

AMENDMENTS TO LB306

Introduced by Murman, 38.

1        1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3        **Section 1.** Section 85-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5        85-304 (1) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges  
6 shall have the power:

7        (a) To appoint a president and such other persons as may be required  
8 for each state college;

9        (b) To fix their compensation and prescribe their duties;

10       (c) To remove all persons appointed, but the affirmative votes of  
11 four members of the board shall be necessary to remove a president or an  
12 assistant during the time for which such persons were appointed;

13       (d) Through an extension division, to provide for holding of classes  
14 at various localities throughout the state, avoiding unnecessary  
15 duplication of courses offered by other educational institutions in such  
16 localities;

17       (e) To acquire real and personal property and dispose of the same  
18 whenever any of the state colleges will be benefited thereby, but no  
19 grounds upon which any buildings of any of the state colleges are located  
20 shall be disposed of without the consent of the Legislature;

21       (f) To pay expenses for recruitment of academic, administrative,  
22 professional, and managerial personnel; ~~and~~

23       (g) To provide benefits for all present and future employees,  
24 including group life insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, and  
25 group long-term disability income insurance; and -

26       (h) To engage in any activity granted to the board pursuant to  
27 section 2 of this act.

1 (2) The board shall have the duty:

2 (a) To institute a continuing program of preventive maintenance and  
3 a program of deferred maintenance consistent with the provisions of the  
4 Deferred Building Renewal Act; and

5 (b) To consult with the Nebraska Arts Council and acquire works of  
6 art for the original construction of any public building under its  
7 supervision consistent with sections 82-317 to 82-329 and 85-304 to  
8 85-304.03.

9 **Sec. 2.** (1) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges  
10 may enter into long-term leases, lease-purchase agreements, or financing  
11 contracts with any person, firm, governmental entity, or corporation to  
12 finance or refinance student housing or student activity facilities for  
13 use by the state colleges. The board of trustees may also convey, lease,  
14 or lease back all or any part of its student housing or student activity  
15 facilities and the land on which any such facility is situated to such  
16 person, firm, governmental entity, or corporation as the board of  
17 trustees may contract with to facilitate the long-term payment of the  
18 cost of such facilities. Any such long-term lease, lease-purchase  
19 agreement, or financing contract may include payments over multiple years  
20 from any source legally available to the board of trustees exclusive of  
21 state tax funds, may include student housing or student activity  
22 facilities on property owned by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska  
23 State Colleges or on property owned by any other person, firm,  
24 governmental entity, or corporation, and shall include such other terms  
25 and provisions as may be determined necessary or appropriate by, or at  
26 the direction of, the board of trustees. Any such financing for a new  
27 student housing project shall be subject to the receipt of project  
28 approval from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Educations as  
29 required by subsection (10) of section 85-1414, as long as state tax  
30 funds are not being used for the project.

31 (2) The authority provided in this section shall be deemed to

1 provide a complete method for the measures and actions authorized in this  
2 section and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional powers  
3 conferred by other laws. The board of trustees, employing the authority  
4 set forth in this section, shall not be required to comply with the  
5 requirements of any other law applicable to entering into long-term  
6 contracts, pledging revenue, the financing and approval of facilities  
7 under the control of the board of trustees, and other related matters.

8       **Sec. 3.** Section 85-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10       85-1402 For purposes of the Coordinating Commission for  
11 Postsecondary Education Act:

12       (1)(a) Capital construction project shall mean a project which  
13 utilizes tax funds designated by the Legislature and shall be: Any  
14 proposed new capital structure; any proposed addition to, renovation of,  
15 or remodeling of a capital structure; any proposed acquisition of a  
16 capital structure by gift, purchase, lease-purchase, or other means of  
17 construction or acquisition that (i) will be directly financed in whole  
18 or in part with tax funds designated by the Legislature totaling at least  
19 the minimum capital expenditure for purposes of this subdivision or (ii)  
20 is likely, as determined by the institution, to result in an incremental  
21 increase in appropriation or expenditure of tax funds designated by the  
22 Legislature of at least the minimum capital expenditure for the  
23 facility's operations and maintenance costs in any one fiscal year within  
24 a period of ten years from the date of substantial completion or  
25 acquisition of the project. No tax funds designated by the Legislature  
26 shall be appropriated or expended for any incremental increase of more  
27 than the minimum capital expenditure for the costs of the operations and  
28 utilities of any facility which is not included in the definition of  
29 capital construction project and thus is not subject to commission  
30 approval pursuant to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary  
31 Education Act. No institution shall include a request for funding such an

1 increase in its budget request for tax funds designated by the  
2 Legislature nor shall any institution utilize any such funds for such an  
3 increase. The Governor shall not include in his or her budget  
4 recommendations, and the Legislature shall not appropriate, such funds  
5 for such increase.

