



## NDE Legislative Corner

The 105<sup>th</sup> Nebraska legislative session continues to move forward as bills are **considered in education committee hearings.**

**The State** Board of Education discussed a number of these bills during the February board meeting and revised their stances on several proposals. During the meeting, Nebraska Department of Education staff provided the board with summaries of the bills, their potential impact, and suggestions on how to proceed.

The board chose to officially support three bills.

- **LB 227 (Senator Wishart)**- *Create the Brain Injury Council and Brain Injury Trust Fund*
- **LB 357 (Senator Bolz)**- *Increase original certificate of title fees for vehicles transferred to Nebraska from another state and provide for voluntary contributions to brain injury programs*
- **LB 347 (Senator Geist)**- *Change provisions relating to school bus permits and qualifications*

The board decided to oppose five bills.

- **LB 299 (Senator Ebke)**- *Adopt the Occupational Board Reform Act and change procedures for rules and regulations*
- **LB 608 (Senator Linehan)**- *Adopt the Parental Choice Scholarship Program*
- **LB 630 (Senator Larson)**- *Adopt the Independent Public Schools Act*
- **LB 651 (Senator Linehan)**- *Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act*
- **LB 662 (Senator Linehan)**- *Establish a grading system for schools and school districts*

The board requested staff testimony at several of the education committee hearings and will have a chance to revisit the proposed bills as they move further along in the session.

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