

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB285

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 24, 2023
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Walz
One Liner: Adopt the School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Briese, Conrad, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Walz, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lynne Walz
Anahi Salazar
Sierra Edmisten
Eric Savaiano
Josephine Litwinowicz

Representing:

Introducer
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Self
Nebraska Appleseed
Higher Power Church

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 285 would adopt the School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act. This legislation would require highly-eligible schools and districts in Nebraska to participate in CEP (Community Eligibility Provision), adding approximately 43 school / meal sites to the program and providing nearly 12,500 students access to no-cost meals at school.

Amends:

79-10,137
79-10,138
79-10,139

Section 1: The name of this act is the School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization Act.

Section 2: Legislative finding regarding the value of access to food during the school day.

Section 3: Definitions

Eligible Breakfast

Eligible Lunch

Federal Reimbursement Rate

Identified Student Percentage

Qualified Public School

Section 4: Addresses policy to maximize federal reimbursement.

Section 5: Waivers

5.1.a - Grants participation waiver under when appropriate

5.1.b - Department shall grant technical assistance to any school granted a waiver

Section 6: Partial reimbursement from the State's General Funds in the amount of five cents per eligible breakfast served by qualified public schools.

Section 7: The State Board of Education shall set for rules for Section 6 of this bill.

Section 8: The School Community Eligibility Provision Act shall not prevent a school district from collecting parental/guardian information to determine eligibility.

Section 9: The State Board of Education may implement rules to carry out this legislation.

Section 10: Repeals 79-10,137, 79-10,138, 79-10,139

Dave Murman, Chairperson