

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1086**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

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

LB1086 amends existing statute to clarify eligibility requirements and permissible uses of current workforce and education programs. Specifically, the bill ensures that individuals participating in Nebraska's SNAP Employment and Training (Next Step) program, as well as students eligible for the new Workforce Pell program, may also receive GAP Assistance for approved, high-demand education and job-training programs offered through community colleges when federal funds do not fully cover program costs.

This statutory clarification aligns state law with federal program requirements and affirms that GAP Assistance may be used in conjunction with available federal funding to help cover the full cost of training. By doing so, the bill promotes greater access to education and workforce training opportunities that support employment and economic self-sufficiency.

LB1086 does not appropriate state funds, does not establish a new program, and carries no fiscal impact. It is a technical amendment intended to ensure the effective and efficient use of existing federal resources.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Robert Dover**