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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1041

Chairperson: Senator Jeremy Nordquist

Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2014

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Beginning July 1, 2014, new employees of the School Employees Retirement Plan and the Class V (Omaha) School Employees Retirement Plan would not be eligible to purchase additional service credit, also known as "air time", until 10 years of creditable service has been acquired. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2014 would still be eligible to purchase "air time" after acquiring 5 years of creditable service.

Several additional changes are made to the Class V (Omaha) School Employees Retirement Plan including:

- 1. inserts a number of references to the Internal Revenue Code regarding the duties and responsibilities of the trustees who administer the plan;
- 2. clarifies that school board or board of trustees members will not be personally liable for their actions related to their retirement system duties except in cases of wilfull dishonesty, gross negligence, or intentional violations of the law; and
- 3. beginning March 1, 2015 and each March 1 thereafter, a Class V school board (Omaha) will be required to annually present its most recent actuarial valuation report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee at a public hearing.

Principal Introducer:	
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Senator Jeremy Nordquist