

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

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB779**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2014**

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

LB779 will give Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education the ability to improve current transfer-of-credit policies amongst institutions of higher education in Nebraska. Currently, too many students are required to repeat courses or take many more courses than traditionally necessary to earn a degree when they transfer credits between two schools. This not only makes it difficult for a student to graduate on time, it also increases their cost to attend and complete college. Further, it impacts all Nebraskans in terms of increased cost to subsidize higher education and the negative economic impact of delayed graduation. LB 779 will address this by requiring public institutions to set and abide by agreed upon policies to govern transfer-of-credit policies.

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

**Senator Jim Scheer**