

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB211

Hearing Date: Monday January 28, 2013
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Adams
One Liner: Change and eliminate provisions relating to statewide coordination of community college boards

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Cook, Davis, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:	1	Senator Haar
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Avery

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Greg Adams	Introducer
Dennis Baack	Nebraska Community College Association

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 211 would amend section 85-1502 to remove language pertaining to coordination of the community colleges through an association of all of the boards. Membership in such an association became voluntary on July 1, 2011. The bill would state legislative intent that coordination of the community colleges by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education not be conducted through a board or association representing all the community colleges and that membership in any boards or associations of community colleges be voluntary. Specific coordinating duties of the association would be stricken, as would the requirement that the association abide by the Open Meetings Act. Language would be added to provide community colleges boards with authority to expend funds to belong to boards or associations of community colleges on a voluntary basis.

The bill would also amend section 85-1539 to designate the representative of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education as the chair of the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes several changes regarding the administration of the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund. The amendment revises language in sections 85-1539, 85-1540, and 85-2234 to better facilitate the flow of funds to the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund. The amendment also moves language regarding the uses of, and application for, aid or grants from the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund from section 85-1540 to section 85-1539. The amendment assigns administration of the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary

Education. The amendment also transfers the duty to distribute amounts certified for purposes of the Community College Aid Act and the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund from the Department of Administrative Services to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The amendment adds language to enable the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund to receive nonfederal grants and gifts, as well as any investment income earned on the fund. The amendment adds an emergency clause and an operative date of July 1, 2013.

The committee amendment makes no changes to the components of the original bill.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson