

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Dover, 19.

Read first time January 15, 2026

Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community college; to amend section
- 2 85-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change eligibility
- 3 requirements for community college gap assistance as prescribed; to
- 4 repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

3           85-2005 (1) An applicant for community college gap assistance under  
4 the community college gap assistance program shall demonstrate capacity  
5 to achieve the following outcomes:

6           (a) The ability to be accepted to and complete an eligible program;

7           (b) The ability to be accepted into and complete a postsecondary  
8 certificate, diploma, or degree program for credit;

9           (c) The ability to obtain full-time employment; and

10          (d) The ability to maintain full-time employment over time.

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

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

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26 Nebraska, is repealed.

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