

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB119

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 17, 2017
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Change dates related to certifications and distributions of state aid to schools

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Ebke, Erdman, Groene, Walz, Linehan
Nay:
Absent: 3 Senators Kolowski, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Mike Groene

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
Larry Scherer

Representing:
NE State Education Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 119 would delay the deadline for certifying state aid, budget authority, and applicable allowable reserve percentages under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) from March 1 to June 1 for 2017 only.

Section-by-section

-Section 79-1022 would be amended by delaying the deadline from March 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017 for certifying to each school district the amount of state aid that will be paid for the 2017-18 school fiscal year from March 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017. The same change would also apply to the deadline for the Department of Education to report the necessary funding level to the Governor, Appropriations Committee, and Education Committee.

-Section 79-1022.02 would be amended to provide that any certification of state aid pursuant to section 79-1022, certification of budget authority pursuant to section 79-1023 and certification of applicable allowable reserve percentages pursuant to section 79-1027 completed prior to the effective date of this act is null and void.

-Section 79-1023 would be amended by delaying the deadline from March 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017 for certifying to each school district the amount of budget authority for the 2017-18 school fiscal year.

-Section 79-1027 would be amended by delaying the deadline from March 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017 for certifying to each school district the applicable allowable reserve percentage for the 2017-18 school fiscal year.

-Section 79-1031.01 would be amended by recognizing the delay in the certification deadline from March 1, 2017 to

June 1, 2017 for the 2017-18 school fiscal year in the provisions requiring the Appropriations Committee to include the amount necessary to fund the state aid in its recommendations to the Legislature.

This measure contains an emergency clause.

Mike Groene, Chairperson