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<a href="#">LB384</a>	Storer	Revenue	At least a majority of the BOE would need to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act. <b>AM 703</b> changes from majority of BOE to at least one elected member.	oppose	2/13	letter	General File with AM 703 (3/20). Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment. Advanced to Final Reading (1-30-26). Approved by Governor (2/9/2026)
<a href="#">LB429</a>	Murman	Education	A school board shall not grant access by a professional employees' organization to the physical or electronic mailbox of any school employee without giving equal access to any other professional employees' organization which requests such access.		2/18		advanced to General File (1-29-26). Placed on Select File (2/10/26). Passed w/ AM2100 (4/9/2026)

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<a href="#">LB463</a>	Ballard	Health/ Human Services	<p>School districts are required to develop and adopt a cardiac emergency response plan. The plan must: (a) the establishment of a school cardiac emergency response team; (b) detail the activation of the team when an individual experiences sudden cardiac arrest on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities; (c) ensure the placement and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on school grounds; (d) stipulate appropriate personnel to receive training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and AED use; include annual practice drills for faculty and students; (e) ensure coordination with local emergency medical services providers; and (f) undergo annual review and evaluation by the school board. Schools must place AEDs on school grounds and at each school athletic venue when a school-sponsored activity or athletic event is taking place. The AEDs must be easily accessible, in unlocked locations, and identifiable with appropriate signage. They must be able to be retrieved and placed on an individual within three minutes. NDE will provide training for members of cardiac emergency response teams. NDE will create a grant program to help school districts with costs related to developing and implementing cardiac emergency response plans. The grants will be funded using the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, and priority will be given to school districts that receive Title I funds. The total amount of grants will not exceed \$1.5 million.</p> <p><b>AM1717</b> was introduced by Sen. Ballard to add to the original bill the following: (1) Establishing, in consultation with experts, including, but not limited to, nationally recognized cardiac emergency care and other emergency care experts, a cardiac emergency response plan template for use by schools in developing a plan to respond in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest on school grounds or at any school sponsored activity or event. Such template shall include recommended training; and (12) (11) Carrying out the department's responsibilities under the School Safety and Security Reporting System Act. Sec. 2. The Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the State Department of Education and shall be used to provide training and devices for use in response to a cardiac event recommended by the cardiac emergency response plan template established by the state school security director pursuant to section 79-2,144. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.</p>		2/27		General File (3/19). Voted to E&R Initial (1/16/26). Select File (1/23/26)

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<a href="#">LB538</a>	Hardin	Education	School boards required to adopt a policy relating to discrimination and antisemitism. The school board shall include antisemitism awareness training as part of other trainings on harassment provided by such school district to students and employees. Each school district shall formally report any incident or complaint of antisemitic discrimination and harassment to NDE. The Commissioner of Education shall designate a Title VI coordinator within NDE. The Title VI coordinator shall monitor discrimination and harassment in school districts, including antisemitic discrimination. If, after a reasonable investigation, the coordinator determines that a school district has engaged in, allowed, or not sufficiently prohibited discrimination or harassment, including antisemitic discrimination, in violation of such policy or the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, the coordinator shall give written notice to the school board and require the school board to address the violation and comply with such policy and act. If the school board does not comply within 30 days after written notice by the coordinator, the coordinator shall report its finding to the United States Department of Education and the United States Department of Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Antisemitic discrimination or antisemitism has the same meaning as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism as adopted in 2016. The bill also extends to University of Nebraska, State Colleges, and community colleges. <b>CONRAD'S AMENDMENT</b>		2/3		Strommen priority. Placed on General File with AM1385 (5/20). Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial (1/30/26). Sanders priority (2026). Passed over (2-6-26)	
<a href="#">LB599</a>	DeBoer	Education	The State Board of Education shall adopt a policy that may be used in approved or accredited public, private, denominational, and parochial schools and educational service units relating to cybersecurity. The creation of a cybersecurity team that would act to assist schools and educational service units with cybersecurity needs and addresses cybersecurity issues from a statewide perspective to prevent and respond to cybersecurity threats. The policy would provide for a funding mechanism to assist in purchasing necessary cybersecurity controls and facilitating the acquisition of cybersecurity projects.	support	3/11	letter	Carryover bill. Placed on General File with AM2509 (3-12-2026)	



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<a href="#">LR18CA</a>	Government	Government	The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.	support	2/27	testify	Placed on General File (3/11). Not advanced (1/16/26)
<b>2026 BILLS</b>							

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<a href="#">LB730</a>	Kauth	Government	<p>The governing body of a public school shall designate each group restroom within each school building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or for use by families. Except as provided, the governing body of a public school shall not (i) Allow a male to use a restroom designated for use by females; or (ii) Allow a female to use a restroom designated for use by males. This subsection shall not apply to: (i) An individual entering a restroom under the following circumstances: (A) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the restroom; or (B) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or (ii) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.</p> <p>Except as provided, the governing body of a public school shall not: (i) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more females; or (ii) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more males. This subsection shall not apply to an individual entering a locker room under the following circumstances: (i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the locker room; (ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or (iii) Entrance by a coach, athletic trainer, or other authorized official or school employee so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the locker room.</p> <p>The governing body of each public school shall adopt a policy implementing this section. Such policy shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the public. The governing body of a public school or any official or employee of a public school shall not retaliate against any individual for reporting in good faith a violation of this section or related rules, regulations, or policies.</p> <p>The same regulations apply to post-secondary schools and state agencies.</p>	monitor	1/28		Kauth priority. General File (2/19/26)

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<a href="#">LB742</a>	McKinney	Education	<p>Allows for 7th and 8th graders to compete in high school sports under the following conditions: (i) The student possesses the appropriate skill level as approved by the appropriate coach or athletic director at such school on a sport specific level with additional scrutiny given in relation to skill and safety if the student is requesting to participate or compete in a high school contact sport; (ii) The student has had a documented physical or evaluation by a health care professional to ensure safe participation with additional scrutiny given if the student is requesting to participate and compete in a high school contact sport; (iii) The student has provided written consent from the student's parent, legal guardian, or educational decisionmaker, (iv) Such participation by a seventh or eighth grade student in the high school sport requested is not prohibited by an athletic association</p> <p>such school is a member of, any state or federal law, or any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the State Board of Education. A student authorized to participate or compete in a high school sport pursuant to this section shall no longer be eligible to participate in such sport at the seventh or eighth grade level.</p> <p>A student's participation in a high school sport shall not impact the student's eligibility to participate or compete in such sport while the student is in high school.</p> <p>The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the bill.</p> <p><b>FA946 filed by Sen. McKinney</b> Instead of saying that the district MUST adopt a policy allowing for 7th/8th grade eligibility it is amended to say the district MAY adopt such a policy.</p>	oppose	2/2	letter	
<a href="#">LB745</a>	Juarez	Education	<p>Removes the minimum age at which the Commissioner of Education may issue a diploma of high school equivalency. Also removes the requirement that it be at least one year that his/her high school class would have been graduated before the diploma may be awarded.</p> <p>Maintains the qualifications that the person is and has been a resident of Nebraska for at least 30 days immediately preceding application or if his or her final period of high school attendance during which credit was earned toward graduation was in a Nebraska high school; (2) On the basis of such person's achievements in approved tests and other criteria deemed pertinent by the Commissioner of Education, there is reasonable certainty that he or she has attained the educational development and abilities of the typical high school graduate; and (3) Such person is unable to secure a diploma from the high school he or she last attended</p>		1/26		Placed on General File (1-29-26). Placed on Select File (2/18). Placed on Final Reading (4/9/26). Passed on Final Reading (4/9/2026)

