distributed through
- 19 the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act for
- 20 such school fiscal year divided by the total equalization aid
- 21 to be distributed pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational
- 22 Opportunities Support Act for such school fiscal year. For
- 23 each school district, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- 24 allocation shall equal the equalization aid to be distributed to
- 25 the school district for such school fiscal year multiplied by
- 26 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act percentage for such
- 27 school fiscal year. Such allocation shall only be distributed to

1 the school district upon approval by the Governor based on an

- 2 application submitted by the school district and shall be accounted
- 3 for and spent by the school district in accordance with the
- 4 application and the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- 5 of 2009. Such allocation shall not be considered a special grant
- 6 fund and shall be considered state aid for all purposes except
- 7 as otherwise provided in this section and the federal American
- 8 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- 9 Sec. 17. For school fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11, an
- 10 amount calculated by the department shall be paid to each school
- 11 district as retirement aid equal to the product of thirty million
- 12 dollars multiplied by the school district's salary percentage. The
- 13 school district's salary percentage shall equal the total salary
- 14 reported by the school district on the annual financial report
- 15 for the most recently available complete data year divided by the
- 16 total salary reported by all school districts in the state on the
- 17 annual financial report for the most recently available complete
- 18 data year.
- 19 Sec. 18. Section 79-1073, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 79-1073 On or before September 1 for each year, each
- 22 learning community coordinating council shall determine the
- 23 expected amounts to be distributed to each member school district
- 24 from general fund property tax receipts pursuant to subdivision
- 25 (2) (b) of section 77-3442 and shall certify such amounts to each
- 26 member school district and the State Department of Education.
- 27 For the first three school fiscal years for which the learning

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1 community levies a common general fund property tax for school 2 districts; such property tax receipts shall be divided among 3 member school districts proportionally based on the greater of (1) 4 the difference of the school district's formula need calculated 5 pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support 6 Act minus the sum of the state aid certified pursuant to section 7 79-1022 and the other actual receipts included in local system 8 formula resources pursuant to section 79-1018.01 for the school 9 fiscal year for which the distribution is being made or (2) the 10 difference of the sum of the state aid certified for the school 11 fiscal year immediately preceding the first school fiscal year for 12 which the learning community levies a common general fund property 13 tax for school districts plus the product of the school district's 14 general fund levy for such school fiscal year multiplied by the 15 assessed valuation for such school fiscal year minus the state 16 aid certified pursuant to section 79-1022 for the school fiscal 17 year for which the distribution is being made. Thereafter, such Such property tax receipts shall be divided among member school 18 19 districts proportionally based on the difference of the school district's formula need calculated pursuant to section 79-1007.11 20 21 minus the sum of the state aid certified pursuant to section 22 79-1022 and the other actual receipts included in local system 23 formula resources pursuant to section 79-1018.01 for the school 24 fiscal year for which the distribution is being made. 25 Each time a learning community coordinating council

distributes property tax receipts to member school districts,

the amount to be distributed to each district shall be proportional

1 based on the total amounts to be distributed to each member school

- 2 district for the school fiscal year.
- 3 Sec. 19. Section 79-10,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 79-10,110 (1) After making a determination that an actual 6 or potential environmental hazard or accessibility barrier exists, 7 that a life safety code violation exists, or that expenditures 8 are needed for indoor air quality or mold abatement and prevention 9 within the school buildings or grounds under its control, a school 10 board may make and deliver to the county clerk of such county in which any part of the school district is situated, not later 11 12 than the date provided in section 13-508, an itemized estimate of 13 the amounts necessary to be expended for the abatement of such 14 environmental hazard, for accessibility barrier elimination, or for 15 modifications for life safety code violations, indoor air quality, or mold abatement and prevention in such school buildings or 16 17 grounds. The board shall conduct a public hearing on the itemized 18 estimate prior to presenting such estimate to the county clerk. 19 Notice of the place and time of such hearing shall, at least five days prior to the date set for hearing, be published in a newspaper 20 21 of general circulation within the school district. The board shall 22 designate the particular environmental hazard abatement project, 23 accessibility barrier elimination project, or modification for life safety code violations, indoor air quality, or mold abatement and 24 25 prevention for which the tax levy provided for by this section will 26 be expended, the period of years, which shall not exceed ten years, 27 for which the tax will be levied for such project, and the amount

1 of the levy for each year of the period.

