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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001**

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school finance; to require a review of the
- 2 financing of schools; and to provide duties for the State Department
- 3 of Education.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The State Department of Education shall oversee an  
2 in-depth review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary  
3 schools. The review shall include, but not be limited to:

4           (a) Examination of methods of financing public elementary and  
5 secondary schools that would provide equitable educational opportunities  
6 across the state and offer alternatives to a heavy reliance on property  
7 tax;

8           (b) Examination of financing issues as they relate to the quality  
9 and performance of public elementary and secondary schools;

10          (c) Examination of the costs and resources necessary to meet the  
11 diverse and growing needs of students across the state;

12          (d) Examination of methods used by other states to fund public  
13 elementary and secondary school infrastructure needs; and

14          (e) Examination of other issues related to public elementary and  
15 secondary school finance as determined by the department.

16          (2) The department may obtain assistance from the Department of  
17 Revenue to acquire necessary data to carry out this section.

18          (3) The department shall prepare a preliminary report on the  
19 progress of the review and submit such report electronically to the  
20 Legislature on or before December 31, 2018. The department shall submit  
21 the final report with recommendations electronically to the Governor and  
22 Legislature on or before December 1, 2019.