

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2026

Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community college; to amend section 85-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change eligibility requirements for community college gap assistance as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 85-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-2005 (1) An applicant for community college gap assistance under the community college gap assistance program shall demonstrate capacity to achieve the following outcomes:

- (a) The ability to be accepted to and complete an eligible program;
- (b) The ability to be accepted into and complete a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree program for credit;
- (c) The ability to obtain full-time employment; and
- (d) The ability to maintain full-time employment over time.

(2) The committee may grant community college gap assistance under the community college gap assistance program to an applicant in any amount up to the full amount of eligible costs.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the committee shall deny an application when the community college or other eligible institution receiving the application determines that funding for the total eligible cost as defined in section 85-2006 for an applicant's participation in an eligible program is available from any other public or private funding source. The committee shall not consider any benefit available to an applicant pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program administered by the State of Nebraska pursuant to 7 C.F.R. 273.7, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026, when determining an applicant's eligibility for community college gap assistance.

Sec. 2. Original section 85-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.