

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Engaging in advocacy happens all year. When the Legislature inserts itself into the boardroom or the classroom, lawmakers need to hear from YOU! Advocating for LOCAL CONTROL is critical. Here's what you can do.

STAY INFORMED

Track the legislation that impacts your district; Get updates from NASB's Advocacy Team; Have the data that tells your story (Spending, Student Demographics, School Needs); Attend the Legislative Issues Conference, Area Meetings & State Education Conference

KNOW THE PROCESS

The 60-Day Session began Wednesday, January 7, and ends April 17. Bill introduction was the first 10 days of the Session. Committee Hearings took place the first 30 days. Priority Bills were identified mid-February

ENGAGE

Facilitate regular meetings with your representative; Engage in the process; Go on Record! (Come testify, write a letter, send an email); Come to Lincoln for a day at the Capitol; Consider becoming one of NASB's "expert go-to members" in an area where you can engage!

NASB CAN ASSIST YOU ... JUST ASK!

NASB represents all member Districts & ESUs in Nebraska, and lobbies on YOUR behalf. We are guided by an agenda developed annually by the NASB Legislation Committee initiated with submissions from YOU, then approved by YOU at the Delegate Assembly each November. We are here to help you position yourself as the expert in the education of students you share with your Senator(s). Make sure you are the first call when a bill effecting your shared community is considered. Thanks for sharing your district's story and engaging!



BOOKMARK & FREQUENT NASB'S BILLS PAGE AT
<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

Priority Designations

LB 304

(DeBoer) Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program



Sen. DeBoer Priority

LB 468

(Clements) Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, change certain fee and tax provisions, and eliminate a sales tax exemption relating to data centers



Sen. Clements Priority ... Currently on Select File

AM being considered which would reduce motor vehicle tax payments to schools, giving it to counties as an offset to the inheritance tax. (LB 714).

LB 596

(Sanders) Change requirements for legal publications and notices required by law Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Priority ... Currently on Select File



Adds digital publication of notices if publication does not have a print publication. Now includes AM introduced on behalf of NASB and other political subdivisions to change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act. (LB 1145)

LB 730

(Kauth) Require schools and state agencies to designate restrooms and locker rooms based on sex and require state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and adjudication of disputes

Sen. Kauth Priority ... Currently on General File

LB 803

(Revenue) Change provisions relating to the listing of taxable tangible personal property

Revenue Committee Priority ... Shell bill for purposes of property tax legislation





Likely landing spot for what is currently LB 1219 (See Page 2)

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- LB 867** (HHS) Change and eliminate provisions relating to programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
Health and Human Services Priority ... Currently on General File
Amended to include LB 1013, it shifts students in custody (ages 11–19) from full Rule 10 public school standards to lesser Rule 18 interim requirements, mandates unfunded virtual learning from school districts, and risks transferring some youth to maximum-security adult penal settings. This heightens abuse/trauma risks, undermines rehabilitation, and burdens districts amid proposed special ed cuts. The changes threaten educational quality for vulnerable youth and jeopardize jobs/stability for over 70 teachers, many facing reduction-in-force or forced relocation (e.g., Kearney to Omaha).
- LB 937** (Education) Change provisions relating to option enrollment, reading, dyslexia, reporting, teacher apprenticeships, teacher recruitment and retention, and the College Pathway Program
Education Committee Priority ... Likely to be a vehicle for other measures
Annual NDE "clean up" bill. Significant pushback regarding a provision to reduce reporting requirements of districts regarding students with reading difficulty.

LB 937 ... LB 1146 - LB 1164 - LB 1224 - LB 1241 - LB 1243

- LB 966** **(Cavanaugh, M.) Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act**
Sen. Hunt Priority ... Currently on General File

- LB 1034** (Dungan) Prohibit school staff from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers to access schools without a judicial warrant
Sen. Juarez Priority ... Currently locked in Committee, looking for a home!
- LB 1050** **(Murman at the request of the Governor) Amend the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act to limit advancement to grade four**
Education Committee Priority

- LB 1100** (Sorrentino) Modernize language in a civil procedure statute
Sen. Sorrentino Priority

Making sure AM 2485 (LB 1097) is not attached which would change language in the political subdivision tort claims statute impacting districts sovereign immunity.
- LB 1219** **(Brandt) Limit the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision**
Sen. Hansen Priority ... Currently on General File

Limits levy to prior year allowable growth. Allowable growth percentage means a percentage equal to the sum of two percent plus the political subdivision's real growth percentage. Will likely be attached to LB 803, the Revenue Committee's Priority Bill. (See Page 1)

Bills In the Education Package (LB 937)

LB 937 ... LB 1146 - LB 1164 - LB 1224 - LB 1241 - LB 1243

- LB 1146** (Conrad) Change provisions relating to reports by a school district relating to absences of a child from school
Now with provisions related to chronic illness and mental health issues with a doctors note
- LB 1164** (Lonowski) Adopt the Prior Learning Act
Brought by SAT. It would assure AP courses count for college credit.

