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LEGISLATIVE BILL 917

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community College Gap Assistance
- 2 Program Act; to amend section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to eligibility; to
- 4 redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
- 5 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2016, is amended to read:

3 85-2002 For purposes of the Community College Gap Assistance Program
4 Act:

5 (1) Committee means the Nebraska Community College Student
6 Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee;

7 (2) Community college gap assistance program means the program
8 created pursuant to section 85-2003;

9 (3) Eligible program means a program offered by a community college
10 that (a) either (i) is not offered for credit and has a duration of not
11 less than sixteen contact hours in length or (ii) is offered for credit
12 but consists of fewer than sixteen semester hours or twenty-four quarter
13 hours of instruction offered during not less than fifteen weeks of
14 instruction and (b) but is aligned with training programs with stackable
15 credentials that lead to a program awarding college credit, an
16 associate's degree, a diploma, or a certificate in an in-demand
17 occupation, ~~has a duration of not less than sixteen contact hours in~~
18 ~~length,~~ and does any of the following:

19 (i) ~~(a)~~ Offers a state, national, or locally recognized certificate;

20 (ii) ~~(b)~~ Offers preparation for a professional examination or
21 licensure;

22 (iii) ~~(c)~~ Provides endorsement for an existing credential or
23 license;

24 (iv) ~~(d)~~ Represents recognized skill standards defined by an
25 industrial sector; or

26 (v) ~~(e)~~ Offers a similar credential or training; and

27 (4) In-demand occupation means:

28 (a) Financial services;

29 (b) Transportation, warehousing, and distribution logistics;

30 (c) Precision metals manufacturing;

31 (d) Biosciences;

- 1 (e) Renewable energy;
- 2 (f) Agriculture and food processing;
- 3 (g) Business management and administrative services;
- 4 (h) Software and computer services;
- 5 (i) Research, development, and engineering services;
- 6 (j) Health services;
- 7 (k) Hospitality and tourism; and
- 8 (l) Any other industry designated as an in-demand occupation by the
- 9 committee.

10 Sec. 2. Original section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative
11 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.