

AMENDMENTS TO LB669

Introduced by Education.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be known and may be  
4 cited as the Veteran Promise Act.

5           Sec. 2. For purposes of the Veteran Promise Act:

6           (1) Eligible military student means a student who:

7           (a) Graduated from a Nebraska high school on or after January 1,  
8 2022;

9           (b) Signed enlistment papers to serve in a uniformed service; and

10           (c)(i) At the time of application is serving in such uniformed  
11 service under a six-year obligation; or

12           (ii) Has served at least two years of active duty in such uniformed  
13 service and at the time of application is serving in such uniformed  
14 service or another uniformed service;

15           (2) Eligible veteran student means a student who:

16           (a)(i) Graduated from a Nebraska high school on or after January 1,  
17 2022; or

18           (ii) Graduated from a high school in another state on or after  
19 January 1, 2022, and served in a uniformed service while assigned to a  
20 location in this state;

21           (b) Signed enlistment papers to serve in a uniformed service; and

22           (c) Received either an honorable discharge or a general discharge  
23 under honorable conditions from a uniformed service; and

24           (3) Uniformed service means an active or reserve component of:

25           (a) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant  
26 Marine, or Space Force of the United States;

27           (b) The Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and

1 Atmospheric Administration or of the Public Health Service of the United  
2 States; or

3 (c) The Nebraska National Guard.

4 Sec. 3. (1) Each public postsecondary institution in this state  
5 shall, upon application, automatically accept any eligible military  
6 student or eligible veteran student who otherwise meets the admissions  
7 requirements for such postsecondary institution to enroll as an  
8 undergraduate student in virtual and in-person courses and programs.

9 (2) Except with regard to the acceptance of eligible military  
10 students and eligible veteran students as provided in subsection (1) of  
11 this section, nothing in the Veteran Promise Act shall be construed to  
12 change any policy or practice of any public postsecondary institution in  
13 this state, including any additional criteria or prioritization for  
14 capped enrollment academic programs.

15 Sec. 4. Each public postsecondary institution in this state shall  
16 make information about the Veteran Promise Act available on its official  
17 web site and electronically submit an annual report to the Clerk of the  
18 Legislature on or before December 31, 2022, and on or before December 31  
19 of each year thereafter. Such annual report shall detail the number of  
20 applicants under the act, the number of eligible military students and  
21 the number of eligible veteran students who are enrolled under the act,  
22 the amount of any application fees waived for applicants under the act,  
23 and any additional support, service, or assistance that is provided to  
24 participating eligible military students and eligible veteran students  
25 under the act.

26 Sec. 5. The Veteran Promise Act shall be construed in a manner  
27 consistent with federal law, including, but not limited to, the United  
28 States Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program and with any  
29 Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding entered into  
30 by a public postsecondary institution and the United States Department of  
31 Defense.

1           Sec. 6. Section 85-502.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2020, is amended to read:

3           85-502.01 (1) A person who enrolls in a public college or university  
4 in this state and who is (a) a veteran as defined in Title 38 of the  
5 United States Code and was discharged or released from a period of not  
6 fewer than ninety days of service in the active military, naval, or air  
7 ~~service less than three years before the date of initial enrollment,~~ (b)  
8 a spouse or dependent of such a veteran, (c) an eligible recipient  
9 entitled to educational assistance as provided in 38 U.S.C. 3319 while  
10 the transferor is on active duty in the uniformed services or as provided  
11 in 38 U.S.C. 3311(b)(9), as such sections existed on January 1, 2019, or  
12 (d) entitled to rehabilitation pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3102(a), as such  
13 section existed on January 1, 2019, shall be considered a resident  
14 student notwithstanding the provisions of section 85-502 if the person is  
15 registered to vote in Nebraska and demonstrates objective evidence of  
16 intent to be a resident of Nebraska, except that a person who is under  
17 eighteen years of age is not required to register to vote in Nebraska.

18           (2) For purposes of this section, objective evidence of intent to be  
19 a resident of Nebraska includes a Nebraska driver's license, a Nebraska  
20 state identification card, a Nebraska motor vehicle registration, or  
21 documentation that the individual is registered to vote in Nebraska.

22           Sec. 7. Original section 85-502.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
23 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.