

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB519

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 02, 2015

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 519 is being introduced to reflect the findings and recommendations of the 2014 Education Committee study on the educational uses of lottery funds in Nebraska. The measure would allocate the lottery funds dedicated to education for fiscal years 2016-17 through 2026-27. Recommendations would be due from the Education Committee regarding the allocation of lottery funds for the following ten years on December 31, 2025. Legislative findings language would recommend replacing the current lottery fund allocations with General Fund appropriations.

The allocations for 2016-17 through 2026-27 would provide funding to the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for innovative grants and to assist high school and postsecondary students with postsecondary education and certification costs associated with shortage area trades. Innovative grant projects funded by the State Board could be designated as best practices by the State Board of Education and be included in a new best practices allowance in the state aid formula.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Sullivan