

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764

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Introduced by Chambers, 11

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to prohibit certain actions with respect to athletic grants-in-aid; and to provide an insurance program as prescribed.

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

Section 1. No public postsecondary educational institution in the State of Nebraska shall, prior to graduation, reduce, cancel, or refuse to renew an athletic grant-in-aid to a student during his or her period of eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics solely because of an injury which prevents the student from participating in athletics.

Sec. 2. The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall establish an insurance program which provides coverage to student-athletes for personal injuries or accidental death while participating in University-organized play or practice in an intercollegiate athletic event. Such insurance program shall include, but not be limited to, the following coverages:

(1) All reasonable and necessary hospital, medical, and surgical services for a period of six years after the date of injury up to a maximum amount of one million dollars;

(2) For any total disability lasting longer than one year from the date of injury and which prevents further participation by the student in intercollegiate athletics, a minimum annuity of two thousand dollars per month to be paid to the disabled person beginning one year after the date of injury and continuing thereafter during the period of total disability, but not beyond six years from the date of injury;

(3) For any permanent and total disability, a minimum annuity of three thousand dollars per month to be paid to the disabled person beginning six years after the date of injury and continuing thereafter during the period of total disability;

(4) For any permanent partial disability when there is at least a seventy per cent loss of use of a limb and when the student is unable to further participate in intercollegiate athletics, the plan shall provide for payment of a lump-sum benefit in the minimum amount of ten thousand dollars one year after the date of injury; and

(5) For accidental death or dismemberment while

participating in University-organized play or practice in an intercollegiate athletic event, the plan shall provide for payment of a lump-sum benefit in the minimum amount of one hundred thousand dollars.

Such insurance program may include self-insurance by the University of Nebraska of any risk or deductible amount specified by the Board of Regents, and, with respect to hospital, medical, and surgical services, may be coordinated with any other valid and collectable insurance coverage a student voluntarily obtains outside of the University's insurance program so that accident and health coverage is provided by the University of Nebraska without duplication of the student's outside insurance coverage.