6 (b) For purposes of this subdivision:

7 (i) Directly financed shall mean funded by:

8 (A) Appropriation of tax funds designated by the Legislature for the  
9 specific capital construction project;

10 (B) Property tax levies authorized pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of  
11 section 85-1517 for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2013-14 and  
12 subdivision (2)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal year 2013-14 and each  
13 fiscal year thereafter used to establish a capital improvement and bond  
14 sinking fund as provided in section 85-1515; or

15 (C) That portion of tax funds designated by the Legislature and  
16 appropriated by the Legislature for the general operation of the public  
17 institution and utilized to fund the capital project;

18 (ii) Incremental increase shall mean an increase in appropriation or  
19 expenditure of tax funds designated by the Legislature of at least the  
20 minimum capital expenditure for a facility's operations and maintenance  
21 costs, beyond any increase due to inflation, to pay for a capital  
22 structure's operations and maintenance costs that are a direct result of  
23 a capital construction project; and

24 (iii) Minimum capital expenditure shall mean:

25 (A) For purposes of subdivision (a)(i) of this subdivision, a base  
26 amount of five ~~two~~ million dollars; and

27 (B) For the facility's operations and maintenance costs pursuant to  
28 subdivision (a)(ii) of this subdivision, a base amount of two hundred  
29 ~~eighty-five~~ thousand dollars for any one fiscal year.

30 ~~Both The base amounts amount for the facility's operations and~~  
31 ~~maintenance costs~~ shall be subject to any inflationary or market

1 adjustments made by the commission pursuant to this subdivision. The  
2 commission shall adjust the base amounts ~~amount~~ on a biennial basis  
3 beginning January 1, 2026 ~~2010~~. The adjustments shall be based on  
4 percentage changes in a construction cost index and any other published  
5 index relevant to operations and utilities costs, both as selected by the  
6 commission in cooperation with the public institutions. The index or  
7 indices shall reflect inflationary or market trends for the applicable  
8 operations and maintenance or construction costs;

9 (2) Commission shall mean the Coordinating Commission for  
10 Postsecondary Education;

11 (3) Coordination shall mean:

12 (a) Authority to adopt, and revise as needed, a comprehensive  
13 statewide plan for postsecondary education which shall include (i)  
14 definitions of the role and mission of each public postsecondary  
15 educational institution within any general assignments of role and  
16 mission as may be prescribed by the Legislature and (ii) plans for  
17 facilities which utilize tax funds designated by the Legislature;

18 (b) Authority to review, monitor, and approve or disapprove each  
19 public postsecondary educational institution's programs and capital  
20 construction projects which utilize tax funds designated by the  
21 Legislature in order to provide compliance and consistency with the  
22 comprehensive plan and to prevent unnecessary duplication; and

23 (c) Authority to review and modify, if needed to promote compliance  
24 and consistency with the comprehensive statewide plan and prevent  
25 unnecessary duplication, the budget requests of the governing boards or  
26 any other governing board for any other public postsecondary educational  
27 institution which may be established by the Legislature;

28 (4) Education center shall mean an off-campus branch of a public  
29 institution or cooperative of either public or public and private  
30 postsecondary educational institutions which offers instructional  
31 programs to students;

1           (5) Governing board shall mean the Board of Regents of the  
2 University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State  
3 Colleges, or the board of governors for each community college area;

4           (6) Program shall mean any program of instruction which leads  
5 directly to a degree, diploma, or certificate and, for purposes of  
6 section 85-1414, shall include public service programs and all off-campus  
7 instructional programs, whether or not such programs lead directly to a  
8 degree, diploma, or certificate. Program shall also include the  
9 establishment of any new college, school, major division, education  
10 center, or institute but shall not include reasonable and moderate  
11 extensions of existing curricula which have a direct relationship to  
12 existing programs;

13           (7) Public institution shall mean each campus of a public  
14 postsecondary educational institution which is or may be established by  
15 the Legislature, which is under the direction of a governing board, and  
16 which is administered as a separate unit by the board; and

17           (8) Tax funds designated by the Legislature shall mean all state tax  
18 revenue and all property tax revenue.

