



Legislative Update

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Welcome to this week's NRCSA Legislative Update. This will be the last Legislative Update for this year. I hope that has been helpful to all of you. I believe my successor, Paul Sheffield, plans to continue this moving forward (if not, now I've put the pressure on him!)

In the NRCSA Member Update that went out yesterday (Thursday), I reported on four bills that we followed very closely the past couple of weeks. A thumbnail report on these bills:

- **LB 1050:** LB1050, the “Nebraska Reading Improvement Act”, was introduced as a way to ensure students are reading at grade level. The bill would have required the retention of students at the end of their 3rd grade year if they were not reading at grade level. Many supports and assessments were to be required to help students get to grade level. A few amendments were introduced to try and make the bill better, with one by Sen. Jana Hughes getting quite a bit of discussion. The Education community was against the bill, mainly because of the 3rd grade retention issue and the fact that the bill would create a substantial unfunded mandate. On Wednesday, April 8, the bill failed on a Cloture vote.
- **LB 803** was originally a “shell bill”, but was amended by parts from several bills. There are several sections to the bill, but the sections directly relating to schools would deal with “pink postcard” hearings and budget increases. All school districts would be required to participate in the “pink postcard” hearing, which would be held between July 1 and July 15. The County would also advise property owners to the dates and times of each entity’s budget hearing. Finally, when voting to increase the property tax request at least a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the members of the Board shall take place. This bill was placed on Final Reading on Wednesday, April 8 and passed on Final Reading today (Friday, April 10).
- **LB 937** is a “Christmas tree” bill as several other bills were attached to it. Sen. Rountree attempted to attach LB81 to LB 937 through AM2965. This would have given the parent/guardian last say on a possible change in placement or services in an IEP. Currently the parent/guardian is part of the IEP team that makes such decisions. NRCSA, along with the rest of the Education community, was opposed to the amendment (in yesterday’s Member Update, I mistakenly had us as SUPPORTING the amendment). AM2965 failed to be adopted on Tuesday, April 7.
- **LB 1219** (Brant, priority bill of Hansen) was a bill that would set a hard cap of 2% increase in property tax request placed on governmental subdivisions, including school districts. There were several changes that were rumored to possibly be introduced to make the bill better, but still not good at all for school districts. The bill needed to be placed on the Unicameral’s daily agenda by last Thursday. Yesterday, Sen. Hansen unsuccessfully attempted to attach LB1219 to another bill that was on Final Reading. We can now breath a sigh of relief on the failure of LB1219 to gain legs.



I maintained a bill summary that I have used to track legislation, as well as to provide information on bills to NRCSA's Legislative and Executive Committees. The Bill Summary provided below is in a slightly different form than the previous bill summaries I've provided during the session. This summary is a "final" version. That means, bills from 2025 that did not move this session were deleted. 2026 bills have been updated to today. I will put out a final form later that just includes bills that were enacted into law. A few things to notice: (a) Carryover bills from the 2025 session appear first in the document, with those introduced in the 2026 session listed after, and (b) bills may be accessed directly to the Unicameral website by clicking on the bill number listed in the first cell.

That bill summary accessed here:

[NRCSA Bill Summaries 2026](#)

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[Senator List 2026](#)