(2) After a public hearing, a school board may undertake any qualified capital purpose in any qualified zone academy under its control and may levy a tax as provided in this section to repay a qualified zone academy bond issued for such undertaking. The board shall designate the particular qualified capital purpose for which the qualified zone academy bond was issued and for which the tax levy provided for by this section will be expended, the period of years, not exceeding fifteen, for which the tax will be levied for such qualified zone academy bond, and the amount of the levy for each year of the period. The hearing required by this subsection shall be held only after notice of such hearing has been published for three consecutive weeks prior to the hearing in a legal newspaper published or of general circulation in the school district.

(3) After a public hearing, a school board may undertake construction of a new public school facility or the acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed or any expansion, rehabilitation, modernization, renovation, or repair of any existing school facilities under its control and may levy a tax to repay any type or form of bond for such undertaking permitted by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The board shall designate the particular project or projects for which the bond will be issued and for which the tax levy provided by this section will be expended, the period of years for which the tax will be levied to repay such bond, not exceeding thirty years or such other period of years for the type of bond as permitted by the

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1 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the amount of 2 the levy for each year of such period. Prior to the public hearing, 3 the school board shall prepare an itemized estimate of the amounts 4 necessary to be expended for the project or projects. The hearing 5 required by the subsection shall be held only after notice of such 6 hearing has been published for three consecutive weeks prior to the 7 hearing in a legal newspaper published or of general circulation in 8 the school district. The bond to be issued under this subsection 9 may consist of any type or form of bond permitted by the federal 10 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. 11 (3) (4) The board may designate more than one project 12 under subsection (1) of this section, more than one ex qualified capital purpose under subsection (2) of this section, or more 13 14 than one American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 purpose 15 under subsection (3) of this section and levy a tax pursuant 16 to this section for each such project, or qualified capital 17 purpose, or American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 18 purpose, concurrently or consecutively, as the case may be, if 19 the aggregate levy in each year and the duration of each such levy will not exceed the limitations specified in this section. 20 21 Each levy for a project, a ex qualified capital purpose, or an 22 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 purpose which is 23 authorized by this section may be imposed for such duration as the 24 board specifies, notwithstanding the contemporaneous existence or 25 subsequent imposition of any other levy for another project, or

qualified capital purpose or American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act of 2009 purpose, imposed pursuant to this section and

notwithstanding the subsequent issuance by the district of bonded 1

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2 indebtedness payable from its general fund levy.

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(4) (5) The county clerk shall levy such taxes, not to 3 4 exceed five and one-fifth cents per one hundred dollars of taxable 5 valuation for Class II, III, IV, V, and VI districts, and not to exceed the limits set for Class I districts in section 79-10,124, 6 7 on the taxable property of the district necessary to (a) cover the 8 environmental hazard abatement or accessibility barrier elimination 9 project costs or costs for modification for life safety code 10 violations, indoor air quality, or mold abatement and prevention itemized by the board pursuant to subsection (1) of this section 11 and (b) repay any qualified zone academy bonds or American Recovery 12 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 bonds pursuant to subsection (2) or 13 14 (3) of this section. Such taxes shall be collected by the county 15 treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes

18 (5) (6) If such board operates grades nine through 19 twelve as part of an affiliated school system, it shall designate the fraction of the project or undertaking to be conducted for 20 21 the benefit of grades nine through twelve. Such fraction shall 22 be raised by a levy placed upon all of the taxable value of 23 all taxable property in the affiliated school system pursuant to 24 subsection (2) of section 79-1075. The balance of the project or 25 undertaking to be conducted for the benefit of grades kindergarten 26 through eight shall be raised by a levy placed upon all of the

are collected and when collected shall be paid to the treasurer of

the district and used to cover the project costs.

