

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues relating to student financial aid programs. The study will focus on the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program, the Access College Early Scholarship Program, and institutional tuition waiver and tuition remission programs administered by the public colleges and universities in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) How state-sponsored and public institution-sponsored financial aid programs assist the state in meeting the Nebraska P-16 goals;

(2) Whether students in all sectors of higher education should be eligible for need-based aid from the primary state need-based aid program;

(3) Whether students who are not residents of Nebraska who attend public sector institutions in the state are paying a fair share of the Nebraska taxpayer subsidized costs of their education; and

(4) Whether the amount of state dollars for need-based aid should be increased as a percentage of state dollars appropriated for support of higher education in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.