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FINAL READING

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education
- 2 Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 85-2303 For purposes of the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education
4 Act:

5 (1) Associate degree program means a degree program at a community
6 college, state college, or state university which typically requires
7 completion of an organized program of study of at least sixty semester
8 credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown to accomplish the same
9 goal. Associate degree program does not include a baccalaureate degree
10 program;

11 (2) Baccalaureate degree program means a degree program at a
12 community college, state college, or state university which typically
13 requires completion of an organized program of study of at least one
14 hundred twenty semester credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown
15 to accomplish the same goal;

16 (3) Child means a resident or nonresident of Nebraska who is the
17 child by birth or adoption or the stepchild of a Nebraska law enforcement
18 officer killed in the line of duty or a Nebraska firefighter killed in
19 the line of duty;

20 (4) Community college means a public postsecondary educational
21 institution which is part of the community college system and includes
22 all branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of
23 Nebraska;

24 (5) Education benefit means the In the Line of Duty Dependent
25 Education Benefit established under section 85-2304;

26 (6) Fatal injury means an event occurring in the line of duty which
27 is a proximate cause of the death of a law enforcement officer or
28 firefighter;

29 (7) Firefighter means a member of a paid or volunteer fire
30 department in Nebraska, including a member of a rescue squad associated
31 with a paid or volunteer fire department in Nebraska, and a member of an

1 emergency medical services ambulance squad;

2 (8) Law enforcement officer means any person who is responsible for
3 the prevention or detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal,
4 traffic, or highway laws of the State of Nebraska or any political
5 subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours per year and who
6 is authorized by law to make arrests;

7 (9) Line of duty means any action that a Nebraska law enforcement
8 officer or firefighter is authorized or obligated by law, rule, or
9 regulation to perform, related to or as a condition of employment or
10 service;

11 (10) State college means a public postsecondary educational
12 institution which is part of the Nebraska state college system and
13 includes all branches and campuses of such institution located within the
14 State of Nebraska;

15 (11) State university means a public postsecondary educational
16 institution which is part of the University of Nebraska and includes all
17 branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of
18 Nebraska;

19 (12) Tuition and fees means the charges and cost of tuition and fees
20 as set by the governing body of a state university, state college, or
21 community college; and

22 (13) Volunteer fire department means a volunteer department as
23 defined in section 35-1303 located in Nebraska which provides fire
24 protection services within Nebraska.

25 **Sec. 2.** Original section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of
26 Nebraska, is repealed.