ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB469

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 12, 2013

Committee On: Education Introducer: Scheer

One Liner: Change an exemption to school budget lid relating to payments for a voluntary termination

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Jim Scheer Introducer

Jon Habben Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Larry Scherer Nebraska State Education Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 469 would modify the exclusion from general fund operating expenditures (GFOE) for voluntary termination agreements beginning with the 2013-14 school fiscal year. Modifications to the exclusion from budget limitations for voluntary termination agreements would take effect when the measure is passed and approved.

Section 79-1003 would be amended by modifying the exclusion from general fund operating expenditures beginning with the 2013-14 school fiscal year to cover expenditures for any voluntary termination agreements with certificated employees to the extent that a district can demonstrate a savings in salary and benefit costs to the district over a 5 year period. The current exclusion is limited to voluntary terminations occurring prior to July 1, 2009 or on or after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year, but does not require evidence of cost savings.

Section 79-1028.01 would be amended by replacing the current budget limitation exclusion for voluntary terminations occurring prior to July 1, 2009 or on or after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year with an exclusion for voluntary termination agreements with certificated employees to the extent that a district can demonstrate a savings in salary and benefit costs to the school district over a 5 year period.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson