

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB732

Hearing Date: Friday January 31, 2014
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolowski
One Liner: Change asset limitation for certain programs of public assistance

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Watermeier, Krist, Howard, Gloor, Crawford, Cook, Campbell
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Rick Kolowski Aubrey Macuso Tip O'Neill	Representing: District 31 Voices for Children Association of Independent College Administrators of Nebraska
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The purpose of LB 732 is to exempt specific sources of income designated for use in paying for higher education, from various calculations of income, assets, and available resources.

In determining eligibility for medical assistance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program, the child care subsidy program, aid to dependent children programs and cooperating programs of work incentive work experience, job training, Earned Income Disregard, Financial Assistance Disregard, and the Welfare Reform Act these exceptions shall not be included: (1) Assets in or income from an educational savings account, a Coverdell educational savings account, a qualified tuition program, or any similar savings account or plan established to save for qualified higher education expenses; (2) Income from need-based and/or merit-based scholarships or grants related to postsecondary education; and (3) Income from postsecondary education work-study programs regardless of their funding source.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment removes The Medical Assistance Act from the bill. The assets and exemptions outlined in the bill are already exempt under Medicaid as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

