

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB766

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2016
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Garrett
One Liner: Change eligibility provisions for waiver of tuition and fees for veterans' dependents as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy, Murante

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tommy Garrett
Gregory Holloway

Representing:

Introducer
Disabled American Veterans

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 766 amends section 80-411 by extending the waiver of tuition and fees at the University of Nebraska, state colleges, or community colleges currently granted to some children and spouses of certain deceased or disabled veterans to all children and spouses of applicable veterans.

Currently, a child or spouse of a veteran is only eligible for the waiver if:

(1) He or she is the child (as defined by the act) or spouse of a veteran that dies of a service-connected disability before or after discharge, is permanently and totally disable as a result of military service, or is classified as missing in action or a prisoner of war during armed hostilities; and

(2) He or she is under the age of twenty-six, or is within the first five years of discharge from military service, if military service commenced between his or her 18th and 26th birthdays.

LB 766 repeals the second requirement, making all children or spouses of applicable veterans eligible for the waiver regardless of age.