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<a href="#">LB748</a>	Sorrentino	Education	<p>Education Savings Plan Administrative Fund. LB748 would conform Nebraska to the federal changes regarding "529 Plans" under the College Savings Plan Program that became a part of the One Big Beautiful Bill signed on July 4, 2025.</p> <p>LB748 expands the types of elementary or secondary school expenses beyond tuition (e.g. to include books, tutoring, online material), up to \$20,000 per year, consistent with federal changes. LB748 also provides that College Savings Plan Program funds may be used for postsecondary credentialing expenses, consistent with federal changes.</p>		1/20		Placed on General File (1-29-26). Placed on Select File (2/18-26). Placed on Final Reading (3-3-26). Passed on Final Reading (4-9-2026)
<a href="#">LB765</a>	Holdcroft	Government	<p>Number of voters in a school bond election must be 50.1% of total voters in the school district.</p> <p>Public funds, including building funds, cash funds, and discretionary funds, shall not be used in any way to support or advocate for any campaign meant to influence potential voters in a school district bond election. Funds donated or raised privately, including from sources such as concession sales, booster clubs, and parent-teacher organizations are not considered public funds for purposes of this subsection and are not subject to such prohibition.</p> <p>No employee of any school district or educational service unit shall devote any paid work time to support or advocate for, any campaign meant to influence potential voters in a school district bond election. Such employees may provide general information to patrons regarding a school district bond issue, such as subject matter, the amount of the bond, and the date of the election.</p> <p>Campaign materials, including, but not limited to, fliers, literature, signage, or apparel supporting or advocating for a proposed school district bond shall not be distributed or posted in or on any facility, grounds, or mode of conveyance connected to or associated with any school district or educational service unit properties. Informational materials that do not advocate for a proposed school district bond but simply provide generic information about such bond are allowed.</p> <p>The bill also applies to joint entities that include either public school districts or ESU's.</p>	oppose	2/11	NCSA (include NRCSA)	

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<a href="#">LB803</a>	Revenue Committee	Revenue	Placeholder bill. <b>AM2651</b> Section 14 of the amendment would require political subdivisions to notify the County Assessor between June 1 and June 15 of the date of the Budget Hearing. The Department of Revenue shall notify all property owners prior to June 29 of the budget hearing and and joint public hearing dates. The County Assessor shall provide notice of valuation changes on each parcel of property owned. In the notice of valuation changes the total property taxes paid on the parcel shall be listed as well as the property taxes which would be paid using the new valuation and the prior year's levy rate. Section 17 would allow the Board of Ed to exceed the previous year's property tax request with a 2/3 majority vote of the members, with the exception of 7-member Boards which would need a 4/7 majority bote of the members. Section 18 would require all cities and schoold districts in the county to participate in the joint public hearing (pink postcard hearing). In muliti-county school districts, the county where the chief school headquarters is located shall the the county where the joint public hearing would take place. At least one voting member of the governing board shall attend the meeting. The meeting shall take place between July 1 and July 15. Each subdivision shall give a brief presentation on the budget process, how the budget affects the property tax request, information about the prior year's budget and property tax request, and any preliminary information about factors that may affect the current year's budget as may be known to the political subdivision.		2/25		Revenue Committee priority. Placed on General File with AM2651 (3/17/2026). Placed on Final Reading (4-8-2026).
<a href="#">LB814</a>	Brandt	Revenue	Beginning on Jan. 1, 2027, lowers the valuation percentage of agricultural and horticultural land for property tax purposes from 75% to 50% of actual value, and the special valuation from 75% to 50% of special value. It also adjusts the acceptable range for these valuations used by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, reducing the range from 69-75% to 44-50% of actual or special value. These changes will decrease the property tax burden on qualifying landowners.	oppose	1/28	letter	
<a href="#">LB820</a>	Retirement Committee	Retirement	In regards to NPERS, requires all public employees and employers to maintain and produce at least one type of 'approved identification document' for citizenship/lawful presence verification. The types of approved identification documents are spelled out in the bill.		1/23		Retirement Committee priority. Placed on Final Reading (4/7/2026)

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<a href="#">LB824</a>	Lenowski	Retirement	Redefines 'termination of employment' for school retirement system purposes, shortens the required waiting period before a retired or separated employee may return to work for a participating employer from <b>180 days to 120 days</b> . Removes exceptions that previously allowed intermittent or volunteer work during the waiting period. It also clarifies that a bona fide separation from service must occur, and that prearranged returns to work or compensation for unfulfilled contract periods do not constitute termination. Policies limiting volunteer or substitute work within the waiting period may still be adopted by employers but are no longer specified in statute. <b>AM1942</b> would make the bill would become effective on May 1, 2026.	support	1/30		Placed on General File (2-2-26). Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial (2/11/26). Select File (2/23). Enrollment and Review (3/6/26). Placed on Final Reading (3-17-2026). Approved by Governor (4/7/2026)
<a href="#">LB833</a>	Kauth	Education	Removes the requirement that all baccalaureate and baccalaureate transfer programs in agriculture and natural resources initiated after July 1, 1978, solely as it relates to Agricultural Education, at Nebraska State Colleges shall be conducted in cooperation with the University of Nebraska. LB 833 also provides that doctoral degrees in education may be offered at Nebraska State Colleges and prioritizes that the development of new baccalaureate degree programs at Nebraska State Colleges be based on the needs of rural Nebraska.	support	1/26	letter of support	
<a href="#">LB841</a>	Rountree	Education	No school district shall implement a change to an individualized education program without consent from the student's parent, legal guardian, educational decisionmaker, or surrogate. Without such consent, the school district may obtain approval to implement such change through a hearing conducted by a hearing officer appointed by NDE. The school district shall have the burden of proof and the burden of production. The hearing officer will then have 45 days to produce a decision.	oppose	1/20	letter	Advanced to General File (3-19-2026)
<a href="#">LB848</a>	J. Cavanaugh	Revenue	Identifies items are exempted from state and local sales and use taxes during a three-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at midnight on the following Sunday. Applies to clothing and school supplies (which are defined).		1/22 (with LB 865)		

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<a href="#">LB855</a>	McKinney	Education	<p>Establishes the Youth Early Intervention and Support Act. NDE, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall develop and administer an early support system to be implemented in all Nebraska public school districts. The early support system shall identify students who exhibit two or more of the identified early warning indicators. The goal of the early support system is to facilitate early, compassionate, trauma-informed interventions through collaborative planning and service coordination.</p> <p>Each school district shall convene a youth support coordination team to implement the early support system. Each youth support coordination team shall: (a) Develop protocols for reviewing flagged student data; (b) conduct trauma-informed needs assessments; (c) engage families in support planning; (d) coordinate referrals to mental health, academic, and basic needs resources; and (e) document and monitor interventions using secure systems.</p> <p>Each school district shall submit an annual implementation report to the State Department of Education.</p>		2/10		
<a href="#">LB860</a>	Bostar	Health and Human Services	<p>No later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a program that provides access and services for individuals under twenty-one years of age who are experiencing complex behavioral health care needs. (2) The department shall ensure that: (a) The program addresses the behavioral health care of individuals under twenty-one years of age who have complex, multisystem needs, with the goals of supporting families in the community and preventing institutionalization and out-of-home care placement; and (b) care management under the program is delivered according to the needs of the individual and the individual's family.</p>		1/30		
<a href="#">LB862</a>	Prokop	Appropriations	<p>Extends the annual appropriation of \$2 million from the Education Future Fund to NDE for regional coaches and job-embedded training in evidence-based reading instruction. The new end date for appropriations is fiscal year 2029-30, replacing the previous end date of 2026-27. All other provisions regarding the professional learning system, teacher training, and reporting requirements remain unchanged.</p>	support	2/3	letter	
<a href="#">LB865</a>	Prokop	Revenue	<p>Similar to LB 848, the bill Identifies items are exempted from state and local sales and use taxes during a three-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at midnight on the following Sunday. Applies to clothing and school supplies (which are defined). Also includes child care products.</p>		1/22/2026 (with LB868)		
<a href="#">LB870</a>	Andersen	Education	<p>Eliminates in-state tuition for unlawfully present students by repealing the language implemented by LB239 in 2006.</p>		1/26/2026. (with LB 1061)		

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<a href="#">LB893</a>	Storm	Education	Replaces the requirement for substitute teacher applicants to complete human relations training with an option to instead complete a newly created interpersonal relations training course and test. NDE will create and offer the online course and test, which will cover topics similar to those in the human relations training. NDE may charge a fee for the course and test, not to exceed the cost of providing them.		1/27		
<a href="#">LB898</a>	Lonowski	Government	Revises the Nebraska Open Meetings Act to broaden the ability of public bodies to conduct meetings via virtual conferencing. It removes the list of public bodies previously allowed to use virtual conferencing and instead allows all public bodies to utilize this option, subject to new standardized requirements. Following are conditions/requirements for use of virtual conferencing: (a) must have a physical site(s), with appropriate seating for members of the public to attend, (b) at least one member of the public body must be at the physical site, (c) a period of public comment is provided, (d) at least one hard copy of all documents considered must be available at each physical site, (e) an electronic copy of the agenda and documents considered in the meeting must be available.		2/5		
<a href="#">LB924</a>	Andersen	Education	Revises how learning communities in Nebraska may use property tax levies, allowing both leasing and purchasing of elementary learning center facilities, not just leases and remodeling. It also permits levy funds to be used for administrative staff of the learning community (capped at 10%), rather than only elementary learning center employees. The learning community coordinating council's powers are expanded to include partnering with public and private entities to increase high school graduation rates. Existing sections are harmonized to reflect these changes, and the bill reorganizes the order of certain council authorities.		1/20		placed on General File (1-29-16). Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment (2/20), Placed on Final Reading. Presented to Governor (4/9/2026).

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<a href="#">LB937</a>	Education Committee	Education	<p>Technical clean up bill. <b>AM2454</b> places parts of 5 bills in LB937 (LB1224, LB1146, LB1243, LB1241, LB1164). <b>1224</b> The subject of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect shall not be permitted to transfer or otherwise disenroll a student for whom such subject is a parent, legal guardian, or educational decisionmaker from the student's current school. DHHS shall notify each such student's current school and the Commissioner of Education that such student shall not be transferred or otherwise disenrolled from such school by a parent, legal guardian, or educational decisionmaker until further notice. <b>1146</b> Attendance policies shall not count the following as unexcused absence: (1) Absences excused by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of the child for physical or mental illness and for which a note from a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed mental health practitioner has been provided that supports the absence; (2) absence by a pregnant or parenting students in accordance with policy; or (3) absences by students (I) who have an individualized family service plan, or (II) who have an individualized education program under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. <b>1243</b> For home-schooled students, the district may require any student desiring to participate in an extracurricular activity that is governed by a national or state organization other than an athletics or activities association to be enrolled only in the minimum number of credit hours offered by the school district as required by such national or state organization in order to participate in such extracurricular activity, but may not prohibit a student from enrolling in more than such minimum credit hours. The district shall not require any student desiring to participate in an extracurricular activity that is not governed by a national or state organization or an athletics or activities association to be enrolled in any minimum number of credit hours offered by the school district in order to participate in the extracurricular activity. <b>1241</b> Seeks to ensure that school employee applicants are screened for ever being disciplined or separated from employment while under pending investigations of child abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct at places of former employment. Requires the school to go back seven years when considering employment. <b>1164</b> By September 1, 2026, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (the Commission) shall approve a list of prior learning examinations and the cut score for each such examination. The list shall include commonly recognized prior learning examinations, including, but not limited to: (a) Prior learning examinations that are associated with participation in high school courses specifically designed to prepare students for such examinations; (b) Prior learning examinations that are associated with participation in high school courses using international curriculum frameworks; and (c) Prior learning examinations that are not associated with high school courses endorsed by the provider of the prior learning examination. The commission shall set cut scores in a manner consistent with national practices. By October 1, 2026, each Nebraska public postsecondary institution shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for awarding academic credit based on prior learning examinations. Sections 26-31 is known as the K-12 Education Subchapter Act. The ESCHEC will be the principal contact for</p>		1/20		Education Committee priority (2026). Placed on General File w/ AM2454 (3-10-2026). Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial (3-17-2026). AM 2965 failed to be amended into LB 937 (4-7-2026). LB937 placed on Final Reading (4-8-2026). Passed on Final Reading (4/10/2006)

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<a href="#">LB940</a>	Murman	Education	On or after August 1, 2026, no public elementary or secondary school shall offer or make available to any student any food served as a part of a school meal that contains any of the following color additives as referred to by the United States Food and Drug Administration in the federal Regulatory Status of Color Additives as such list existed on January 1, 2026: (a) Blue No. 1; (b) Blue No. 2; (c) Green No. 3; (d) Red No. 40; (e) Yellow No. 5; or (f) Yellow No. 6.		1/20		Placed on General File (1-29-26). Placed on Select File (2/18). Placed on Final Reading. Presented to Governor (4-9-2026)
<a href="#">LB959</a>	Riepe	Health and Human Services	HHS shall establish a youth afterschool credential for individuals who are sixteen or seventeen years of age and who are seeking employment in school-age child care programs or temporary nonresidential child care programs. To obtain a youth afterschool credential, an applicant shall: (a) Complete all registry checks required for licensed child care staff, including the child abuse and neglect and sex offender registries, and any additional registry checks required by the department; (b) Submit all background check documentation required by tNDE; and (c) Complete a minimum seven-hour new staff orientation for schoolage programs approved by the department. Upon completion of the requirements, NDE shall issue a youth afterschool credential. The credential shall be valid for one year after the date of issuance and may be renewed through an expedited process established by the department. A licensed child care program or youth-serving program approved by NDE may accept a valid youth afterschool credential as verification that the holder has met the initial background check and training requirements.		1/28		Placed on General File w/ AM2839 (2/23/2026)

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<a href="#">LB960</a>	McKinney	Education	<p>Each school board would be required to include student school board members on the school board in a number equal to the number of elected school board members on such school board. If the school district has only one high school, all student school board members shall be selected from the high school. Each school board shall adopt procedures to select student school board members from the high school. The selection procedures may include, but are not limited to, student elections, principal nominations, or applications and interviews. Each student school board member shall: (a) Attend all public meetings of the school board; (b) Receive meeting materials and agendas for all public meetings of the school board; (c) Be seated with the school board at all public meetings of the school board and be included in all public discussions of the school board; (d) Serve as a liaison between the student body and the school board; and (e) Be permitted to introduce and advocate for agenda items except that a school board may, as part of the school board's policies and procedures, require sponsorship from an elected school board member for the introduction of an agenda item. No student school board member shall: (a) Vote on matters before the school board; (b) Attend or participate in closed or executive sessions of the school board; or (c) Access confidential student, personnel, or legal information. On or before January 1, 2027, each school board shall adopt policies and procedures for student school board members to serve on the school board.</p> <p><b>AM1909</b> filed by Sen. McKinney. AM1909 would require at least one, but no more than five students be appointed to terms of either one or two years. May miss due to excused activities.</p> <p>The bill was advanced to General File with <b>AM2314</b>. The amendment strikes the original bill and says that OPS may appoint non-voting student members to the Board of Education.</p>	oppose	2/17	testify	Advanced to Gen'l File with AM2314 (3-12-2026)

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<a href="#">LB966</a>	M. Cavanaugh	Education	Adopt the Hunger Free Schools Act. To comply with the Hunger-Free Schools Program, a qualified school shall: (1) Serve eligible meals through any school breakfast program or school lunch program operated by such school during the school day; and (2) Submit information regarding the number of eligible meals served in a manner prescribed by the department. NDE shall annually reimburse each qualified school a portion of the cost of each eligible meal served by such school during the second preceding school fiscal year in an amount equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for a free meal and the federal reimbursement rate for a reduced-price meal for each eligible meal. The calculation of the reimbursement for each eligible meal shall be based on the federal reimbursement rates for a school breakfast or a school lunch as applicable to the eligible meal. The Legislature would be required to appropriate money from the General Fund to the State Department of Education to carry out the Hunger-Free Schools Act. <b>AM3120 (M. Cavanaugh) provides for state reimbursement for the difference between a reduced meal cost and federal reimbursement. Private funding was obtained by Sen. Cavanaugh to support the program for five years. AM3143 (Bosn) provides that the program also extends to private school students. State funding may be used for that purpose.</b>	support	2/17	letter	General File (2/27). Placed on Select File (4/7/2026). Placed on Final Reading with AM3120 and AM3143 (4/8/2026). Passed on Final Reading (4/10/2026).
<a href="#">LB970</a>	Guereca	Health and Human Services	On or before October 1, 2026, the Dept. of Health and Human Services shall seek approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment to expand the services covered under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program to include a program of early literacy promotion and intervention during well-child visits for children from birth through five years of age. The early literacy promotion and intervention program shall include evidence-based screening, referral, and provision of materials and guidance related to age-appropriate literacy development for children enrolled in the medical assistance program as an extension of standard well-child care. STATEMENT OF INTENT: would expand the services covered under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program to include a program of early literacy promotion and intervention during well-child visits for children from birth through five years of age. The early literacy promotion and intervention program shall include evidence-based screening, referral, and provision of materials and guidance related to age-appropriate literacy development for children enrolled in the medical assistance program as an extension of standard well-child care		2/20		

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<a href="#">LB990</a>	Dover	Revenue	Renames the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund the Live Here Thrive Here Credit Fund. Beginning in tax year 2027 and for each tax year thereafter, property tax credits granted under the act shall only be granted to real property owners that are resident individuals. <b>NOTE:</b> Dept of Revenue estimates \$295 million of the \$838 million available in the School District Property Tax Credit Fund would go unused.		2/18		
<a href="#">LB991</a>	Dover	Transportation	<p>A school district may: (a) Install a stop-signal-arm camera system on any school bus owned by the school district; (b) Operate a stop-signal-arm camera system on any school bus owned by the school district; or (c) Enter into a contract with a private vendor to provide any of the following services: (i) Installation of a stop-signal-arm camera system on any school bus owned by the school district; (ii) Operation of a stop-signal-arm camera system on any school bus owned by the school district; or (iii) Support for the installation or operation of a stop-signal-arm camera system on any school bus owned by the school district. (3) The date, time, and location of any data collected by a stop signal-arm camera system under the bill shall be imprinted on or embedded within the data. (4) Any school bus that has a stop-signal-arm camera system installed on such school bus shall include a warning on such school bus. Such warning shall: (a) Indicate that a stop-signal-arm camera system is installed on the school bus; and (b) Be clearly readable from a distance of one hundred feet from the warning. (5) A school district may provide any data, or a copy of such data, collected by a stop-signal-arm camera system if such camera system was installed on a school bus owned by the school district at the time that such data was collected.</p> <p>A violation of this section may be enforced through the use of a stop-signal-arm camera system if a peace officer has reviewed the data as defined in section 1 of this act and chooses to issue a citation. (b) A citation that is issued under this subsection shall be mailed to the registered owner of the motor vehicle not later than six days after the alleged violation occurred. (c) Such registered owner may appeal the citation to the law enforcement agency that employed the peace officer at the time of the citation. Such appeal shall occur no later than thirty days after delivery of the citation. Such registered owner may provide evidence to the law enforcement agency that the registered owner was not the driver of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. Such law enforcement agency shall rescind the citation if the agency finds adequate evidence to rescind the citation.</p>		2/2		

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<a href="#">LB1008</a>	Brandt	Revenue	<p>Changes how the minimum amount of property tax relief is calculated under the School District Property Tax Relief Act. Starting in tax year 2030 the relief will be the prior year's minimum plus a percentage increase matching the increase in total state real property assessment, and an additional \$75 million. For 2031 and beyond, the relief increases by the assessment percentage change only, eliminating the previous fixed 3% increase. These changes aim to tie relief amounts more closely to property value growth.</p> <p>STATEMENT OF INTENT: LB1008 would revise the growth formula for the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund (Tier II) so that it more closely mirrors the growth formula used for the Property Tax Credit (Tier I) Current law applies a fixed 3 percent annual growth rate to Tier II relief starting in fiscal year 2030/31. This approach results in slower growth compared to Tier I and causes the amount of property tax relief to fall behind increases in statewide property valuations and total property taxes levied. This bill replaces that with a growth formula that matches Tier I, improving the long-term property tax relief</p>		2/19		
<a href="#">LB1022</a>	Murman	Education	<p>Eliminates the human relations training requirement for obtaining a certificate or permit to teach, provide special services, or education administration. <b>AM3141</b> added that an applicant for a Nebraska substitute teacher's certificate shall not be required to meet the human relations training requirement under this section to obtain such certificate.</p>		1/27		Placed on General File (1-29-26). Placed on Final Reading (4-8-2026). Passed on Final Rereading (4/10/2026)
<a href="#">LB1024</a>	Murman	Education	<p>Beginning with school year 2027-28, each school district, in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall include instruction on the history of communism within the social studies curriculum. The instruction shall include: (a) The history of communism in the United States, including domestic communist movements and their associated histories and tactics; (b) Atrocities committed in foreign countries in the name of communism; (c) Comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States' representative republic system; (d) The increasing threat of communism in the United States and its allies through the 20th century, the events of the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China, the history of the Soviet Union, and the mass killings that have occurred under communist regimes; (e) The suppression and persecution of various religious faiths under communist regimes; and (f) The economic, industrial, and political events that have preceded communist revolutions.</p>	oppose	1/27	letter	

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<a href="#">LB1034</a>	Dungan	Education	No school employee, contractor, or agent of a school district shall permit access to students, school employees, school grounds, or school facilities by a federal immigration enforcement officer for the purpose of immigration enforcement unless such officer presents a valid judicial warrant. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a school employee from complying with a valid judicial warrant or court order or from responding to exigent circumstances involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of a student or school employee.		2/17		Juarez priority (2/19)

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<a href="#">LB1038</a>	Hughes	Education	<p>Makes large changes to Nebraska school finance laws. Reduces property tax levy limits for school districts, eliminates the Property Tax Credit Act and School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund after 2025, and terminates related funds. State aid calculations for schools are revised, with new formulas for equalization aid and adjustments to how property valuations are used in funding calculations. The bill also provides a mechanism for school districts to levy additional property taxes if state aid is insufficient, and sets new limits for special building fund levies. Appropriations and transfers to the Education Future Fund are restructured, with future intent language for substantial state funding commitments. The bill takes effect immediately upon passage.</p> <p>From Sen. Hughes office:  <b>Goal:</b> Make changes to TEEOSA in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drop the maximum levy cap for public schools to lessen the reliance of school funding on local property taxes</li> <li>• To increase the number of equalized school districts</li> <li>• To narrow the statewide difference between school districts levy rates</li> </ul> <b>Method:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilizing existing dollars allocated to property tax credits to buy down school districts ability to levy property taxes.</li> <li>• The concept also envisions some changes to both the Resources and Needs sides of TEEOSA in order to maximize the maximum levy buy down, narrow the range of levies between school districts statewide, and to maximize the number of school districts that receive equalization aid.</li> <li>• Institute a .30 base levy adjustment</li> </ul> <b>Outcome:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum levy cap dropped from the current level of \$1.05 to \$0.50.</li> <li>• The Local Effort Rate (LER) will drop from \$1.00 to \$0.45 resulting in 242 out of 245* school districts being equalized (currently only 50 school districts will receive equalization aid in 2025/26).</li> <li>• All school districts levies would be between \$0.30-\$0.50, significantly narrowing the current range of \$0.32 - \$1.05.</li> </ul> <b>Resource and Needs Change:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change adjusted valuation inside TEEOSA to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Agland from 72% to 42%</li> <li>◦ Other real property (commercial and residential) from 96% to 86%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Eliminate the system averaging adjustment</li> </ul> <b>Funding:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repurpose both property tax credit funds (approx \$1.2B)</li> <li>• Repurpose foundation aid support from the Education future fund (approx \$110M)</li> </ul> <b>Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the tax credits now being used to “buy down” the levy - this money will be recognized for going to property tax and Nebraska will NO LONGER by the “5th highest property tax” state!</li> <li>• With levies closer together it eliminates the argument for not potentially combining districts to provide students better opportunities and efficiencies</li> <li>• If the state at some point decides to pull some funding from schools - the legislature will have to vote to increase the max cap (LER) thereby acknowledging that they are in effect directly raising property taxes.</li> </ul> </p>	support	2/2	testify	

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<a href="#">LB1039</a>	Dungan	Education	Prohibits any school resource officer or security guard from subjecting any student to corporal punishment as described in section 79-295.		2/9		
<a href="#">LB1046</a>	McKinney	Education	On or before January 1, 2027, the State Board of Education shall adopt a model policy relating to name, image, and likeness rights of student-participants. The policy shall allow a student-participant to (i) Engage in commercial name, image, and likeness activities individually or with assistance from agents, attorneys, or representatives; and (ii) Retain eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics or activities at such high school, as long as the commercial NIL activity complies with school policy and the policies of any athletic or activities association of which such student participant's school is a member. Beginning with school year 2027-28, each school board of a school district that provides school-sponsored interscholastic athletics or activities and is a member of an athletic or activities association shall adopt a policy consistent with the model policy developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to this section. The bill prohibits schools and athletic associations from penalizing students for participating in compliant NIL activities.	oppose	2/2	letter	

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<a href="#">LB1050</a>	Murman	Education	<p>At request of the Governor. On or before October 1, 2026, NDE shall establish and make public a <b>threshold level of performance for the statewide assessment of reading for grade three</b> administered and for each alternate assessment of reading for grade three administered identify students who are able to read at or above grade level. By January 1, 2027, NDE shall establish and make public a test-based student portfolio option to demonstrate mastery of grade three reading standard. The department shall set criteria for the test-based student portfolio and a threshold level of performance to identify students who are able to read at or above grade level.</p> <p><b>AM2605</b> eliminates the original bill. By section, the amendment does the following:</p> <p>Section 1: establishes the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act.</p> <p>Section 2: provides for a technical assistance document for dyslexia to be developed by the state.</p> <p>Section 5: Educational identification of dyslexia under the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act is not a medical diagnosis and is intended solely to ensure appropriate instructional supports and interventions.</p> <p>Section 7: For any student with a persistent reading deficiency who has otherwise completed grade three and participates in a summer reading program, the school district shall offer to the parent or guardian of such student an opportunity to have an approved reading assessment administered to such student at the conclusion of the summer reading program. If the student performs at or above the threshold level determined section for grade three, the student shall no longer be identified as having a reading deficiency or a persistent reading deficiency, shall not be retained in grade, and shall be promoted to grade four. On or before Oct. 1, 2026, NDE shall establish and make public a threshold level of performance for the statewide assessment of reading for grade three and for each alternate assessment of reading for grade three administered to identify students who are able to read at or above grade level. On or before Jan. 1, 2027, the department shall establish and make public a test-based student portfolio option to demonstrate mastery of grade three reading standard.</p> <p>Section 8: Beginning with the 2027-28 school year, each school district shall adopt a policy to screen each student in kindergarten through grade two for the risk factors related to dyslexia using a dyslexia screener approved by the State Board of Education. The dyslexia screener shall be administered annually during the spring for kindergarten and at the beginning of grades one and two. If a student's performance on a dyslexia screening indicates a need for dyslexia intervention services, the school district shall: (a) Notify the student's parent or guardian of the results of all screenings; and (b) Provide the student's parent or guardian with information and resource material that includes: (i) The characteristics of dyslexia; (ii) Appropriate classroom interventions and accommodations for students with dyslexia; and (iii) A statement that the parent or guardian may elect to have the student receive additional educational evaluation by the school.</p> <p>Section 9: Any student identified as having a reading deficiency or continuing to have a reading deficiency following the final administration</p>	oppose	1/27	testify	Education Committee priority (2026). Advanced to General File with AM2605 (3/23/2026). Advanced to Enrollment and Review (3-26-2026). Failed on Cloture vote (4-8-2026)

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<a href="#">LB1052</a>	Education Committee	Education	Makes a slight change to the Student Discipline Act to state: The school board or board of education may authorize the emergency exclusion, short-term or long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment of any student ( <b>changed from pupil</b> ) from school for conduct prohibited by the board's rules or standards established pursuant to the Student Discipline Act if such emergency exclusion, short-term or long term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment complies with the procedures required by the act.		2/24		
<a href="#">LB1053</a>	Education Committee	Education	Eliminates the statutory restriction that previously prevented the suspension of students in pre-kindergarten through second grade. By repealing section 79-265.01 and removing references to it in other sections, the bill allows school administrators to apply suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measures to students of all grades under the Student Discipline Act. The changes also harmonize related statutes to reflect the repeal.	support	1/27	letter	
<a href="#">LB1054</a>	DeBoer	Appropriations	Provides for a \$250,000 appropriation from the General Fund for FY2026-27 to the State Department of Education to be used to develop and administer a program to provide grants to school districts, ESU's, and approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial schools for the purchase of cybersecurity products and services.	support	2/3	NSEA testify (include NRCSA)	
<a href="#">LB1061</a>	Murman	Education	Would repeal in-state tuition benefits at public universities and colleges for aliens not lawfully present in the United States.		1/26 (with LB 870)		
<a href="#">LB1071</a>	Arch	Appropriations	Budget and appropriations bill for the State of Nebraska for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. Department of Education begins on page 18. Opportunity Scholarships request from Governor in amount of \$7 million has created contention. Amount was cut to \$3.5 million by the Appropriations Committee.		2/2		Select File (3/10/26). Cloture vote on version containing Opportunity Scholarships failed (3-25-2026). Approved by Governor (4/7/2026)
<a href="#">LB1072</a>	Arch	Appropriations	Provides for the transfer of many state funds to the state's General Fund. OTHER ITEMS IN THE BILL: Beginning July 1, 2026, any investment earnings from investment of money in the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund, the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund, or the State Lottery Prize Trust Fund shall be credited to the Education Future Fund. Transfers may be made from the State Department of Education Trust Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Transfers may be made from the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund at the direction of the Legislature.		2/2		Advanced to Final Reading (3-19-2026). Approved by Governor (4/7/2026)

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<a href="#">LB1075</a>	Sanders	Government	Proposes several changes to Nebraska election laws. One change would require a political subdivision that calls off a special election prior to the election shall be liable for all costs involved with cancelling the special election.		2/11		Placed on General File (3/17/26). Placed on Select File (3/30/2026). Placed on Final Reading (4/8/2026)
<a href="#">LB1081</a>	G. Meyer	Government	Beginning January 1, 2027, a state agency or political subdivision, including school districts, shall not use public funds to purchase a flag of the United States or the State of Nebraska unless the flag has been one hundred percent manufactured in the United States from articles, materials, or supplies that have been grown or one hundred percent produced or manufactured in the United States. This shall not apply to the purchase of a hand-held flag or a flag with dimensions of less than eight inches wide and six inches high.		2/26		
<a href="#">LB1097</a>	Conrad	Judiciary	Declares that the state, state agencies, and political subdivisions shall be liable in a similar manner and to a similar extent as a private individual or entity under like circumstances for tort claims arising out of sexual abuse of children and individuals with developmental disabilities. victims of child sexual abuse and individuals with developmental disabilities who are victims of sexual abuse to bring tort claims against state agencies and political subdivisions. Waives sovereign immunity for such claims and exempts them from the procedural and substantive limitations of the State Tort Claims Act and the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, such as damage caps, jury trial limits, notice requirements, and statutes of limitations. The statute of limitations is removed for direct perpetrators, and a new extended limit applies to other defendants. Amendments to existing statutes redefine key terms and clarify that actions under this Act are not considered regular tort claims under existing state law.		2/12		
<a href="#">LB1112</a>	McKinney	Education	Creates the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act. Establishes a statewide grading system and for such statewide grading system to be applied uniformly in all public, private, parochial, and denominational schools. By December 31, 2026, NDE shall establish a statewide grading system for grades 3-12. Sets standards that must be met in the grading system. All schools, public and private, must adopt the grading system for the 2027–2028 school year. Each school district shall report student grades to NDE in a standardized format to support statewide comparability and public reporting. NDE shall provide training and technical assistance to school districts, teachers, and administrators for implementation of the statewide grading system, including evidence-based grading practices and equity-focused assessment strategies.	oppose	2/9	letter	

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<a href="#">LB1140</a>	Spivey	Appropriations	Creates a State appropriation for a pilot program for FY2026-27 \$500,000 General Funds to be used for a multi-trade preapprenticeship pilot program serving young adults and preparing them for registered apprenticeships and entry-level construction employment within Omaha.		2/3		
<a href="#">LB1145</a>	Lonowski	Government	<p>Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body and recorded in its minutes. This notice shall be provided at least twice a year of the regular meeting schedule, location, and the method designated by the public body to provide reasonable advance publicized notice. Such notice shall be given by publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction.</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF INTENT:</b> This bill would amend Nebraska Revised Statute § 84-1411 of the Open Meetings Act to require public bodies subject to the Act to provide "reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body and recorded in its minutes." Although some political subdivisions publish the notice in a newspaper, most post the notice in three public places. The bill repeals provisions in § 84-1411 that are confusing and have proven to be problematic for political subdivisions since the passage of LB 148 in 2020. Notice provided by political subdivisions also shall be given "at least twice a year of the regular meeting schedule, location, and the method designated by the public body to provide reasonable advance publicized notice. Such notice shall be given by publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction." This publication requirement does not apply to cities of the second class, villages, and rural or suburban protection fire districts since they typically post notice of their meetings in three public places. The bill also outlines procedures for a public body that decides to publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction to meet the notice requirement in case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish notice.</p>	support	2/5	letter	

