

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 558

Introduced by Larson, 40, Chairperson Enrollment and Review

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 79-769, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5           79-769 (1) Any one or more member school districts of a  
6 learning community may establish one or more focus programs, focus  
7 schools, or magnet schools. If included as part of the diversity  
8 plan of a learning community, the focus school or focus program  
9 shall be eligible for a focus school and program allowance pursuant  
10 to section 79-1007.05. pursuant to the diversity plan developed by  
11 the learning community coordinating council.

12           (2) Focus schools, focus programs, and magnet schools may  
13 be included in pathways across member school districts pursuant to  
14 the diversity plan developed by the learning community coordinating  
15 council pursuant to section 79-2104.

16           (3) If multiple member school districts collaborate on a  
17 focus program, focus school, or magnet school, ~~one member school~~  
18 ~~district shall be designated as the primary school district.~~  
19 ~~The primary school district shall maintain legal, financial, and~~  
20 ~~academic responsibility for such focus program, focus school, or~~  
21 ~~magnet school.~~ the school districts shall form a joint entity  
22 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the purpose of  
23 creating, implementing, and operating such focus program, focus

1 school, or magnet school. The agreement creating such joint entity  
2 shall address legal, financial, and academic responsibilities and  
3 the assignment to participating school districts of students  
4 enrolled in such focus program, focus school, or magnet school  
5 who reside in nonparticipating school districts.

6 (4) For purposes of this section:

7 (a) Focus program means a program that does not have  
8 an attendance area, whose enrollment is designed so that the  
9 socioeconomic diversity of the students attending the focus program  
10 reflects as nearly as possible the socioeconomic diversity of  
11 the student body of the learning community, which has a unique  
12 curriculum with specific learning goals or teaching techniques  
13 different from the standard curriculum, which may be housed in a  
14 building with other public school programs, and which may consist  
15 of either the complete education program for participating students  
16 or part of the education program for participating students;

17 (b) Focus school means a school that does not have  
18 an attendance area, whose enrollment is designed so that the  
19 socioeconomic diversity of the students attending the focus school  
20 reflects as nearly as possible the socioeconomic diversity of  
21 the student body of the learning community, which has a unique  
22 curriculum with specific learning goals or teaching techniques  
23 different from the standard curriculum, and which is housed in a  
24 building that does not contain another public school program;

25 (c) Magnet school means a school having a home attendance  
26 area but which reserves a portion of its capacity specifically  
27 for students from outside the attendance area who will contribute

1 to the socioeconomic diversity of the student body of such school  
2 and which has a unique curriculum with specific learning goals or  
3 teaching techniques different from the standard curriculum; and

4 (d) Pathway means elementary, middle, and high school  
5 focus programs, focus schools, and magnet schools with coordinated  
6 curricula based on specific learning goals or teaching techniques.

7 Sec. 2. Original section 79-769, Reissue Revised Statutes  
8 of Nebraska, is repealed.

9 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "and" in line 3  
10 through "provisions" in line 4 and insert ", focus programs, and  
11 magnet schools".