

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Tracking the 2016 Legislature from the Nebraska Association of School Board

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DURING SESSION, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS IN ROOM 1525 ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE CAPITOL.

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The 104th Legislature, 2nd Session has begun

Nebraska's 49 senators are back at it, with the clock ticking on the short, 60-day session.

Throughout the course of the session, NASB will keep you informed on pertinent information regarding key bills and topics important to your schools, public education, advocacy, and local school governance through *Legislative Notes* updates.

We highly encourage you to create an agenda item at your board meetings and utilize the content within *Legislative Notes* surrounding this key information. We also encourage you to communicate back to us as well on items, bills or suggestions you'd like covered.

To start today's session, the senators voted Sen. Mark Kolterman to be Chair of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, a seat vacated when Jeremy Nordquist joined Congressman Brad Ashford's staff following the end of last year's session. Nordquist's former district is now represented by Sen. Nicole Fox.

The make-up of the Education Committee is slightly different from 2015, with Sen. Krist replacing Sen. Cook, who is now on the Appropriations Committee.

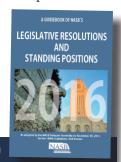
With 11 senators in their last term, and 14 more up for election in the Fall, we anticipate a lot of action to be packed into the 60-day schedule. Starting today, senators are allowed to introduce bills for the first 10 days, which is until January 20. Senators can also consider bills left over from last year's session in addition to all new submissions.

When addressing the room to kick off the session this morning, Speaker Hadley stated that he does not want the session to end until all priority bills are addressed. "We will get through all of the Priority Bills this session."

Key dates of notes:

- Governor Rickett's State of the State address will be January 14
- Public hearings start January 19
- The NASB Legislation Committee meeting is scheduled for January 31
- Priority Bill Deadline, February 18
- The final day of the 104th Legislature, 2nd Session is currently scheduled for April 20

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