

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB608**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 13, 2017**

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

This bill would allow K-12 students zoned to the lowest performing schools in the state, based on the Nebraska Department of Education's accountability system, to take a portion of their per-pupil funding to a school of their family's choice, including a state approved or accredited private school. If the school improves so that it no longer falls into the lowest performing school status, students zoned to that school, but not yet taking advantage of the scholarship, would no longer be eligible.

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

Senator Lou Ann Linehan