

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB401**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: March 03, 2015**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 401 would create the College Tuition Equalization Grant Program Act. This bill would create a program that would provide financial aid for resident students attending Nebraska private non-profit colleges and universities. Nebraska has not provided significant resources for students who wish to attend these colleges, and as a result students often attend an out-of-state college or a public college in Nebraska where the student may not have as positive an educational outcome.

LB 401 would take advantage of the fine Nebraska private non-profit college and university sector by giving students a real choice of where to continue their college educations. It also makes sense to utilize the capacity of an existing infrastructure rather than building new capacity in the public sector, so it benefits the taxpaying public. Ultimately, it is all about where particular students have their best chance for educational success.

The bill would become operative on July 1, 2015.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mark Kolterman**