

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB3

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 02, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Briese
One Liner: Change notice requirements for school district budget hearings and require access to school district data

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Day, Linehan, McKinney, Murman, Sanders, Walz
Nay:	1	Senator Pansing Brooks
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Morfeld

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:	Representing:
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents: Connie Knoche	Representing: Open Sky Policy Institute
Opponents:	Representing:
Neutral:	Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative bill 3 requires the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to establish and maintain a website that allows the public to access, at a minimum, the following data on a statewide and school district level:

- Total receipts
 - Receipts classified by source as local, county, state, federal or other
 - Total expenditures
 - Expenditures classified by functions as determined by NDE
 - Cost per pupil as determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-598. This calculation is as follows: "The cost per pupil shall be determined by dividing the sum of the operational cost and debt service expense of the accepting district, except retirement of debt principal, plus three percent of the insurable or present value of the school plant and equipment of the accepting district, by the average daily membership of pupils in the accepting district."
 - Performance as reported pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-760.06, which requires an accountability system that measures
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the performance of individual schools and school districts based upon multiple indicators, including but not limited to, graduation rates, student growth, student improvement on the statewide assessments, other indicators of performance as established by the State Board of Education; an established level of performance that classifies and reports the performance of each public school and school district; and designation of priority schools based upon such classification.

LB3 requires that each school district include the following statement with its required budget hearing notification, "For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: [Insert Internet address for the website established by NDE]."

Lynne Walz, Chairperson