

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB4**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 27, 2021  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Briese  
**One Liner:** Change tuition credit provisions for the Active Selected Reserve of the armed forces of the United States

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Edward Boone for Senator Tom Briese  
John Schmidt  
Desiree Hanson  
Ashley Hobbs

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill would increase from 50 percent to 75 percent the magnitude of tuition assistance benefits for Nebraska-based enlisted military reservists at state-supported universities, colleges, and community colleges. This increased benefit would apply to tuition for diploma, certificate, associate degree, and baccalaureate degree programs. The tuition benefit would remain at 50 percent for graduate or professional degree programs. The bill also provides that there is no lifetime limit on tuition credit for any qualifying member.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 21 corrects a drafting oversight and eliminates a reference to enlisted personnel to allow commissioned officers to also receive tuition assistance benefits under the bill.

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