

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB200

Hearing Date: Monday March 01, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Vargas
One Liner: Provide a high school graduation requirement relating to federal student aid

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Day, Linehan, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Sanders, Walz
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Murman

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Tony Vargas

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
Colby Coash

Representing:
NASB, NCSA, STANCE

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:
Spike Eickholt

Representing:
ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB200 would amend Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-729 to require students to fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) prior to graduating from high school, unless such requirement was waived.

Beginning 2022-23, each student enrolled in a public high school would be required to submit a completed FAFSA before graduation.

The high school student shall not be required to comply with this requirement if:

(a) The student submits a form signed by their parents; or

(b) A school's principal or their designee signs and submits the appropriate form; or

(c) The student is nineteen (19) years of age or older or is an emancipated minor and signs and submits the appropriate form.

Such forms shall be created by the Commissioner of Education and be available in English, Spanish, and any other language spoken by a majority of the students enrolled in any English learner program.

This bill also requires schools to submit anonymous, aggregate data to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). It also requires NDE to create and submit an annual report to the Clerk of the Legislature.

Allows the NDE to create rules necessary to implement this statute with requirements.

Lynne Walz, Chairperson