

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB410

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 03, 2015
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Change eligibility provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

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| Aye: | 6 | Senators Baker, Groene, Kolowski, Morfeld, Schnoor, Sullivan |
| Nay: | | |
| Absent: | | |
| Present Not Voting: | 2 | Senators Krist, Pansing Brooks |

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Sullivan
Mike Baumgartner
Randy Nelson
John Neal
Andrew Long
Ron Sedlacek
Randy Schmailzl

Representing:

Introducer
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Southeast Community College
Lincoln Public Schools
Mid-Plains Community College
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
Metropolitan Community College

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jodi Kupper

Representing:

Nebraska State College System

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 410 is a bill that would expand eligibility for the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act, which program provides scholarship dollars to students for the purpose of covering tuition and fees for a course that is part of a career plan of study. LB 410 would provide up to two hundred and fifty dollars per semester or \$500 a year in scholarship dollars, provided that the student's family has an annual income level at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.

Career plan of study means at least three high school courses that:

- a) Can include dual-credit or college credit courses,
- b) Are part of a career pathway program of study aligned with
 - The rules and regulations of the State Department of Education,
 - A professional certification requirement, or
 - A requirement for a postsecondary certification or diploma, and
- c) Have at least one local member of business or industry partnering with the program.

Provisions/portions of LB410 were amended into LB525 by AM1306

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson