

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB450**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 30, 2019  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wishart  
**One Liner:** Change tuition assistance provisions for National Guard members, spouses, and children

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Blood, Brewer, Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Hansen, M.
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Anna Wishart  
Kamryn Sannicks  
Laura Nelms  
Ryan McIntosh  
Koan Nissen

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Self  
National Guard Association of Nebraska  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

This bill would expand the tuition assistance benefits available to members of the Nebraska National Guard. It would increase the credit available at state-supported education institutions from partial tuition (75% of resident tuition) to complete credit (100% of resident tuition). The bill would also extend such benefits to include degrees obtained beyond an initial baccalaureate degree, making it possible to obtain assistance for graduate and professional degrees.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson