

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB197**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 26, 2021  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Vargas  
**One Liner:** Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for participants in the National and Community Service State Grant Program

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Day, Linehan, McKinney, Morfeld, Murman, Pansing Brooks, Sanders, Walz  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> SENATOR TONY VARGAS KATHERINE LACY CATHLEEN PLAGER	<b>Representing:</b> INTRODUCER SELF SERVE NEBRASKA
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> HEATH MELLO	<b>Representing:</b> UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 197 creates a new subsection in section 85-502 that allows for a person, who has completed a full term of service of at least one year in Nebraska as a participant in the National and Community Service State Grant Program, known as AmeriCorps, to have established residency in this state for the purposes of receiving in-state tuition.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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Strikes the original language change and replaces it with language that would allow any individual eligible for a national service educational award from the National Service Trust, a.k.a. AmeriCorps, under 42 U.S.C. 12602, to be eligible for in-state tuition.

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Lynne Walz, Chairperson