

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB512

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: 2/28/2017**

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

- The bill amends section 9-812 to eliminate outdated language and to eliminate limitation of a specific fiscal year that NDE may use improvement funds for the ACT,
- Amends section 79-237 to permit "current year" application for Enrollment Option Program,
- Amends section 79-2,144 to extend the date for completion of the assessment of every public school building by the NDE state school security director by 2 years to reflect budget cuts,
- Amends section 79-319 for State Board duties to include language required under current federal law for Perkins career and technical education and permit the Legislature to outright repeal 8 sections of statute (79-321, 79-738, 79-739, 79-740, 79-741, 79-742, 79-743, 79-744) that were adopted to comply with federal law in the 1950's for "vocational education",
- Amends Section 79-575 to permit a school board to designate someone else to carry out the duties set forth in that section of statute for the secretary of the school board,
- Amends a definition in Section 79-1003 for TEEOSA to strike the "best practices allowance" which is to be implemented in 2021-22, in the formula and to eliminate outdated language,
- Eliminates references to "best practices allowance" in statute;
- Amends section 79-1054 to eliminate reference to the "best practice allowance" from an innovative grant awarded to be included in TEEOSA that would occur in the 2021-22 TEEOSA certification of aid,
- Amends two sections of statute that would permit NDE to utilize state funds for special education for a specific school district to repay the US Department of Education for that school district's failure to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements for IDEA instead of the school district having to send state funds to NDE and then NDE having to send those state funds to US Department of Education,
- Amends Section 79-1108.02 to strike the reference to section 9-812 (lottery funds) as being the source for high ability aid funds as high ability funds are now general funds,
- Amends Section 79-1218 to permit a board for an ESU to employ a secretary for the board instead of a member of the board being the secretary,

- Amends section 79-1221 to permit the secretary, treasurer or persons delegated by board for ESU to countersign warrants and permit the utilization of facsimile signatures, and
- Amends Section 79-1225 to permit the designee of the ESU board to carry out the duty specified in that statute, and to outright repeals 8 sections of statutes for vocation education, the "best practices allowance" statute and the council on student attendance that the Governor's biennium budget no longer funds for 2017-19.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mike Groene, Chairperson  
Education Committee