taxable value of all taxable property in the district which is

- 1 governed by such board. The combined rate for both levies in the
- 2 high school district, to be determined by such board, shall not
- 3 exceed five and one-fifth cents on each one hundred dollars of
- 4 taxable value.
- 5 (6) (7) Each board which submits an itemized estimate
- 6 shall establish an environmental hazard abatement and accessibility
- 7 barrier elimination project account, a life safety code
- 8 modification project account, an indoor air quality project
- 9 account, or a mold abatement and prevention project account, and
- 10 each board which undertakes a qualified capital purpose shall
- 11 establish a qualified capital purpose undertaking account, within
- 12 the qualified capital purpose undertaking fund, and each board
- 13 which undertakes an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- 14 purpose shall establish an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- 15 of 2009 purpose undertaking account. Taxes collected pursuant to
- 16 this section shall be credited to the appropriate account to cover
- 17 the project or undertaking costs. Such estimates may be presented
- 18 to the county clerk and taxes levied accordingly.
- 19 (8) For purposes of this section:
- 20 (a) Abatement includes, but is not limited to, any
- 21 inspection and testing regarding environmental hazards, any
- 22 maintenance to reduce, lessen, put an end to, diminish, moderate,
- 23 decrease, control, dispose of, or eliminate environmental hazards,
- 24 any removal or encapsulation of environmentally hazardous material
- 25 or property, any restoration or replacement of material or
- 26 property, any related architectural and engineering services, and
- 27 any other action to reduce or eliminate environmental hazards in

the school buildings or on the school grounds under the board's

- 2 control, except that abatement does not include the encapsulation
- 3 of any material containing more than one percent friable asbestos;
- 4 (b) Accessibility barrier means anything which impedes
- 5 entry into, exit from, or use of any building or facility by all
- 6 people;

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- 7 (c) Accessibility barrier elimination includes, but is
- 8 not limited to, inspection for and removal of accessibility
- 9 barriers, maintenance to reduce, lessen, put an end to, diminish,
- 10 control, dispose of, or eliminate accessibility barriers, related
- 11 restoration or replacement of facilities or property, any related
- 12 architectural and engineering services, and any other action to
- 13 eliminate accessibility barriers in the school buildings or grounds
- 14 under the board's control;
- 15 (d) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 bond
- 16 means any type or form of bond permitted by the American Recovery
- 17 and Reinvestment Act of 2009;
- 18 (e) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- 19 purpose means any construction of a new public school facility
- 20 or the acquisition of land on which such a facility is to
- 21 be constructed or any expansion, rehabilitation, modernization,
- 22 renovation, or repair of any existing school facilities financed in
- 23 whole or in part with an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
- 24 2009 bond;
- 25 (d) (f) Environmental hazard means any contamination of
- 26 the air, water, or land surface or subsurface caused by any
- 27 substance adversely affecting human health or safety if such

1 substance has been declared hazardous by a federal or state

- 2 statute, rule, or regulation;
- 3 (e) (g) Modification for indoor air quality includes, but
- 4 is not limited to, any inspection and testing regarding indoor
- 5 air quality, any maintenance to reduce, lessen, put an end to,
- 6 diminish, moderate, decrease, control, dispose of, or eliminate
- 7 indoor air quality problems, any restoration or replacement of
- 8 material or related architectural and engineering services, and any
- 9 other action to reduce or eliminate indoor air quality problems
- 10 or to enhance air quality conditions in new or existing school
- 11 buildings or on school grounds under the control of a school board;
- 12 (f) (h) Modification for life safety code violation
- 13 includes, but is not limited to, any inspection and testing
- 14 regarding life safety codes, any maintenance to reduce, lessen,
- 15 put an end to, diminish, moderate, decrease, control, dispose of,
- 16 or eliminate life safety hazards, any restoration or replacement
- 17 of material or property, any related architectural and engineering
- 18 services, and any other action to reduce or eliminate life safety
- 19 hazards in new or existing school buildings or on school grounds
- 20 under the control of a school board;
- 21 (g) (i) Modification for mold abatement and prevention
- 22 includes, but is not limited to, any inspection and testing
- 23 regarding mold abatement and prevention, any maintenance to reduce,
- 24 lessen, put an end to, diminish, moderate, decrease, control,
- 25 dispose of, or eliminate mold problems, any restoration or
- 26 replacement of material or related architectural and engineering
- 27 services, and any other action to reduce or eliminate mold problems

