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LEGISLATIVE BILL 917

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community College Gap Assistance
- 2 Program Act; to amend section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to eligibility; to
- 4 redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
- 5 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2016, is amended to read:

3 85-2002 For purposes of the Community College Gap Assistance Program
4 Act:

5 (1) Committee means the Nebraska Community College Student
6 Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee;

7 (2) Community college gap assistance program means the program
8 created pursuant to section 85-2003;

9 (3) Eligible program means a program offered by a community college
10 that (a) either (i) is not offered for credit and has a duration of not
11 less than sixteen contact hours in length or (ii) is offered for credit
12 but consists of fewer than sixteen semester hours or twenty-four quarter
13 hours of instruction offered during not less than fifteen weeks of
14 instruction and (b) ~~but~~ is aligned with training programs with stackable
15 credentials that lead to a program awarding college credit, an
16 associate's degree, a diploma, or a certificate in an in-demand
17 occupation, ~~has a duration of not less than sixteen contact hours in~~
18 length, and does any of the following:

19 (i) ~~(a)~~ Offers a state, national, or locally recognized certificate;

20 (ii) ~~(b)~~ Offers preparation for a professional examination or
21 licensure;

22 (iii) ~~(c)~~ Provides endorsement for an existing credential or
23 license;

24 (iv) ~~(d)~~ Represents recognized skill standards defined by an
25 industrial sector; or

26 (v) ~~(e)~~ Offers a similar credential or training; and

27 (4) In-demand occupation means:

28 (a) Financial services;

29 (b) Transportation, warehousing, and distribution logistics;

30 (c) Precision metals manufacturing;

31 (d) Biosciences;

- 1 (e) Renewable energy;
- 2 (f) Agriculture and food processing;
- 3 (g) Business management and administrative services;
- 4 (h) Software and computer services;
- 5 (i) Research, development, and engineering services;
- 6 (j) Health services;
- 7 (k) Hospitality and tourism; and
- 8 (l) Any other industry designated as an in-demand occupation by the
- 9 committee.

10 Sec. 2. Original section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative
11 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.