

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB984**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2014**

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

Legislative Bill 984 would state an intent to provide access for all children to prekindergarten programs in the year prior to kindergarten and to increase the appropriation for early childhood education prekindergarten grants awarded by the Department of Education by \$4,600,000 for 2014-15. Unused lottery funds in 2015-16 would also be directed to the grants after limiting distance education equipment and incentive funding to \$2,500,000 for 2015-16 and reserving \$3,000,000 to be transferred to the Nebraska Education Fund at its inception. An intent is included to allow the increased appropriation to be spread over a three year period. The lottery fund allocations for early childhood education could also be used past the June 30, 2016 deadline that applies to other allocations.

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

**Senator Kate Sullivan**