

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB530**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 02, 2009  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Sullivan  
**One Liner:** Change enrollment provisions relating to early childhood education

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Adams, Ashford, Avery, Cornett, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Kate Sullivan  
Michael Gillming  
Brian Hale  
Mandy Plog  
Henry Eggert

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Litchfield and Sumner Eddyville Miller Public Schools  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Hemingford Public Schools  
Thedford Public Schools

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Melody Hobson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Department of Education

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 530 would amend section 79-1102.01 by making a one year exception permanent, which would allow children who are of kindergarten age to enroll in an early childhood education program that is established by a school board or an educational service unit (ESU) if the program is not receiving a state grant. The current provisions also exclude programs receiving state funding through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) from the exception, but that language would be deleted. The changes would not change the provisions that disqualify children enrolled in kindergarten or children of mandatory attendance age from enrolling in an early childhood education program.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendments would replace the original provisions. The amendments would amend section 79-1102.01 by extending the authorization for school districts and educational service units to enroll students in early childhood education programs that are kindergarten eligible, but not of mandatory attendance age. The authorization does not apply to early childhood education programs that receive state grants or funding through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act. The extension would apply to the 2009-10 school year.

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Greg Adams, Chairperson