

AMENDMENTS TO LB608

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM904)

Introduced by Bostar, 29.

1 1. Strike section 9 and insert the following new section:

2 **Sec. 9.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
3 section, a qualifying child of a first responder who satisfies section 5
4 of this act or of an eligible disabled person who satisfies section 7 of
5 this act shall be entitled to a tuition waiver as provided in section 13
6 of this act from any state university, state college, or community
7 college for an associate or baccalaureate degree program if the
8 qualifying child:

9 (a) Meets all admission requirements of the state university, state
10 college, or community college;

11 (b) Executes an agreement in accordance with section 10 of this act;

12 (c) Has not previously earned a baccalaureate degree;

13 (d) Completes and submits to the United States Department of
14 Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;

15 (e) Submits a document to the state university, state college, or
16 community college confirming that the qualifying child has satisfied
17 subdivision (1)(d) of this section. Such document shall be submitted in a
18 form and manner as prescribed by the university, college, or community
19 college;

20 (f) Submits the certificate of verification required by subsection
21 (2) of this section; and

22 (g) Files with the Department of Revenue documentation showing proof
23 that, for each year in which the qualifying child applies for and
24 receives the tuition waiver, the first responder or eligible disabled
25 person through whom the qualifying child is claiming the tuition waiver:

26 (i) Is employed as a first responder or is an eligible disabled

1 person, as applicable; and

2 (ii) Resides in Nebraska.

3 (2)(a) An application for the tuition waiver shall include a
4 certificate of verification from:

5 (i) The first responder's superior officer attesting to such first
6 responder's satisfaction of section 5 of this act; or

7 (ii) The eligible disabled person's former superior officer
8 attesting to such person's satisfaction of section 7 of this act.

9 (b) The applicant shall include the certificate of verification when
10 applying to the state university, state college, or community college in
11 order to obtain a tuition waiver upon initial enrollment.

12 (3) The death of a first responder in the line of duty that occurs
13 after submission of an application for a tuition waiver shall not
14 disqualify such first responder's otherwise eligible qualifying child
15 from receiving the tuition waiver. In such case:

16 (a) In lieu of submitting the certificate of verification provided
17 for in subsection (2) of this section, the qualifying child shall submit
18 a certificate of verification from the first responder's superior officer
19 attesting that:

20 (i) At the time of such death, such first responder satisfied
21 section 5 of this act; and

22 (ii) Such first responder died in the line of duty; and

23 (b) In lieu of making the filing required by subdivision (1)(g) of
24 this section, the qualifying child shall file with the Department of
25 Revenue documentation showing proof that, at the time of such death:

26 (i) Such first responder was employed as a first responder; and

27 (ii) Such first responder resided in Nebraska.

28 (4) For a qualifying child of a first responder who is a
29 correctional officer or a youth detention officer or of an eligible
30 disabled person who was a correctional officer or a youth detention
31 officer, the tuition waiver shall only be available beginning July 1,

1 2027, and shall only be available for attendance at a state university.

2 2. On page 3, line 17, strike "as a result of injury or illness" and
3 insert "due to injury or illness that resulted from or is connected to
4 such employment".

5 3. On page 6, line 8; and page 7, line 18, after "waiver" insert
6 "shall only be available beginning July 1, 2027, and".

7 4. On page 11, line 22, strike "2026" and insert "2028".