

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB477

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2015

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

Under current law, a high school in a Class II or Class III school district whose average daily membership falls below 25 students in grades 9-12 may contract with another school district for one year, after which the district will become a Class I school district if membership levels remain below 50 students.

LB477 makes an exception for a Class II or Class III school district that maintains the only public high school in a county. LB477 provides that if average daily membership in grades 9-12 at such school district falls below 25 students, the district may continue to operate if a majority of voters within the district approve a ballot issue each year to continue operating the high school for the following school year.

If the ballot issue fails, the school district will be dissolved and its territory attached to contiguous existing school districts, based on the preferences submitted to the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts by landowners within the dissolved district.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Al Davis