



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1208**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 13, 2006

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

Legislative Bill 1208 would implement the recommendations of the Distance Education Enhancement Task Force. Distance education services would be transferred from distance education consortia to educational service units (E.S.U.'s). Network Nebraska would be recognized by statute as a series of contracts coordinated by the Chief Information Officer to provide government and education entities access to a high speed reliable telecommunications network. A Distance Education Council would be created for coordination of courses. Lottery funds would be used for distance education equipment and incentives for districts and E.S.U.'s exchanging courses through the Distance Education Council. A new allowance in the state aid formula would individualize telecommunications and data transmission costs for school systems. Receipts for courses provided through the Distance Education Council would be excluded from accountable receipts and from budget limitations.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**