



**State Board Executive Committee Recommendations on Legislation  
February 2, 2023**

State Board Bylaw B4 outlines the duties of Board committees. The bylaw notes “The Executive Committee shall be charged with making recommendations to the Board on the NDE’s position on specific bills and legislative resolutions.” The Executive Committee has met weekly from January 18 through February 1, 2023, to advise the Commissioner on legislation. The Executive Committee has reviewed bills introduced in the Nebraska Legislature and brings to the board the following recommendations for adoption by the full Board:

**Board Legislative Priority Areas:**

1. Increase Third Grade English Language Arts Proficiency to 75% by 2030
2. Half the Gap in 8th Grade Math Achievement for Each Student Group by 2030.
3. Increase the Number of High School CTE Concentrators to 50%.
4. Reduce Chronic Absenteeism by Half by 2030
5. For Youth who are Systems-Involved, Raise the High School Graduation Rate and/or High School Equivalency Attainment to 70%.
6. Eliminate the Special Education Staffing Vacancy and Cut the Educator Shortage in Half by 2030.

**Hearings Scheduled Next Week:**

<u>Bill</u>	<u>One Liner</u>	<u>Fiscal Impact</u>	<u>Board Priority Area</u>	<u>NDE Recommendation</u>	<u>Executive Committee Advice</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
<i>February 7</i>						
<a href="#">585</a> (Hughes)	Change a duty of the state school security director and require behavioral and mental health training for certain school personnel	Negligible	4	Proponent – Written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board priority to reduce chronic absenteeism through improved mental health support.
<a href="#">520</a> (Walz)	Change provisions relating to high school graduation requirements and academic content standards and the Computer Science and Technology Education Act	Negligible		Proponent – Written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	NDE worked in partnership with Sen. Walz to refine the bill based on district feedback.
<a href="#">153</a> (DeBoer)	Adopt the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Act	\$10,000,000	1	Proponent – Written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board priority to seek additional funding for special education.

<a href="#">805</a> (von Gillern)	Require schools to allow certain youth organizations to provide information, services, and activities	Negligible		Monitor	Concur with NDE rec	Local school district matter.
<a href="#">414</a> (Conrad)	Change provisions relating to the enrollment option program	Unknown		Neutral	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter with NDE staff available to answer questions on bill.
<a href="#">583</a> (Sanders)	Provide for foundation aid and special education supplemental aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act			Neutral	Concur with NDE rec.	NDE staff technical experts on topic.
<a href="#">698</a> (Murman)	Change provisions relating to residency for enrollment in a public college or university		n/a	Proponent	Concur with NDE rec.	NDE worked with Sen. Murman to ensure state statute aligns with federal law on veterans' education.
February 3						
<a href="#">753</a> (Linehan) Revenue	Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits			Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	This matter involves tax policy, which is not within the purview of the State Board.

**Previous Weeks:**

January 30 – February 3

<u>Bill</u>	<u>One Liner</u>	<u>Fiscal Impact</u>	<u>Board Priority Area</u>	<u>NDE Recommendation</u>	<u>Executive Committee Advice</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
<i>January 30</i>						
<a href="#">LB413</a> (Blood)	Adopt the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	Unknown	6	Proponent – Statement supporting all bills that address the	Concur with NDE rec.	Addresses Board Priority 6 re: teacher shortages.

				educator shortage.		
<a href="#">LB324</a> (Wishart)	Change provisions relating to reimbursements under the Special Education Act	\$8.7 million	1	Proponent – Written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board priority to seek additional funding for special education.
<a href="#">LB603</a> (Linehan)	Change provisions relating to the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act and authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue alternative certificates to teach as prescribed	Negligible	6	Proponent – Statement supporting all bills that address the educator shortage.	Concur with NDE rec.	Addresses Board Priority 6 re: teacher shortages.
<a href="#">LB519</a> (Walz)	Eliminate certification fees for teaching certificates, create and terminate funds, state intent regarding an appropriation for school employees, change provisions of the Excellence in Teaching Act, and adopt the Student Teaching Assistance Act	>\$65,813,000	6	Proponent – Statement supporting all bills that address the educator shortage.	Concur with NDE rec.	Addresses Board Priority 6 re: teacher shortages.
<a href="#">LB385</a> (Linehan)	Adopt the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act	\$10 million	6	Proponent – Statement supporting all bills that address the educator shortage.	Concur with NDE rec.	Addresses Board Priority 6 re: teacher shortages.
<i>January 31</i>						
<a href="#">LB673</a> (Hansen)	Provide grants to schools that adopt a policy to provide emergency response mapping data to law enforcement agencies and provide powers and duties for the State Department of Education and State Board of Education	\$4.9 million	4	Proponent – Written Testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board priority to reduce chronic absenteeism through improvements to school safety.

<a href="#">LB374</a> (Murman)	Adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act	\$121,336		Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter.
<a href="#">LB71</a> (Sanders)	Change provisions relating to parental involvement in and access to learning materials in schools	Negligible		Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter.
<a href="#">LB762</a> (DeBoer)	Provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education relating to a teacher apprenticeship program	TBD	6	Proponent – Statement supporting all bills that address the educator shortage.	Concur with NDE rec.	Addresses Board Priority 6 re: teacher shortages.
<a href="#">LB787</a> (Wayne)	Adopt the STEEM Development Act	\$5 million	2 & 3	Proponent – Written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board priorities re: math and career and technical education.
<a href="#">LB800</a> (Murman)	Change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation	Unknown		Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter.

January 23-27

<u>Bill</u>	<u>One Liner</u>	<u>Fiscal Impact</u>	<u>Board Priority Area</u>	<u>NDE Recommendation</u>	<u>Executive Committee Advice</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
<i>January 23</i>						
<a href="#">LB141</a> (Briese)	Require the State Department of Education to provide guidance to school districts relating to a moment of silence in schools	Negligible		Neutral – No testimony but present to answer questions.	Concur with NDE rec.	Does not align with any Board priority areas.

<a href="#">LB188</a> (B. Hansen)	Authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue temporary certificates to teach to veterans as prescribed	Negligible	6	Neutral – Provide testimony to indicate our current options for military personnel entering the field of teaching (e.g. Military Teaching Permit). Work with Education Committee to provide technical changes.	Concur with NDE rec.	The NDE has worked with Sen. Hansen to share the multiple pathways available for veterans to become teachers.
<a href="#">LB225</a> (Dungan)	Change provisions relating to the committee on American civics	Negligible		Neutral - Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter.
<i>January 24</i>						
<a href="#">LB285</a> (Walz)	Adopt the School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act	Unknown		Neutral – No testimony but present to answer any questions.	Concur with NDE rec.	Neutral pending review of other school nutrition bills.
<a href="#">LB298</a> (Linehan)	Require collection and reporting of information regarding dyslexia in schools	\$129,285	1	Proponent – Provide written testimony	Concur with NDE rec.	Supports Board Priority 1 focused on early literacy.
<a href="#">LB299</a> (Linehan)	Require approval by the voters of a school district or educational service unit for the issuance of certain bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act	None		Monitor	Concur with NDE rec.	Local school district matter.