

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB917

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 06, 2018
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Bolz
One Liner: Change eligibility relating to the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Erdman, Ebke, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Pansing
Brooks, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Bolz
Mike Baumgartner
Greg Adams
Larry Scherer
Eric Savaiano

Representing:

Introducer
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Nebraska Community College Association
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska Appleseed

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-2002 which contains the definitions for the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act. Eligible programs are expanded to include non-credit programs of not less than 16 contract hours in length and credit programs consisting of less than 16 contract hours or 24 quarter hours offered during not less than 15 weeks of instruction.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment clarifies that the Gap funds remain the funds of last resort by not creating any overlap with federal Pell Grant eligibility by stating that a program is gap fund eligible if it is of insufficient length to be Pell Grant eligible.

Mike Groene, Chairperson