

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 6, 2020
Bills before the 106th Legislature

- LB 66** (Senator M. Hansen) -- Provide for an early childhood element in a comprehensive plan of a city - **Proponent at hearing; On General File**
- LB 120** (Senator Crawford) -- Require teacher and school staff to receive training on behavioral and mental health - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 161** (Senator Erdman) -- Eliminate learning communities - **Opponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 226** (Senator Quick) -- State intent relating to appropriations for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva - **Proponent at hearing; In Appropriations Committee**
- LB 241** (Senator Bolz) -- Provide for teacher mentoring program grants using income from solar and wind agreements on school lands - **Proponent at hearing; On General File**
- LB 251** (Senator Walz) -- Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act (Eliminate cost for reduced-price lunch and breakfast to students in public schools that are determined eligible for reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program.) - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 346** (Senator Wishart) -- Change special education reimbursements - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 568** (Senator Morfeld) -- Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 670** (Senator Linehan/Priority) -- Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits - **Opponent at hearing; On General File**
- LB 676** (Senator Groene) -- Change provisions relating to school districts and the reorganization of school districts - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 727** (Senator Walz) -- Provide duties for school districts, the State Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to mental health services - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 839** (Senator Wishart) -- Recognize American Sign Language and provide for the teaching of American Sign Language in schools - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
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- LB 920** (Senator Groene) -- Change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education, to transfer powers and duties, and to create new funds - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 950** (Senator Murman) -- Change eligibility requirements for the Access College Early Scholarship Program - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**

- LB 965 (Senator McDonnell)** -- Establish a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing - **Proponent at hearing; On General File**
- LB 998 (Senator Murman)** -- Require behavioral awareness and intervention training and points of contact, transfer funds, and change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1131 (Senator Groene)** -- Change provisions relating to education - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1134 (Senator Wayne)** -- Change enrollment option limits and provisions for part-time enrollment - **Opponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1141 (HHS Committee)** -- Require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop operations plans for the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers - **Proponent at hearing; In Health & Human Services Committee**
- LB 1153 (Senator Vargas)** -- Change provisions for diploma of high school equivalency testing - **Opponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1160 (Senator M. Hansen)** -- Adopt the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act - **Proponent at hearing; In Business & Labor Committee**
- LB 1168 (Senator Kolowski)** -- Adopt the College Credit Testing Fee Reduction Program Act and the Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program Act, add a fund to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act, and change provisions relating to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1177 (Senator Hunt)** -- Eliminate oath for teachers and other school employees - **Proponent at hearing; In Education Committee**
- LB 1188 (Senator Howard)** -- Provide duties for the Office of Juvenile Services relating to education and change the definition of interim program school - **Proponent at hearing; In Health & Human Services Committee**
- LB 1202 (Senator Linehan)** -- Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide for tax credits - **Opponent at hearing; In Revenue Committee**

The State Board of Education is a proponent of legislation in the 106th Legislature that prohibits any educator and school employee using his or her position of authority to engage in sexual contact with a student or former student that provides a criminal penalty. In addition, the Board supports requiring schools to establish policies and procedures so that all persons working in education may recognize such inappropriate conduct by educators and school employees and report such conduct to law enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services, and the NDE. Finally, the Board supports legislation providing for communication between all local and state agencies to further guard against such inappropriate behavior going unnoticed by any agency.