

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 855**

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

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Committee:

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to prohibit a school board or  
2 board of education of a school district from using a debt collection  
3 agency to collect or attempt to collect outstanding debts on a  
4 school lunch or breakfast account of a student or from assessing or  
5 collecting any interest, fees, or other monetary penalties for such  
6 debts as prescribed.

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

1           Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, debt collection agency  
2 means any person or entity that collects or attempt to collect, directly  
3 or indirectly, debts due or asserted to be owed or due to another. Debt  
4 collection agency does not include the Department of Revenue or any  
5 programs administered by the department or a school, school district,  
6 school board, or board of education.

7           (2) No school board or board of education of a school district  
8 shall:

9           (a) Use a debt collection agency to collect or attempt to collect,  
10 directly or indirectly, debts due or assessed to be owed for outstanding  
11 debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of a student at such school  
12 district; or

13           (b) Assess or collect any interest, fees, or other monetary  
14 penalties for outstanding debts on a school lunch or breakfast account of  
15 a student at such school district.