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LB 1224

(Hunt) Prohibit children from transferring to an exempt school during certain child abuse or neglect investigations and prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at such schools. **Currently on General File ... Amended to include ALL schools**

LB 1241

(Murman) Provide requirements relating to applications for employment at a school *Prohibits hiring of employees if suspected of child abuse. May cause more effort on the part of the hiring entity. Does not require the employer to collect the information. Includes a 7-year look back.*

LB 1243

(Murman) Change school board policies and procedures relating to part-time enrollment

Eliminates requirement that non-enrolled, resident students participate in a minimum number of 5 credit hours or less to participate in extracurricular activities (not regulated by NSAA).

Bills Looking for a Home

LB 440

(Spivey) Adopt the Education Leave and Support Act

AM pending which will mandate paid FMLA for first 30 service days, not to be taken out of leave provided. Allows for a budget exception for sub costs. Districts would still have to levy in order to cover the cost.

LB 507

(Hunt) Change provisions relating to school transportation expenses for children with disabilities

Possible amendment coming

LB 575

(Hallstrom) Change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits

Changes to the pink postcard meetings to a summer briefing requiring all political subdivisions to attend and present. Could be a part of the Revenue Package (See LB 803 on Page 1). Requires two-third vote of school board to levy more than the amount levied the year before.

LB 841

(Rountree) Change provisions relating to special education services, parental consent, and hearings *Gives parents additional "veto" power over their child's IEP provisions. Some concern about this bill and the impact on federal funding. There will be a fiscal note which will kill the bill. Brought on behalf of the Department of Defense.*

LB 960

(McKinney) Provide a requirement to include nonvoting student members on school boards

May be amended on the floor. This should remain a local decision rather than a state mandate. Districts face unique constraints and have developed diverse methods for student engagement, such as involving Student Council, FFA, or National Honor Society members in monthly meetings.

LB 1097

(Conrad) Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act

Changes language in the political subdivision tort claims statute impacting districts sovereign immunity. Making sure this bill as AM 2485 is not attached to LB 1100. (See Page 2)


Other Items

Agency 23 - A \$7 million dollar appropriation of Department of Labor to be used for scholarship grants to non-public students

*While there was talk of putting this in a separate bill to be debated on its own, they decided to keep it in the budget, but reduced the amount to **\$3.5 million** with language regarding income needed to qualify. We have to work to get this pulled out of the budget.*

Other Items

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- LB 384** (Storer) Require the county assessor and one voting member of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act
Approved by the Governor ... Requires a majority of school board members to attend the "pink post card" meetings if the district is subject to participation. Amended to include just one elected official.
- LB 653** (Murman) Change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs, support services, and the enrollment option program, provide reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program, and change the authorized uses of the Education Future Fund
Approved by the Governor ... AM adopted to remove mandated option enrollment acceptance. Now mandates acceptance of siblings of option accepted students. Once adopted, NASB removed it's opposition. Amended an exception for violent behavior to the K-2 suspension prohibition.
- LB 824** **Lonowski Change provisions relating to termination of employment under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act**
 Changes separation period from 180 to 120 days for purposes of separation allowing retired educators to sub earlier. **Currently on Final Reading**
- LB 940** (Murman) Prohibit certain color additives in school meals
Currently on Final Reading

2026 NASB Calendar of Events



Legislative Issues Conference - January 25-26 - Lincoln
School Board Member Week ... January 25 to 31
NASB Board President Retreat - Monday, February 16 - Kearney



Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 10 - Seward
Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 24 - West Point



NAEP State Convention - March 24-25 - Kearney
Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, April 7 - Ogallala
Amplified Budget & Finance Workshop - Wednesday, April 8 - Kearney



2026 NASB Federal Advocacy Fly-In - April 26-29 - Washington, DC
NASB Member Golf Outing -Wednesday, June 10 - Kearney Country Club
School Law Seminar - June 10-11 - Kearney



NASB Board Candidate Workshops - June & July
ALICAP Summer Workshops - July 7 - Gering; July 8 - Kearney - July 9 - Lincoln
Area Membership Meetings - August through September



Labor Relations - September 29-30 - Lincoln
State Education Conference - November 18-20 - Omaha
New Board Member Workshops - December & January 2027



All Dates & Locations Tentative & Subject to Change ... To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link on www.NASBOnline.org, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'. If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 402-423-4951 for assistance.