

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB486**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 04, 2019  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Lowe  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brewer, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Murman,  
Pansing Brooks, Walz

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Lowe  
Lori Skarka  
John Hilgert  
Paul Turman  
Mary Hawkins

**Representing:**

Introducer  
University of Nebraska  
Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs  
Nebraska State College System  
Bellevue University

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative bill 486 creates a new section of statute to be known as the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act. It directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a process for a postsecondary institution to obtain a three-year renewable designation as Veteran and Active Duty Supportive if they meet at least five of these criterion:

1. Have personnel specifically trained and assigned to work with military and veteran students
  2. Have a student organization that is dedicated to helping veterans, active duty military, and their families
  3. Give college credit for certain types of military training
  4. Have a military leave-of-absence policy
  5. Have counseling and advising services for military students and veteran students
  6. Have an accredited Reserve Officer Training Corps program
  7. Have clearly identifiable on its web site a listing of services provided to military students and veteran affairs
  8. Specifically recognize military students and veteran students during graduation or in other ways which are intended to demonstrate the institution's respect for such students' service.
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Mike Groene, Chairperson