

# One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB408

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**Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 11, 2025**

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

LB408 adopts the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.

LB408 would assist individuals studying to become special education teachers by supporting forgivable loans to those individuals who commit to teaching in Nebraska following their certification as a teacher with a special education endorsement. The program is to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education.

This would only apply to Nebraska State Colleges and the University of Nebraska. The department may award forgivable loans to up to twenty-five students per institution per academic year. The eligible student shall begin teaching special education at a Nebraska elementary or secondary school within one year after graduating with a degree in education and must remain employed for five consecutive years to receive the full benefit of the loan forgiveness program.

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

**Senator George Dungan**