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<a href="#">LB1146</a>	Conrad	Education	Revises the process by which Nebraska school districts report excessive student absences to the county attorney. States that only unexcused absences count toward the threshold for referral and excludes various types of absences, such as: (i) Absences excused by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker for physical or mental illness; or been absent more than twenty days per school year, (ii) Absences (A) By pregnant or parenting students, (B) By students (I) who have an individualized family service plan, (II) who have an individualized education program under IDEA, (III) receiving special accommodations or services under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, (IV) receiving special education as defined in section 79-1125, or (V) who are eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,		2/2		Placed on General File w/ AM2334 (3/10/2026)
<a href="#">LB1154</a>	Riepe	Revenue	Revises section 13-3403 to alter the calculation of a political subdivision's preliminary property tax request authority. Previously, only exceptions under subdivision (1) of section 13-3404 were subtracted. The amendment expands this to include exceptions under subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of section 13-3404. The rest of the calculation and additional factors for increasing property tax request authority remain unchanged. Exceptions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 include: (2) The amount of property taxes needed to respond to an emergency declared in the preceding year, as certified to the auditor; (4) The amount of property taxes budgeted in support of (a) a service relating to an imminent and significant threat to public safety that (i) was not previously provided by the political subdivision and (ii) is the subject of an agreement or a modification of an existing agreement executed after August 21, 2024, whether provided by one of the parties to the agreement or by an independent joint entity or joint public agency or (b) an interlocal agreement relating to public safety; (5) The increase in property tax request authority approved by the legal voters as provided in section 13-3405; (6) The amount of property taxes budgeted for public safety services as defined in section 13-320; and (7) The amount of property taxes budgeted for county attorneys and public defenders.		2/6		Placed on General File (2/23/2026)

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<a href="#">LB1164</a>	Lonowski	Education	Creates the Prior Learning Act. By September 1, 2026, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (the Commission) shall approve a list of prior learning examinations and the cut score for each such examination. The list shall include commonly recognized prior learning examinations, including, but not limited to: (a) Prior learning examinations that are associated with participation in high school courses specifically designed to prepare students for such examinations; (b) Prior learning examinations that are associated with participation in high school courses using international curriculum frameworks; and (c) Prior learning examinations that are not associated with high school courses endorsed by the provider of the prior learning examination. The commission shall set cut scores in a manner consistent with national practices. By October 1, 2026, each Nebraska public postsecondary institution shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for awarding academic credit based on prior learning examinations.		2/3		Placed on General File w/ AM2551 (3/10/2026)
<a href="#">LB1166</a>	Juarez	Retirement	Revises how the employee contribution rate for the School Employees Retirement Fund is calculated, when it is applied, and clarifies timing and thresholds for contribution rates based on funding ratios. The employee contribution rate that is calculated as of July 1, 2025, shall apply beginning July 1, 2025, and prior to July 1, 2026. The employee contribution rate that is calculated as of July 1, 2026, shall apply beginning July 1, 2026, and prior to September 1, 2027. Beginning in 2027 and each year thereafter, the employee contribution rate that is calculated as of July 1 of such year shall apply beginning September 1 of such year and prior to September 1 of the next year after such year. <b>NOTE:</b> Some ESU's are currently on a July 1-June 20 fiscal year.	support	2/6		Placed on General File (3-4-2026)

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<a href="#">LB1182</a>	Lippincott	Education	Commencing with the 2027-28 school year, the annual minimum base salary for any certificated teacher employed on a full-time basis by a public school district in Nebraska shall be \$50,000. Nothing in the bill shall prevent a school district from paying a teacher more than the minimum base salary established or from establishing salary schedules that reward experience, advanced education, or performance above this minimum. Beginning with the 2029-30 school year, and biennially thereafter, the minimum base salary established in subsection (1) of this section shall be adjusted by the percentage change in Nebraska's total state General Fund receipts for the two-year period ending on December 31 of the preceding year, with a minimum adjustment of zero percent. The base salary shall not be reduced below the previous year's base salary. The adjusted minimum base salary shall be rounded to the nearest \$1,000. NDE shall annually publish the adjusted minimum base salary by March 1. The Legislature will establish a public education funding system based on block grant funding for foundation aid and salary support and to adjust the education funding system provided in TEEOSA to incorporate this block grant funding. The newly established funding system shall provide each public school district with a quarterly block grant beginning July 1, 2027. The amount of each district's quarterly block grant shall be determined by a formula established by the Legislature based on factors including, but not limited to, student enrollment and the minimum base salary for certificated teachers established.	oppose	2/9	letter	

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<a href="#">LB1183</a>	Lippincott	Revenue	<p>LB1183 is aimed at reducing the tax burden on property owners by establishing that property shall be valued at <b>50% of its actual</b> value for taxation purposes. For agricultural and horticultural land, the bill lowers the current assessment from <b>75% to 37.5%</b> of its actual value. Real property in Nebraska, not expressly exempt therefrom, shall be subject to taxation and shall be valued at 50% of its actual value. Agricultural land and horticultural land shall be valued at 37.5% of its actual value. School district taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on <b>bonds that are approved by a vote of the people on or after January 1, 2027 ag land and horticultural land shall be valued at 25% of its actual value.</b> An acceptable range is the percentage of variation from a standard for valuation as measured by an established indicator of central tendency of assessment. Acceptable ranges are: (a) For ag land and horticultural land 34.5% to 37.5% of actual value, except that for school district taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on bonds that are approved by a vote of the people on or after January 1, 2027, the acceptable range is 22% to 25% of actual value; (b) for lands receiving special valuation, 34.5% to 37.5% of special valuation as defined in section 77-1343, except that for school district taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on bonds that are approved by a vote of the people on or after January 1, 2027, the acceptable range is 22% to 25% of special valuation and (c) for all other real property, 46% to 50% of actual value.</p>	oppose	2/5	testify	

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<a href="#">LB1201</a>	Guereca	Education	Establishes a pilot program, the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act. For the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years and subject to available appropriations, NDE shall develop and administer a grant program to provide high-quality, age-appropriate classroom libraries and monthly parent or caregiver engagement materials in cooperation with a Nebraska-based nonprofit organization with at least ten years of experience in book distribution. Priority for grants shall be given to any application from a school district: (a) That is in the lowest performance classification under the state accountability system; (b) In which forty percent of the students are poverty students; or (c) In which a higher than average percentage of students in kindergarten through grade five are identified as having a reading deficiency. NDE shall provide a recommended list of high-quality books, covering a variety of topics, subjects, and genres in at least English and Spanish, for each participating elementary classroom. Each participating elementary classroom shall track: (i) Book circulation totals; (ii) Available books, including the title, author, publisher, and International Standard Book Number for each book; (iii) Student enrollment numbers; and (iv) The total number of books taken home by each student. NDE shall also assist school districts in selecting or developing parent or caregiver engagement materials for each student in a participating classroom to take home each month. NDE shall report to the Education Committee to the extent possible, quantitative and qualitative metrics based on statewide assessments administered pursuant, assessments administered under the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, and classroom assessments of reading proficiency, reading skills, or literacy acquisition. Calls for an appropriation of up to \$1,000,000 dollars from the Education Future Fund each fiscal year of the pilot program.	support	2/10	letter	
<a href="#">LB1206</a>	Juarez	Revenue	This bill allows certificated teachers and paraprofessionals to exclude 100% of income earned from public or private elementary and secondary schools from Nebraska taxable income to the extent the income is included in federal adjusted gross income. The exclusion applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.		2/12		
<a href="#">LB1207</a>	Juarez	Education	Would require school districts to give each full-time employee five mental health leave days each fiscal year without documentation from a medical or mental health provider. The employee shall be paid at the employee's usual salary in full for any mental health leave used by the employee. Mental health leave shall not count against any other leave the employee accrues as a result of working for the school district. A school district shall not require or request any documentation from a medical or mental health provider to justify the use of mental health leave.	oppose	2/17	testify	

