



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 393**

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**Hearing Date:** March 12, 2007  
**Committee On:** Education

**Introducer(s):** (Mines)  
**Title:** Redefine award and eligible student for purposes of the Nebraska Scholarship Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - X Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

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| 7 | Yes                 | Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes |
|   | No                  |  |
|   | Present, not voting |  |
| 1 | Absent              | Senator Ashford  |

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Mick Mines  
Thomas O’Neill, Jr.  
  
James Cavanaugh

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska  
Creighton University

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**  
Marshall Hill

**Representing:**  
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

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

Legislative Bill 393 would amend the Nebraska Scholarship Act.

Section 85-1903 would be amended by increasing the maximum award from 25% to 50% of the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time, resident, undergraduate student for the last completed award year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For award years prior to 2007-08, the maximum award was at the 50% level. For award years beginning with 2007-08, the current provisions reduce the maximum award to the 25% level.

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Section 85-1907 would be amended by expanding scholarship eligibility to include students who are eligible to receive a federally subsidized loan from the Federal Family Education Loan Program or the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program in addition to students eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant who are currently eligible for the scholarship program. The Nebraska residency criteria is replaced with a requirement to provide evidence of intent to stay in Nebraska.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson**