

# One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB1168

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2020**

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

LB 1168 correlates with LB 920 to change how lottery funds for education are distributed. The goal of LB 1168 is to increase availability of and enrollment in career and technical education and dual credit programs by:

- a. allocating funds to the Nebraska Department of Education in order to pay for a web-based career planning tool. This tool is currently available to all Nebraskans. The federal funding that previously supporting this tool is no longer available.
- b. creating the Access College Early Scholarship Cash Fund to direct funding to the Access College Education Scholarship program administered by the Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education. This funding will be in addition to the current general fund appropriation.
- c. creating the College Credit Testing Fee Cash fund and establishing the College Credit Testing Fee Reduction Program. This program will enable districts to waive the testing fee for low income students taking courses and testing for college credit. The program will be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education. The promulgation of rules and regulation is required, as well as an annual report to the Legislature.
- d. creating the Career-Readiness and Dual Credit Education Grant Program and related cash fund. This program will be administered by the Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education. Working with the Nebraska Department of Education, the Department of Labor and K-12 and post secondary educational entities, the Commission will encourage colleges and universities to create educational pathways for teachers to gain the added educational coursework required to teach career and technical education courses and dual credit courses. The grant program will provide scholarships to teachers taking the additionally required courses. The Commission will establish a directory of available teacher education pathways and provide an annual report to the Legislature.

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