

AMENDMENTS TO LB803

Introduced by Education.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 79-1104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 79-1104 (1) Any school board in its discretion may (a) establish and
6 financially support programs providing before-and-after-school or
7 prekindergarten services, to which attendance shall be voluntary and
8 which the board may deem beneficial to the education of prekindergarten
9 or school-age children and (b) provide or financially support
10 transportation for children to, from, or to and from programs as defined
11 in section 71-1910. The board may charge a fee, not to exceed the actual
12 cost, for providing such programs and services but may waive such fee on
13 the basis of need. This section does not allow any school district to
14 fail to meet its responsibilities under the Special Education Act.

15 (2) Prekindergarten programs established by school boards or
16 educational service units shall be approved by the State Department of
17 Education subject to regulations adopted and promulgated by the State
18 Board of Education and may include such components as (a) the utilization
19 of appropriately qualified staff, (b) an appropriate child-to-staff
20 ratio, (c) appropriate group size, (d) compliance with minimum health and
21 safety standards, (e) appropriate facility size and equipment, (f) a
22 strong family development and support component, (g) developmentally and
23 culturally appropriate curriculum, practices, and assessment, (h) well-
24 defined language development and early literacy emphasis, and (i) a plan
25 for ongoing professional development of staff, all in accordance with
26 sound early childhood educational practice, research, and evaluation. All
27 teachers and administrators in prekindergarten programs established

1 pursuant to this section shall hold a valid certificate or permit issued
2 pursuant to sections 79-806 to 79-815, except that the ~~The State Board~~
3 of Education may shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations that
4 exempt a prekindergarten program from the requirement for teachers and
5 administrators in prekindergarten programs to hold a valid certificate or
6 permit if such program is in compliance with such rules and regulations
7 ~~for the issuance of such permits or certificates required by this~~
8 ~~section.~~

9 Sec. 2. Original section 79-1104, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, is repealed.