19           **Sec. 4.** Section 85-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21           85-1412 The commission shall have the following additional powers  
22 and duties:

23           (1) Conduct surveys and studies as may be necessary to undertake the  
24 coordination function of the commission pursuant to section 85-1403 and  
25 request information from governing boards and appropriate administrators  
26 of public institutions and other governmental agencies for research  
27 projects. All public institutions and governmental agencies receiving  
28 state funds shall comply with reasonable requests for information under  
29 this subdivision. Public institutions may comply with such requests  
30 pursuant to section 85-1417;

31           (2) Recommend to the Legislature and the Governor legislation it

1 deems necessary or appropriate to improve postsecondary education in  
2 Nebraska and any other legislation it deems appropriate to change the  
3 role and mission provisions in sections 85-917 to 85-966.01. The  
4 recommendations submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted  
5 electronically;

6 (3) Establish any advisory committees as may be necessary to  
7 undertake the coordination function of the commission pursuant to section  
8 85-1403 or to solicit input from affected parties such as students,  
9 faculty, governing boards, administrators of the public institutions,  
10 administrators of the private nonprofit institutions of postsecondary  
11 education and proprietary institutions in the state, and community and  
12 business leaders regarding the coordination function of the commission;

13 (4) Participate in or designate an employee or employees to  
14 participate in any committee which may be created to prepare a  
15 coordinated plan for the delivery of educational programs and services in  
16 Nebraska through the telecommunications system;

17 (5) Seek a close liaison with the State Board of Education and the  
18 State Department of Education in recognition of the need for close  
19 coordination of activities between elementary and secondary education and  
20 postsecondary education;

21 (6) Administer the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System or  
22 other information system or systems to provide the commission with  
23 timely, comprehensive, and meaningful information pertinent to the  
24 exercise of its duties. The information system shall be designed to  
25 provide comparable data on each public institution. The commission shall  
26 also administer the uniform information system prescribed in sections  
27 85-1421 to 85-1427 known as the Nebraska Educational Data System. Public  
28 institutions shall supply the appropriate data for the information system  
29 or systems required by the commission;

30 (7) Administer (a) the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act,  
31 (b) the Community College Aid Act, (c) the Door to College Scholarship

1 Act and the Door to College Scholarship Fund, (d) the Nebraska Community  
2 College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund under  
3 the direction of the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and  
4 Occupational Education Grant Committee, (e) the Nebraska Opportunity  
5 Grant Act and the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, (f) the Postsecondary  
6 Institution Act, (g) the community college gap assistance program and the  
7 Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund, and (h) the Excellence in  
8 Teaching Act and the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund;

9 (8) Accept and administer loans, grants, and programs from the  
10 federal or state government and from other sources, public and private,  
11 for carrying out any of its functions, including the administration of  
12 privately endowed scholarship programs. Such loans and grants shall not  
13 be expended for any other purposes than those for which the loans and  
14 grants were provided. The commission shall determine eligibility for such  
15 loans, grants, and programs, and such loans and grants shall not be  
16 expended unless approved by the Governor;

17 (9) Serve as the primary coordinating entity to determine the most  
18 efficient and effective manner to transition or devolve data collection,  
19 grants, programs, and related responsibilities and functions from the  
20 United States Department of Education to the governing boards and  
21 administrators of public and private institutions of postsecondary  
22 education in the state or to the commission.

23 (10) ~~(9)~~ On or before December 1 of each even-numbered year, submit  
24 to the Legislature and the Governor a report of its objectives and  
25 activities and any new private colleges in Nebraska and the  
26 implementation of any recommendations of the commission for the preceding  
27 two calendar years. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be  
28 submitted electronically;

29 (11) ~~(10)~~ Provide staff support for interstate compacts on  
30 postsecondary education; and

31 (12) ~~(11)~~ Request inclusion of the commission in any existing grant



1 review process and information system.

2 **Sec. 5.** Section 85-3003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 85-3003 (1)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges  
5 shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum  
6 of fifteen thousand dollars per year to any eligible state college  
7 student (i) who achieved a composite score on any college admission test  
8 equivalent to a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of  
9 at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or who had a high  
10 school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and  
11 (ii) who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

12 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
13 allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career  
14 Scholarship Act between the state college campuses, determine the  
15 eligibility of students enrolled in a state college, receive and process  
16 applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds  
17 directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility  
18 criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student  
19 and enrollment in an eligible program of study.

20 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study  
21 includes the following:

22 (i) A program of study at a state college in rangeland management,  
23 industrial technology, criminal justice, business administration,  
24 education, communication, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or  
25 computer information systems; and

26 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study  
27 designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration  
28 with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, based on  
29 periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

30 (2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate  
31 campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,

1 clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to  
2 completion of the student's eligible program of study.

3 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship  
4 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and  
5 board.

6 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be  
7 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled  
8 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such  
9 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a  
10 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible  
11 program of study.

12 (5) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
13 collect information on each state college scholarship recipient and shall  
14 report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on  
15 or before December 1 of each year the following information for the  
16 eligible programs of study at a state college in the current or prior  
17 academic year:

18 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program  
19 of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of  
20 students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current  
21 academic year, based upon official fall census data;

22 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible  
23 program of study for the current academic year and the total number of  
24 such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible  
25 program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census  
26 data;

27 (c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients  
28 retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior  
29 academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the  
30 retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients  
31 and the state college's overall first to second year retention rate

1 reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the  
2 same year;

3 (d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during  
4 the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year  
5 graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the  
6 state college's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the  
7 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and

8 (e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated  
9 during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a  
10 major-related field in the state.

11 **Sec. 6.** Section 85-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
12 amended to read:

13 85-3004 (1)(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska  
14 shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship to any eligible university  
15 student who is enrolled in an eligible program of study in an amount not  
16 to exceed:

17 (i) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who  
18 is a transfer student; or

19 (ii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section:

20 (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars per year for any scholarship  
21 recipient who achieved a composite score on any college admission test  
22 equivalent to a standard college admission test ~~equivalent to a~~ score of  
23 at least twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six; or

24 (B) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who  
25 achieved a composite score on any college admission test equivalent to a  
26 standard college admission test ~~equivalent to a~~ score of at least twenty  
27 and less than twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six.

28 (b) The Board of Regents shall allocate funds appropriated to the  
29 board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the university  
30 campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the  
31 university, receive and process applications for awards to individual

1 students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during  
2 the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include (i) being a first-  
3 time freshman who achieved a composite score on any college admission  
4 test equivalent to a standard college admission test ~~equivalent to~~ a  
5 score of at least twenty out of a maximum score of thirty-six or a  
6 transfer student and (ii) enrollment in an eligible program of study.

7 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study  
8 means:

9 (i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study offered by the  
10 University of Nebraska in mathematics, engineering, health care, and  
11 computer information systems;

12 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study  
13 designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration  
14 with the Board of Regents, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs  
15 in the state; and

16 (iii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in  
17 special education.

18 (2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate  
19 campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,  
20 clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to  
21 completion of the student's eligible program of study.

22 (3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship  
23 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and  
24 board.

25 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be  
26 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled  
27 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such  
28 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a  
29 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible  
30 program of study.

31 (5) The Board of Regents shall collect information on each

1 university scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the  
2 Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each  
3 year the following information for the eligible programs of study at the  
4 university in the current or prior academic year:

5 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program  
6 of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of  
7 students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current  
8 academic year, based upon official fall census data;

9 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible  
10 program of study for the current academic year and the total number of  
11 such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible  
12 program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census  
13 data;

14 (c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients  
15 retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior  
16 academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the  
17 retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients  
18 and the university's overall first to second year retention rate reported  
19 to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year;

20 (d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during  
21 the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year  
22 graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the  
23 university's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the Integrated  
24 Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and

25 (e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated  
26 during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a  
27 major-related field in the state.

28 **Sec. 7.** Section 85-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
29 amended to read:

30 85-3006 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary  
31 Education, in collaboration with private colleges that elect to

1 participate, shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not  
2 exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars per year to any private college  
3 student who achieved a composite score on any college admission test  
4 equivalent to a standard college admission test ~~equivalent to a~~ score of  
5 at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or who had a high  
6 school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and  
7 who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

8 (b) Each participating private college, acting as an agent of the  
9 state, shall determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the  
10 private college, receive and process applications for awards to  
11 individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship  
12 recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include  
13 being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an  
14 eligible program of study.

15 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study  
16 means:

17 (i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study at a private  
18 college in mathematics, health care, and computer information systems;  
19 and

20 (ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in  
21 education or engineering and a program of study in shortage areas  
22 designated by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in  
23 consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of  
24 Labor, the Department of Economic Development, and any advisory committee  
25 established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
26 for such purpose, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the  
27 state.

