



2014 Nebraska Legislature — Bills of Interest

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| LB 546 <i>(Carryover bill from 2013 session)</i> | Kolowski | Approved by the Governor | Removes CCPE from the revenue-bond construction review process for the University and State Colleges | This began as a bill to remove both the CCPE and the Legislature from this process. An amendment changed the bill to remove only the CCPE. |
| LB 740 | Crawford, Davis, Kolowski, Scheer, Coash | Approved by the Governor | Provides residency requirements for postsecondary education purposes for veterans and their family members | Will provide in-state tuition for veterans off active duty two years or less, or for their spouses or dependents, provided they are registered to vote in Nebraska and intend to be a state resident. |
| LB 781 | Harms | Approved by the Governor | Changes a date relating to a community college comprehensive audit | Community colleges are now required to complete their annual audits by Oct. 15; this changes that to Nov. 15. |
| LB 1103 | Education Committee | Approved by the Governor | Provides for a strategic planning process for education | Calls for the Education Committee to create a "statewide vision for education," through meetings, work sessions and focus groups with all interested parties. A report on this "vision" is due to the Legislature by Dec. 31, 2014. |

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| <p align="center">LB 1069 (Included in LB 967 as part of Amendment 2199)</p> | <p align="center">Sullivan</p> | <p align="center">Approved by the Governor</p> | <p align="center">Changes provisions relating to private postsecondary career schools</p> | <p>Makes a technical change to the Private Postsecondary Career School Act in relation to the Coordinating Commission and SARA. Out-of-state private postsecondary career schools are typically under the purview of the NE Department of Education. Under this law, if they are offering online courses to Nebraska residents, they will be regulated and authorized by their state of origin if they are participating in a reciprocity agreement.</p> |
| <p align="center">LB 835 (Included in LB 967 as part of Amendment 2199)</p> | <p align="center">Avery</p> | <p align="center">Approved by the Governor</p> | <p align="center">Extends a pilot project relating to college entrance exams</p> | <p>Provides funding to continue the ACT Pilot Program through 2015-2016. (An additional two years)</p> |

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| LB 754 | Smith | Did not advance | Provide funds for career education programs | For 2014-2015, would allocate \$1 million from the Education Innovation Fund portion of state lottery funds to establish a grant program for "career education programs." |
| LB 779 | Scheer | Did not advance | Change duties of the Coordinating Commission relating to transfer-of-credit policies | Calls for the Commission to work with an advisory committee of representatives of public and private institutions to formulate transfer-of-credit policies. |
| LB 787 | Schumacher | Did not advance | Provide an income tax deduction for loan principal payments for graduate degrees | Would reduce federal adjusted gross income by an amount equal to the principal paid on a student loan for a graduate degree; good for the first 10 taxable years after degree is earned. |
| LB 826 | McCoy, Watermeier | Did not advance | Provide for a study relating to education incentives for high-need occupations | Calls on the Education Committee to conduct a study about high-need career and technical education. |
| LB 1055 | Janssen | Did not advance | Provide for tuition-free credits for veterans and military personnel as prescribed | Would require public colleges and universities to provide 15 tuition-free undergraduate credit hours for veterans and active military personnel. |

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| LB 1061 | Lautenbaugh | Did not advance | Change from elected to appointed boards for community college areas | Community college boards of governors would now be appointed by the county boards that comprise the colleges' service areas. |
| LB 1077 | Sullivan, Scheer | Did not advance | Adopt the Shared Responsibility for Access and Success Act | Would overhaul how state aid is distributed to Nebraska college and high school students. This establishes new processes for: distributing financial aid to current college students and dual-enrollment students; awarding grants for high school students to earn trade certificates; covering the cost of students to take college entrance exams; and funding the costs for school districts to offer remediation programs and college placement exams. |
| LB 1106 | McGill, Ashford, Dubas | Did not advance | Change provisions relating to career academies | Calls for the State to pay for the cost of dual-enrollment courses taken as part of a career academy. Would establish a separate fund, administered by the Coordinating Commission. |

2014 Nebraska Legislature—Proposed interim studies

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| LR 579 | Nordquist | Calls for an interim study of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act, to determine whether the program is sufficient to meet the needs of students. Referred to Education Committee. |
| LR 508 | Mello | Calls for an interim study to examine issues surrounding the Nebraska P-16 Initiative organized and managed by the University of Nebraska. Referred to Education Committee. |