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<a href="#">LB1208</a>	Juarez	Education	Amends TEEOSA to require that, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, each local school system in Nebraska must allocate at least 50% of its general fund budget to teacher salaries and benefits.	oppose	2/2	testify	
<a href="#">LB1217</a>	Hardin	Health and Human Services	Authorizes NDE to permit accredited or approved public, private, denominational, or parochial schools to maintain epinephrine (in any FDA-approved form) for use in providing emergency first aid to students experiencing allergic reactions.		2/19		General File (3-4-2026)
<a href="#">LB1219</a>	Brandt	Revenue	The total amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision in any year shall not exceed the total amount levied in the prior year by more than the allowable growth percentage. The allowable growth percentage would be a percentage equal to the sum (i) two percent plus (ii) the political subdivision's real growth percentage. Real growth value means the increase in a political subdivision's total property valuation from the prior year to the current year due to (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, and (v) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year. <b>AM2655 (Hansen)</b> provides for the following: for two-year bienniums beginning in July, 2027, the amount of property taxes levied by a political subdivision (school districts included) shall not exceed the amount levied the prior year by more than the allowable growth rate of 2.5% plus the real growth %. The second year of the biennium would also cap the amount levied by no more than the allowable 2.5%. A political subdivision may put to a vote of the people in a given year to exceed the 2.5%. This vote must be approved by at least 60% of the voters to be successful.	oppose	<b>2/5 combined hearing with LR317CA</b>	testify	General File (2/18). Hansen priority.
<a href="#">LB1224</a>	Hunt	Education	Intent is to protect children experiencing, abuse or neglect by preventing cases in which abuse is exacerbated or perpetuated when a child victim is withdrawn from public school, therefore losing regular contact with mandatory reporters and opportunity for intervention from school personnel. Under LB 1224, parents/guardians under active investigation for child abuse or neglect would be temporarily prohibited from withdrawing a child from public school into a home school. Further, adults who have been convicted of domestic assault, child abuse, or a sex-related crime would be prohibited from teaching or providing supervision at a home school. The bill does not impact families who are already home schooling, or those who intend to home school and are not under investigation for child abuse or neglect.		2/3		General File w/ AM2228 (2/27/2026)

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<a href="#">LB1241</a>	Murman	Education	Seeks to ensure that school employee applicants are screened for ever being disciplined or separated from employment while under pending investigations of child abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct at places of former employment. Requires the school to go back 20 years when considering employment.		2/3		Placed on General File (3/10/2026)
<a href="#">LB1243</a>	Murman	Education	Seeks to increase opportunities for homeschool and non-accredited students by ensuring they are not required to be enrolled in a minimum number of credits to participate in an extracurricular activity not regulated by an athletics or activities association.	oppose	2/2	letter	Placed on General File w/ AM2073 (3/10/2026)

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<a href="#">LB1257</a>	Hansen	Revenue	<p>Provides for comprehensive changes to Nebraska's sales and use tax system, repeals or phases out numerous sales tax exemptions, adds taxation of most services, <b>modifies property tax levy limits for schools, establishes the New School Relief Fund, and alters state aid and funding mechanisms for school districts</b>. The bill: (1) Broadly expands the sales and use tax base by eliminating most existing sales tax exemptions (including for many goods and services) effective January 1, 2027, and imposes sales tax on most services unless specifically exempted; (2) narrows the definition of 'occasional sale,' modifies related exemptions, and clarifies definitions for retailers and sellers (including candy and soft drinks); (3) phases out the School District Property Tax Relief Act and associated credit fund, replacing them with the New School Relief Fund and a new formula for distributing state aid to schools; (4) lowers school district property tax levy limits over several years, with some limited exceptions and override provisions; (5) increases state funding for schools to offset reduced property tax levies, particularly via additional foundation aid from the New School Relief Fund; (6) creates new reporting and fund transfer requirements to direct increased sales tax revenues to school funding; The bill includes appropriations and fund transfer provisions for the new school funding structure.</p> <p>School districts and multiple-district school systems may levy a maximum levy of: (i) For fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2027-28, <b>\$1.05</b> per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy; (ii) For fiscal year <b>2027-28, \$0.85 per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation</b> of property subject to the levy; and (iii) For <b>fiscal year 2028-29 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$0.60</b> per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.</p> <p>The <b>School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund terminates on July 1, 2027</b>, and the State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the fund on that date to the <b>New School Relief Fund</b>. For fiscal year 2027-28 and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall transfer the <b>amount certified to the New School Relief Fund</b>.</p> <p>For school fiscal year 2027-28 and each school fiscal year thereafter, the department shall determine an amount of additional foundation aid to be paid per formula student out of funds available in the New School Relief Fund. <b>This amount shall be equal to the total amount available in the New School Relief Fund divided by the total number of formula students in all school districts in the state. A school district may exceed its property tax request authority without the approval of the voters by an amount equal to six percent of the school district's prior year property tax request authority. This increase shall be used to pay for teacher salaries, wages, and benefits.</b></p> <p>The New School Relief Fund is created. The fund shall be used to <b>provide additional foundation aid to school districts. \$838,000,000 will be transferred into the New School Relief Fund dollars from the General Fund</b> on or before September 1, 2027, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter. If the state fails to use all funds available in the New School Relief Fund for the additional foundation aid, any amount not used by the end of the school year shall be</p>	oppose	2/11		

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<a href="#">LR292CA</a>	Andersen	Revenue	Proposed Constitutional amendment. Except as otherwise provided in or permitted by this Constitution, real property shall all be taxed in accordance with Article VIII, section 14, of the Constitution and there shall be two valuations for each parcel of real property: Fair market value and taxable market value. Fair market value shall be dynamic and determined by the assessor of the property. Taxable market value shall be used to establish the baseline valuation for tax liability for the individual property owner. Fair market value shall be assessed uniformly and proportionately upon all real property and franchises as defined by the Legislature. Beginning January 1, 2027, (a) Real property shall be valued, for property tax purposes, at its taxable market value unless such property is exempt from tax pursuant to this Constitution; and (b) The property taxes levied on any parcel of real property shall not increase, from one year to the next, by more than the allowable growth percentage, except in those cases when the taxable market value is adjusted pursuant to subdivision (2)(e) of this section. The allowable growth percentage means the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve-month period ending on June 30 of the year in which the relevant property taxes are determined.		2/12		Anderson priority
<a href="#">LR303CA</a>	M. Cavanaugh	Business & Labor	Constitutional Amendment that states: All employers in the State of Nebraska shall provide a minimum of six weeks paid family medical leave for all employees no later than October 1, 2027, and twelve weeks no later than October 1, 2028.		2/2		
<a href="#">LR317CA</a>	Brandt	Revenue	LR317CA is a constitutional amendment that simply limits the total amount of property taxes that may be levied by any political subdivision to 2% plus real growth.		2/6/2026. <b>combined hearing with LB1219</b>		
<a href="#">LR318</a>	Hughes		Legislature recognizes January 25, 2026, through January 31, 2026, as School Board Member Week.				