

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB779

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 02, 2022
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Gragert
One Liner: Change provisions regarding the tuition assistance program for the Nebraska National Guard

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tim Gragert
Richard Dahlman
Ryan McIntosh

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Military Department
National Guard Association of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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Current law provides a tuition assistance benefit for members of the Nebraska National Guard. This tuition assistance benefit is available for a variety of state-supported higher education options, and includes 100 percent of resident tuition for associate and baccalaureate degree programs, and 50 percent of resident tuition for graduate or professional degree programs.

Members are no longer eligible for the tuition assistance benefit once ten years have elapsed since their initial membership. This bill would eliminate that ten-year eligibility limitation.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson