

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180

Approved by the Governor May 01, 2019

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act; to amend section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to change provisions relating to eligibility; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

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

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

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

(3) Eligible program means a program offered by a community college that (a) either (i) is not offered for credit and has a duration of not less than sixteen contact hours in length or (ii) is offered for credit but is of insufficient clock, semester, or quarter hours to be eligible for Federal Pell Grants, (b) but is aligned with training programs with stackable credentials that lead to a program awarding college credit, an associate's degree, a diploma, or a certificate in an in-demand occupation, has a duration of not less than sixteen contact hours in length, and (c) does any of the following:

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

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

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

(iv) (d) Represents recognized skill standards defined by an industrial

sector; or

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

(4) In-demand occupation means:

(a) Financial services;

(b) Transportation, warehousing, and distribution logistics;

(c) Precision metals manufacturing;

(d) Biosciences;

(e) Renewable energy;

(f) Agriculture and food processing;

(g) Business management and administrative services;

(h) Software and computer services;

(i) Research, development, and engineering services;

(j) Health services;

(k) Hospitality and tourism; and

(l) Any other industry designated as an in-demand occupation by the committee.

Sec. 2. Original section 85-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is repealed.