

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB509

Chairperson: Senator R. Brad von Gillern

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing:

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

LB 509 would create the Opportunity Scholarships Act. Under the Act, individual and corporate taxpayers would qualify for a non-refundable tax credit equal to the amount the taxpayer contributed to a scholarship-granting organization. No taxpayer may receive tax credits in an amount exceeding 50% of their state income tax liability.

Each nonprofit, scholarship-granting organization certified by the Nebraska Department of Revenue shall provide education scholarships to assist eligible students to attend a qualified, nonprofit, private elementary or secondary school.

LB 509 creates a tiered system of priority consisting of four tiers for consideration in disbursement of scholarships with tier 1 receiving top priority.

The credits are available for tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2025, and are initially capped annually at \$25 million dollars. Credits are awarded in the order in which they are received.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Sorrentino