1 or to enhance air quality conditions in new or existing school

- 2 buildings or on school grounds under the control of a school board;
- 3 (h) (j) Qualified capital purpose means (i)
- 4 rehabilitating or repairing the public school facility in
- 5 which the qualified zone academy is established, or (ii) providing
- 6 equipment for use at such qualified zone academy, or (iii)
- 7 constructing school facilities for which a build America bond is
- 8 to be issued;
- 9 (i) (k) Qualified zone academy has the meaning found in
- 10 26 U.S.C. 1397E(d)(4), as such section existed on April 6, 2001;
- 11 January 1, 2009;
- 12 (j) (l) Qualified zone academy allocation means the
- 13 allocation of the qualified zone academy bond limitation by the
- 14 State Department of Education to the qualified zone academies
- 15 pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 1397E(e)(2), as such section existed on April
- 16 6, 2001; January 1, 2009; and
- 17 (k) (m) Qualified zone academy bond has the meaning found
- 18 in 26 U.S.C. 1397E(d)(1), as such section existed on May 8, 2001.
- 19 January 1, 2009.
- 20 (8) (9) Accessibility barrier elimination project
- 21 costs includes, but is not limited to, inspection, maintenance,
- 22 accounting, emergency services, consultation, or any other action
- 23 to reduce or eliminate accessibility barriers.
- 24 (9) (10) For the purpose of paying amounts necessary
- 25 for the abatement of environmental hazards, accessibility barrier
- 26 elimination, or modifications for life safety code violations,
- 27 indoor air quality, ex mold abatement and prevention, or for an

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 purpose, the board 1 2 may borrow money, establish a sinking fund, and issue bonds and 3 other evidences of indebtedness of the district, which bonds and 4 other evidences of indebtedness shall be secured by and payable 5 from an irrevocable pledge by the district of amounts received in respect of the tax levy provided for by this section and any other 6 7 funds of the district available therefor. Bonds and other evidences 8 of indebtedness issued by a district pursuant to this subsection 9 shall not constitute a general obligation of the district or be 10 payable from any portion of its general fund levy.
- 11 (10) (11) The total principal amount of bonds for
 12 modifications to correct life safety code violations, for indoor
 13 air quality problems, er for mold abatement and prevention, or for
 14 an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 purpose which
 15 may be issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed the total
 16 amount specified in the itemized estimate described in subsection
 17 (1) subsections (1) and (3) of this section.
- 18 (11) (12) The total principal amount of qualified zone 19 academy bonds which may be issued pursuant to this section for qualified capital purposes with respect to a qualified zone academy 20 21 shall not exceed the qualified zone academy allocation granted 22 to the board by the department. The total amount that may be 23 financed by qualified zone academy bonds pursuant to this section for qualified purposes with respect to a qualified zone academy 24 25 shall not exceed seven and one-half million dollars statewide in a 26 single year. In any year that the Nebraska qualified zone academy 27 allocations exceed seven and one-half million dollars for qualified

- 1 capital purposes to be financed with qualified zone academy bonds
- 2 issued pursuant to this section, (a) the department shall reduce
- 3 such allocations proportionally such that the statewide total for
- 4 such allocations equals seven and one-half million dollars and
- 5 (b) the difference between the Nebraska allocation and seven and
- 6 one-half million dollars shall be available to qualified zone
- 7 academies for requests that will be financed with qualified zone
- 8 academy bonds issued without the benefit of this section.
- 9 Nothing in this section directs the State Department of
- 10 Education to give any preference to allocation requests that will
- 11 be financed with qualified zone academy bonds issued pursuant to
- 12 this section.
- 13 (13) The State Department of Education shall establish
- 14 procedures for allocating bond authority to school boards as may be
- 15 necessary pursuant to an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
- 16 <u>2009 bond.</u>
- 17 Sec. 20. Original sections 9-812, 77-3446, 79-1001,
- 18 79-1003, 79-1007.07, 79-1007.09, 79-1007.10, 79-1007.11,
- 19 79-1007.23, 79-1011, 79-1012, 79-1017.01, 79-1028.01, 79-1073,
- 20 and 79-10,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section
- 21 79-1023, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by
- 22 section 2, Legislative Bill 548, One Hundred First Legislature,
- 23 First Session, 2009, are repealed.
- 24 Sec. 21. The following sections are outright repealed:
- 25 Sections 79-1015 and 86-5,101, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 26 Nebraska.
- 27 Sec. 22. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect

1 when passed and approved according to law.