

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 356

Introduced by Walz, 15.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act; to
- 2 amend sections 85-1906 and 85-1907, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; and to repeal the original
- 4 sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 85-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 85-1906 (1) Eligible postsecondary educational institution means a
4 public or private postsecondary educational institution:

5 (a) ~~(1)~~ Located in Nebraska;

6 (b) ~~(2)~~ Primarily engaged in the instruction of students;

7 (c) ~~(3)~~ Satisfying the provisions of Nebraska law relating to the
8 approval and licensure of schools, colleges, and universities and
9 maintaining accreditation by an accrediting organization recognized by
10 the United States Department of Education;

11 (d) ~~(4)~~ Offering courses of instruction in regularly scheduled
12 classes to regularly enrolled undergraduate students who reside in
13 Nebraska and have received high school diplomas or their equivalent; and

14 (e) ~~(5)~~ Which has adopted, and has available for inspection, award
15 refund and repayment policies.

16 (2) For a postsecondary educational institution not eligible prior
17 to the effective date of this act, for purposes of this section, located
18 in Nebraska means such eligible postsecondary educational institution:

19 (a) Has established a physical location in this state where students
20 may receive instruction; and

21 (b) Maintains an administrative office in this state for the
22 purposes of enrolling students, providing information to students about
23 the institution, and providing student support services.

24 Sec. 2. Section 85-1907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
25 amended to read:

26 85-1907 Eligible student means an undergraduate student who:

27 (1) Is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary educational
28 institution;

29 (2)(a) For award years through award year 2023-24, has ~~(2)~~ Has
30 applied for federal financial aid through the Free Application for
31 Federal Student Aid for the applicable award year and has an expected

1 family contribution which is equal to or less than one hundred ten
2 percent of the maximum expected family contribution to qualify for a
3 Federal Pell Grant in that award year; and

4 (b) For award year 2024-25 and each award year thereafter, has
5 applied for federal financial aid through the Free Application for
6 Federal Student Aid for the applicable award year and has a student aid
7 index which is equal to or less than one hundred ten percent of the
8 maximum student aid index to qualify for a Federal Pell Grant in that
9 award year;

10 (3) Is a resident student who is domiciled in Nebraska as provided
11 by section 85-502; and

12 (4) Complies with all other provisions of the Nebraska Opportunity
13 Grant Act and its rules and regulations.

14 Sec. 3. Original sections 85-1906 and 85-1907, Reissue Revised
15 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.