

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182**

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to state findings; to create the
- 2 School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee; and to
- 3 provide powers and duties.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Legislature finds that, because of the necessarily  
2 complicated funding mechanisms for public schools, a committee is needed  
3 to offer perspectives on the adequacy and effectiveness of school  
4 funding.

5           Sec. 2. The School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review  
6 Committee is created. The committee shall consist of the following  
7 members:

8           (1) Four members of the general public, at least one of whom has  
9 experience in the teaching profession in the public schools and no more  
10 than two of whom shall be residents of the same congressional district;

11           (2) Four members who are either school superintendents or school  
12 district business officials, not more than two of whom are residents of  
13 the same congressional district;

14           (3) One member from a school board from each class of school  
15 district; and

16           (4) The Governor or his or her designee, the Property Tax  
17 Administrator, and the chairperson of the Education Committee of the  
18 Legislature, all of whom shall be nonvoting members.

19           Sec. 3. The chairperson of the Education Committee of the  
20 Legislature shall be the chairperson of the School Funding and  
21 Educational Outcomes Review Committee. The School Funding and Educational  
22 Outcomes Review Committee shall meet at least twice annually and may meet  
23 more often upon the call of the chairperson.

24           Sec. 4. To assure that every Nebraskan is educated for success, the  
25 School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee shall:

26           (1) Review the mission of providing Nebraskans the opportunity to  
27 acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to be productive individuals;

28           (2) Review, make recommendations, and report on the progress of the  
29 goals established by the Legislature and the State Department of  
30 Education. The committee may solicit comments, concerns, and case studies  
31 from all sizes of schools in Nebraska and develop best practices for

1 implementing and achieving these goals; and

2 (3) Review the implementation of the Tax Equity and Educational  
3 Opportunities Support Act and operation of budget growth limitations,  
4 equalization aid pursuant to section 79-1008.01, the minimum levy  
5 adjustments pursuant to section 79-1008.02, and expenditures of school  
6 districts pursuant to the act.

7 Sec. 5. On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the School  
8 Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee shall report to the  
9 Governor, to the State Board of Education, and electronically to the  
10 Legislature on the adequacy of school funding sources in effectuating  
11 property tax relief, broadening the tax base for the support of the  
12 public school system, equalization of the tax burden for the support of  
13 the public school system, and equalization of educational opportunities  
14 for students and the effects of budget limitations on district spending  
15 patterns. The State Department of Education and the staff of the  
16 Education Committee of the Legislature shall assist as needed and  
17 requested by the chairperson of the committee.