28 ~~(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate~~  
29 ~~campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship,~~  
30 ~~clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to~~  
31 ~~completion of the student's eligible program of study.~~

1        ~~(2)~~ ~~(3)~~ A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship  
2 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and  
3 board.

4        ~~(3)~~ ~~(4)~~ Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be  
5 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled  
6 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such  
7 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a  
8 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible  
9 program of study.

10       ~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ Each participating private college shall collect information  
11 on each scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career  
12 Scholarship by such private college and shall share such information with  
13 the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

14       ~~(5)~~ ~~(6)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
15 shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the  
16 Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information  
17 for each eligible program of study at a private college in the current or  
18 prior academic year:

19       (a) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the  
20 immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled  
21 in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year;

22       (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of  
23 September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such  
24 scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for such  
25 academic year;

26       (c) The total number of students retained in the program and a  
27 comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and  
28 nonscholarship students;

29       ~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an~~  
30 ~~apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related~~  
31 ~~field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of~~

1 ~~participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~  
2 ~~students;~~

3 ~~(d) (e)~~ The total number of graduates for the immediately prior  
4 academic year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such  
5 academic year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship  
6 recipients and nonscholarship students; and

7 ~~(e) Using data from the Department of Labor, the (f)~~ The number of  
8 scholarship recipients obtaining employment in the state within five  
9 fiscal quarters after completion of an eligible program of study  
10 ~~graduates from the immediately prior academic year who obtained~~  
11 ~~employment in a major-related field in the state within four months after~~  
12 ~~graduation and the average starting salary for such graduates.~~

13 ~~(6) (7)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
14 shall allocate the amount appropriated to the commission to carry out  
15 this section to private colleges that elect to participate under the  
16 Nebraska Career Scholarship Act. The commission shall establish a  
17 separate budget subprogram for such allocations.

18 **Sec. 8.** Section 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 85-3202 For purposes of the Door to College Scholarship Act:

21 (1) Award means a grant of money under the act by the commission in  
22 the form of a Door to College Scholarship to an eligible student for  
23 educational expenses;

24 (2) Award year means the period beginning on July 1 through the  
25 following June 30;

26 (3) Commission means the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary  
27 Education;

28 (4) Educational expenses means student costs for tuition, mandatory  
29 fees, other education-related fees, room and board, books, and other  
30 costs related to a student's education;

31 (5) Eligible postsecondary educational institution means a public or



1 private postsecondary educational institution:

2 (a) Located in Nebraska;

3 (b) Primarily engaged in the instruction of students;

4 (c) Satisfying state statutory requirements relating to the approval  
5 and licensure of schools, colleges, and universities and maintaining  
6 accreditation by an accrediting organization recognized by the United  
7 States Department of Education;

8 (d) Offering courses of instruction in regularly scheduled classes  
9 to regularly enrolled undergraduate students who reside in Nebraska and  
10 have received a high school diploma or the equivalent; and

11 (e) Which has adopted, and has available for inspection, award  
12 refund and repayment policies;

13 (6) Eligible student means an undergraduate student who:

14 (a) Graduated from high school from an accredited education program  
15 at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center operated and utilized in  
16 compliance with state law, or graduated from an approved or accredited  
17 public, private, denominational, or parochial school or received a  
18 diploma of high school equivalency issued by the Commissioner of  
19 Education after being discharged from a youth rehabilitation and  
20 treatment center operated and utilized in compliance with state law;

21 (b) Is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary educational  
22 institution;

23 (c) Has applied for federal financial aid through the Free  
24 Application for Federal Student Aid for the applicable award year;

25 (d) Is a resident student who is domiciled in Nebraska as provided  
26 by section 85-502; and

27 (e) Complies with all other provisions of the Door to College  
28 Scholarship Act and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
29 pursuant to the act;

30 (7) Full-time status means enrollment in at least twenty-four  
31 semester credit hours, thirty-six quarter credit hours, or nine hundred

1 clock hours per award year;

2 (8) Part-time status means enrollment in at least twelve semester  
3 credit hours, eighteen quarter credit hours, or four hundred fifty clock  
4 hours per award year; and

5 (9) Undergraduate student means an individual who has not earned a  
6 first baccalaureate or professional degree and is enrolled in a  
7 postsecondary educational program which leads to, or is creditable  
8 toward, a first baccalaureate degree, associate degree, certificate,  
9 diploma, or the equivalent.

10 **Sec. 9.** Original sections 85-304, 85-1402, 85-1412, 85-3003,  
11 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are  
12 repealed.