

AMENDMENTS TO LB303

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)

Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 **Sec. 3.** 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 a standard college
8 admission test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a
9 maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had
10 a high school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale
11 and (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

1 designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration
2 with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, based on
3 periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

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

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

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

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

23 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program
24 of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of
25 students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current
26 academic year, based upon official fall census data;

27 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible
28 program of study for the current academic year and the total number of
29 such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible
30 program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census
31 data;

1 (c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients
2 retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior
3 academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the
4 retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients
5 and the state college's overall first to second year retention rate
6 reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the
7 same year;

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

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

16 **Sec. 4.** Section 85-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 85-3004 (1)(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
19 shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship to any eligible university
20 student who is enrolled in an eligible program of study in an amount not
21 to exceed:

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

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

25 (A) Twenty-five thousand dollars per year for any scholarship
26 recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission
27 test equivalent to a score of at least twenty-eight out of a maximum
28 score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®; or

29 (B) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who
30 achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test
31 equivalent to a score of at least twenty and less than twenty-eight out

1 of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®.

2 (b) The Board of Regents shall allocate funds appropriated to the
3 board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the university
4 campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the
5 university, receive and process applications for awards to individual
6 students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during
7 the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include (i) being a first-
8 time freshman who achieved a composite score on a standard college
9 admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty out of a maximum
10 score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or a transfer
11 student and (ii) enrollment in an eligible program of study.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study
13 means:

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

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

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

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

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

30 (4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be
31 automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled

1 in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such
2 scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a
3 scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible
4 program of study.

5 (5) The Board of Regents shall collect information on each
6 university scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the
7 Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each
8 year the following information for the eligible programs of study at the
9 university in the current or prior academic year:

10 (a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program
11 of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of
12 students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current
13 academic year, based upon official fall census data;

14 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible
15 program of study for the current academic year and the total number of
16 such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible
17 program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census
18 data;

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

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

30 (e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated
31 during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a

1 major-related field in the state.

2 **Sec. 5.** Section 85-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 85-3006 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
5 Education, in collaboration with private colleges that elect to
6 participate, shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not
7 exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars per year to any private college
8 student who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission
9 test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of
10 thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had a high school
11 grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and who is
12 enrolled in an eligible program of study.

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

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

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

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

1 state.

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

6 (2) ~~(3)~~ A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship
7 recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and
8 board.

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

15 (4) ~~(5)~~ Each participating private college shall collect information
16 on each scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career
17 Scholarship by such private college and shall share such information with
18 the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

19 (5) ~~(6)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
20 shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the
21 Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information
22 for each eligible program of study at a private college in the current or
23 prior academic year:

24 (a) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the
25 immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled
26 in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year;

27 (b) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of
28 September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such
29 scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for such
30 academic year;

31 (c) The total number of students retained in the program and a

1 comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and
2 nonscholarship students;

3 ~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an~~
4 ~~apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related~~
5 ~~field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of~~
6 ~~participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship~~
7 ~~students;~~

8 ~~(d)~~ (e) The total number of graduates for the immediately prior
9 academic year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such
10 academic year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship
11 recipients and nonscholarship students; and

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

18 ~~(6)~~ (7) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
19 shall allocate the amount appropriated to the commission to carry out
20 this section to private colleges that elect to participate under the
21 Nebraska Career Scholarship Act. The commission shall establish a
22 separate budget subprogram for such allocations.

23 **Sec. 6. (1) For purposes of this section:**

24 (a) Contract means any agreement between a covered institution and a
25 foreign adversarial source for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or
26 barter of property or services, for the direct benefit or use of either
27 of the parties;

28 (b) Covered institution means any public or private two-year or
29 four-year college or university having a campus or place of business in
30 Nebraska;

31 (c) Foreign adversarial source means:

1 (i) A foreign adversary government, including an agency of a foreign
2 adversary government;

3 (ii) A legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under
4 laws of a foreign adversary government;

5 (iii) An individual who is a citizen or a national of a foreign
6 adversary government; and

7 (iv) An agent of any entity or individual described in subdivision
8 (1)(c)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, including a subsidiary or
9 affiliate of a foreign adversary legal entity acting on behalf of any
10 such entity or individual;

11 (d) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined
12 pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1,
13 2025; and

14 (e) Reportable funding means revenue or the fair-market value of
15 anything received as the result of any contract, gift, grant, endowment,
16 award, scholarship, or donation, including a conditional or unconditional
17 pledge of a contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or
18 donation from a foreign adversarial source.

19 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection,
20 each covered institution shall provide a report biannually to the
21 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in a manner
22 prescribed by the commission, detailing all reportable funding received
23 by the covered institution. Unless the information is exempt or
24 prohibited from disclosure or deemed confidential under federal or state
25 law, the report shall include the following information:

26 (i) The amount of the reportable funding and the date that such
27 funding was received;

28 (ii) A description of the type of reportable funding and the purpose
29 for such funding, including whether the reportable funding is part of an
30 ongoing relationship with the foreign adversarial source;

31 (iii) A detailed description of the foreign adversarial source

1 providing the reportable funding, including the name of the foreign
2 adversarial source and, if not a foreign government, the country of
3 citizenship, if known, and the country of principal residence or domicile
4 of the foreign adversarial source; and

5 (iv) A copy of any contract, agreement, pledge, or memorandum of
6 understanding associated with the funding.

7 (b) This section shall not require reporting of payments made to a
8 covered institution by a natural person who would otherwise qualify as a
9 foreign adversarial source for tuition or related fees to support an
10 individual enrolled or planning to attend a covered institution.

11 (c) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall
12 post the report on its public website.

13 **Sec. 7.** Section 6 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
14 Sections 3, 4, 5, and 8 of this act become operative three calendar
15 months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other
16 sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

17 **Sec. 8.** Original sections 85-3003, 85-3004, and 85-3006, Reissue
18 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

19 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.