

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 173**

Introduced by Prokop, 27; Dover, 19; Quick, 35.

Read first time January 13, 2025

Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding
- 2 aid to community colleges; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated (1) \$13,062,234 from the  
2 General Fund for FY2025-26 and (2) \$14,062,234 from the General Fund for  
3 FY2026-27 as aid to community colleges, for Agency 83, Program 151, to  
4 provide state aid to community colleges for dual enrollment.

5           There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
6 \$13,062,234 General Funds and for FY2026-27 \$14,062,234 General Funds for  
7 state aid for dual enrollment, which shall only be used for such purpose.

8           The funds appropriated in this section for dual enrollment shall be  
9 distributed to community college areas in direct proportion to the full-  
10 time equivalent enrollment in dual-credit courses delivered by the  
11 respective community college areas based upon dual-enrollment credit hour  
12 data reported to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
13 by the respective community college areas for the year in which those  
14 enrollments occurred.

15           For purposes of this section, dual-enrollment course means a course  
16 delivered to a student for which credit may be applied toward high school  
17 graduation requirements or will be reported on the student's high school  
18 transcript and for which credit may be applied toward graduation at a  
19 postsecondary educational institution. It is the intent of the  
20 Legislature that amounts distributed to each community college area in  
21 proportion to enrollment in dual-enrollment courses be applied to support  
22 discounting of tuition assessed for enrollment in such courses.

23           **Sec. 2.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
24 passed and approved according to law.