

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 547**

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to provide for a study of

2 state aid to community colleges.

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

1           Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to  
2 conduct a study to develop a formula for allocating state aid to  
3 community colleges, to be effective beginning with the 2013-15  
4 biennium, which rewards the education of students and is not based on  
5 the equalization of tax levies across the community college areas.  
6 The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

7           (a) The actual and necessary administrative costs  
8 associated with each community college;

9           (b) The legitimate needs of each community college;

10          (c) Changes in the costs of providing programs;

11          (d) Recalculation of the reimbursable educational units  
12 assigned to programs;

13          (e) The purposes and goals of state aid to community  
14 colleges;

15          (f) Evaluation of the efficiencies that can be found in  
16 other publicly funded systems of postsecondary education throughout  
17 the nation;

18          (g) The potential efficiencies of consolidation of  
19 community college areas;

20          (h) The efficiencies and deficiencies of local control  
21 and state control of community colleges; and

22          (i) The most cost-effective methods to Nebraska taxpayers  
23 of delivering quality education to community college students.

24          (2) The Education Committee of the Legislature and the  
25 boards of governors of each of the community college areas shall

- 1 participate in good faith and cooperate with the entity that conducts
- 2 the study.