ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB766

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 22, 2014

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Bloomfield

One Liner: Change tuition assistance program provisions for National Guard members

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Garrett, Karpisek, Murante, Scheer,

Wallman

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Lautenbaugh

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Dave Bloomfield Introducer

Major General Daryl Bohac Nebraska Military Department

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 766 makes changes to the tuition assistance program for National Guard members.

Under current law, the Adjutant General may extend the entitlement period for a National Guard member if the member is deployed on federal or state active-duty status. LB 766 clarifies that during the extended entitlement period, the member will be subject to all remaining conditions and limitations of the tuition assistance program.

The bill also clarifies that the tuition assistance program is not available to any member who has a baccalaureate degree and any member who has not exhausted federal tuition assistance benefits available to him or her.

Bill Avery, Chairperson