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LEGISLATIVE BILL 410

Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Davis, 43; Gloor, 35; Haar, 21; Hansen, 26;
Kolowski, 31; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28; Scheer, 19.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Access College Early Scholarship
- 2 Program Act; to amend sections 85-2102 and 85-2104, Reissue Revised
- 3 Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change provisions
- 4 relating to eligibility; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
- 5 original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 85-2102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 85-2102 For purposes of the Access College Early Scholarship Program
4 Act:

5 (1) Career plan of study means a sequence of at least three high
6 school courses that (a) may include dual-credit or college credit
7 courses, (b) are part of a career pathway program of study aligned with
8 (i) the rules and regulations of the State Department of Education, (ii)
9 a professional certification requirement, or (iii) the requirements for a
10 postsecondary certification or diploma, and (c) have at least one local
11 member of business or industry partnering as an official advisor to the
12 program;

13 (2 1) Commission means the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
14 Education;

15 (3 2) Extreme hardship means any event, including fire, illness,
16 accident, or job loss, that has recently resulted in a significant
17 financial difficulty for a student or the student's parent or legal
18 guardian;

19 (4 3) Postsecondary educational institution means a two-year or
20 four-year college or university which is a member institution of an
21 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;

22 (5 4) Qualified postsecondary educational institution means a
23 postsecondary educational institution located in Nebraska which has
24 agreed, on a form developed and provided by the commission, to comply
25 with the requirements of the act; and

26 (6 5) Student means a student attending a Nebraska high school with
27 a reasonable expectation that such student will meet the residency
28 requirements of section 85-502 upon graduation from a Nebraska high
29 school.

30 Sec. 2. Section 85-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
31 amended to read:

1 85-2104 A student who is applying to take one or more courses for
2 credit from a qualified postsecondary educational institution is eligible
3 for the Access College Early Scholarship Program if:

4 (1) Such student or the student's parent or legal guardian is
5 eligible to receive:

6 (a) Supplemental Security Income;

7 (b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;

8 (c) Free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of
9 Agriculture child nutrition programs;

10 (d) Aid to families with dependent children; or

11 (e) Assistance under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
12 Women, Infants, and Children; ~~or~~

13 (2) The student or the student's parent or legal guardian has
14 experienced an extreme hardship; or -

15 (3) Such student does not qualify under subdivision (1) or (2) of
16 this section or qualifies under subdivision (1) or (2) of this act but
17 there are insufficient funds in the Access College Early Scholarship
18 Program Act to fund the scholarship and is requesting assistance pursuant
19 to the act to cover the cost of tuition and fees for a course that is
20 part of a career plan of study, up to two hundred fifty dollars per
21 semester, and the student's family has an annual household income at or
22 below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

23 Sec. 3. Original sections 85-2102 and 85-2104, Reissue Revised
24 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.