



LB 332 Testimony

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- The Coordinating Commission administers the Access College Early (ACE) grant program. This program pays for low-income Nebraska high school students to take college courses, most of which are dual-enrollment and count for both high school and college credit.
- ACE recipients remain enrolled in high school, graduate from high school, go on to college, and succeed in college at far higher rates than other low-income students.
- Currently, statutes require a high-school's guidance counselor to verify a student's ACE grant application. However, not all high schools designate a guidance counselor as the primary contact for students taking dual-enrollment courses. For example, a large school may employ a full-time dual-enrollment coordinator, or a smaller school may assign an assistant principal or teacher to verify grant applications.
- This bill would allow other designated high-school officials – not just guidance counselors – to verify a student's ACE application.