

One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 399

| Chairperson:     | <b>Greg Adams</b> |
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| Committee:       | Education         |
| Date of Hearing: | March 2, 2009     |

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

LB 399 would amend the current Nebraska Scholarship Program. The purpose of the series of amendments to the program is to change the allocation to students in postsecondary sectors more similarly to the allocations in effect before the current program was created.

The bill would change residency requirements for purposes of qualifying for grants, and would increase the maximum award. It would also require institutions to provide cumulative matching institutional aid to students who attend the eligible institution. LB 399 would expand eligibility for the program to include all students who receive federal Title IV funding, and would reflect state appropriations to students in public colleges and universities in the determination of allocations.

**Principal Introducer:** 

Senator Scott Lautenbaugh