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ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332**

Introduced by Harms, 48.

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program  
2 Act; to amend section 85-2105, Revised Statutes  
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change requirements  
4 relating to application submission; to harmonize  
5 provisions; and to repeal the original section.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 85-2105, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3                   85-2105 (1) An applicant for the Access College Early  
4 Scholarship Program shall complete an application form developed and  
5 provided by the commission and shall ~~forward~~submit the form to his  
6 or her guidance counselor or other official designated by the school.  
7 Such application shall include, but not be limited to, the  
8 applicant's high school, social security number, date of birth, grade  
9 point average, grade level, qualified postsecondary educational  
10 institution, and information necessary to determine the student's  
11 eligibility. The guidance counselor or other official designated by  
12 the school shall verify the student's eligibility under the Access  
13 College Early Scholarship Program Act and shall forward the  
14 application to the commission for review within fifteen days  
15 following receipt of the form from the student. Notification of  
16 tuition and mandatory fees to be accrued by the student shall be  
17 provided to the commission by the student, high school, or qualified  
18 postsecondary educational institution as determined by the  
19 commission.

20                   (2) The commission shall review the application and  
21 verify the student's eligibility under the act. The commission shall  
22 notify the student and the student's guidance counselor or other  
23 official designated by the school of the verification of eligibility  
24 and the estimated award amount in writing within thirty days  
25 following receipt of the form from the student's guidance counselor

1 or other official designated by the school. The scholarship award  
2 shall equal the lesser of tuition and mandatory fees accrued by the  
3 student after any discounts applicable to such student from the  
4 qualified postsecondary educational institution or the tuition and  
5 mandatory fees that would have been accrued by the student for the  
6 same number of credit hours if the student were taking the course as  
7 a full-time, resident, undergraduate student from the University of  
8 Nebraska-Lincoln. The commission shall forward such amount directly  
9 to the qualified postsecondary educational institution as payment of  
10 such student's tuition and mandatory fees.

11 (3) The commission shall make such payments in the order  
12 the applications are received, except that the commission may limit  
13 the number of scholarships awarded in each term.

14 (4) The commission may limit the number of scholarships a  
15 student may receive.

16 (5) For any student receiving a scholarship pursuant to  
17 the act for tuition and mandatory fees, the qualified postsecondary  
18 educational institution receiving the payment shall report either the  
19 student's grade for the course or the student's failure to complete  
20 the course to the commission within thirty days after the end of the  
21 course or within one hundred eighty days after receipt of a payment  
22 pursuant to the act if the course for which the scholarship was  
23 awarded does not have a specified ending date. The commission shall  
24 keep the identity of students receiving scholarships confidential,  
25 except as necessary to comply with the requirements of the act.

1                   Sec. 2. Original section 85-2105, Revised Statutes  
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.