

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB996

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2012
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Wightman
One Liner: Change provisions relating to compulsory attendance

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Adams, Avery, Cornett, Haar, Howard, Seiler
Nay:	2	Senators Council, Sullivan
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator John Wightman
Todd Chessmore
Chad Denker
Roger Breed

Jon Habben
John Bonaiuto
Greg Emmel

Opponents:

Melanie Williams Smotherman

Neutral:

Sarah Forrest

Representing:

Introducer
Lexington Public Schools
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
State Board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Building Bright Futures D2 Center

Representing:

Family Advocacy Movement

Representing:

Voices for Children in Nebraska

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 996 would amend section 79-201 by deleting the provision allowing a parent or guardian to sign a notarized release discontinuing the enrollment of a child who has reached the age of 16, but not 18. With that change, compulsory education would end when a child reaches 18, graduates from high school, or completes a program of instruction offered by a school which elects not to meet accreditation or approval requirements. The measure contains an emergency clause.

Greg Adams, Chairperson