

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB740**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 21, 2014  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Crawford  
**One Liner:** Provide residency requirements for postsecondary education purposes for veterans and their family members

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:** 1 Senator Haar  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Sue Crawford  
Stan Carpenter  
Michelle Waite  
Adam Morfeld  
Robert Schafer

Dennis Baack  
Douglas Boldt  
Paul Cohen  
Julia Converse  
Travis Karr

Martin Dempsey  
Ben Wichelt

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska State College System  
University of Nebraska  
Nebraskans for Civic Reform  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
Nebraska Community College Association  
The American Legion  
Military Officers Association of America  
self  
Central Community College and Student Veterans of America  
Department of Defense  
Big Red Challenge

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB740 would declare as a resident for post-secondary education tuition purposes, a veteran, veterans spouse or a dependent, if the veteran is two years or less from active duty, enrolls in a Nebraska public college or university, meets the criteria required under 85-502, registers to vote in Nebraska and demonstrates the "objective" intent to be a resident.

Objective intent can be demonstrated by: 1) obtaining a state driver's license, 2) obtaining a state identification card and 3) obtaining a Nebraska Motor Vehicle Registration on a vehicle.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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Amendment 1723, replaces the green copy of the bill and clarifies the following:

Clarifies that this section does not apply to a veteran who qualifies for benefits under 38 U.S.C. 3317 (Yellow Ribbon), as such section existed on January 1, 2014 (Yellow Ribbon program is a joint program between State Colleges and the Veterans Administration that pays the difference between in-state and out-of state tuition for eligible veterans and military personnel);

Clarifies that the spouses and dependents of veterans who are eligible for Yellow Ribbon benefits still qualify for in-state tuition under the bill; and

Clarifies that the requirement to register to vote under this act, does not apply to a spouse or dependent under 18 years of age at the time they receive benefits, but such person must register to vote in the state once they turn 18. They are, however, subject to the requirement that they obtain a Nebraska driver's license or state ID.

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Kate Sullivan, Chairperson