

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB466

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 05, 2013
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Redefine a term under the Postsecondary Institution Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery
Marshall Hill
Tip O'Neill

Representing:

Introducer
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of
Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 466 would amend the Postsecondary Institution Act by clarifying the authorizations to operate on a continuing basis continue indefinitely. The Postsecondary Institution Act provides for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to authorize postsecondary institutions to operate in Nebraska.

Section 85-2403 would be amended by clarifying the definition of "authorization to operate on a continuing basis" by stating that once such authorization has been issued it continues indefinitely unless otherwise suspended, revoked, or terminated by the Commission. It would also be stated that such authorizations include those previously deemed to be effective as of May 5, 2011 for private and out-of-state public postsecondary institutions that had been continuously offering four-year undergraduate programs with a physical presence in the state for at least 20 academic years and for Nebraska public postsecondary institutions.

Authorizations to operate on a continuing basis may be given by the Commission to private and out-of-state public postsecondary institutions that have been continuously offering four-year undergraduate programs with a physical presence in the state for at least 20 academic years and Nebraska public postsecondary institutions. Institutions meeting the criteria at the time were deemed to have an authorization to operate on a continuing basis as of May 5, 2011. A recurrent authorization to operate allows a postsecondary institution to operate in Nebraska if the institution has not yet qualified for an authorization to operate on a continuing basis.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson