

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1197

Approved by the Governor March 23, 1988

Introduced by Withem, 14

AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to redefine terms; to require certain school districts to offer a kindergarten program; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 79-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

79-101. As used in Chapter 79: (1) School district shall mean the territory under the jurisdiction of a single school board authorized by Chapter 79; (2) school shall mean a school under the jurisdiction of a school board authorized by Chapter 79; (3) legal voters or electors shall mean all who are eligible to vote at an election for school district officers; (4) elementary grades shall mean ~~all grades up to and including the eighth grade, kindergarten through eight, inclusive.~~ (5) high school grades shall mean all grades above the eighth grade; (6) school year shall mean (a) for elementary grades other than kindergarten, the time equivalent to at least one thousand thirty-two instructional hours and (b) for high school grades, the time equivalent to at least one thousand eighty instructional hours; (7) instructional hour shall mean a period of time, at least sixty minutes, which is actually used for the instruction of students. The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to define school day, school month, and other appropriate units of the school calendar; (8) deaf pupil shall mean any person of sound mind who by reason of defective hearing cannot profitably be educated in the public schools; (9) teacher shall mean any certified employee who is regularly employed for the instruction of pupils in the public schools; (10) administrator shall mean any certified employee such as superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, school nurse, or other supervisory or administrative personnel who does not have as a primary duty the instruction of pupils in the public schools; (11) school board or board

of education shall mean the governing body of any school district; and (12) teach shall mean and include, but not be limited to, the following responsibilities: (a) The organization and management of the classroom or the physical area in which the learning experiences of pupils take place; (b) the assessment and diagnosis of the individual educational needs of the pupils; (c) the planning, selecting, organizing, prescribing, and directing of the learning experiences of pupils; (d) the planning of teaching strategies and the selection of available materials and equipment to be used; and (e) the evaluation and reporting of student progress.

Sec. 2. All Class I, II, III, IV, and V school districts shall offer a kindergarten program.

Sec. 3. That original section 79-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.