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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Federal and State Affairs

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edward F. Reilly, Jr. at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 3, 1986 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~ Senator Martin was excused.

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Russ Mills, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Sharon Efirid, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Committee discussed possible amendments to SB 562 - free tuition for dependents of slain or disabled law enforcement officers. Copies of the balloon of the bill showing amendments which clarified the definition of "dependent" and added correctional officer, parole officer, firefighter and court services officer to the bill were distributed, with changes suggested when the bill was originally heard. (Attachment #1) Additional information was distributed to include a copy of the New Jersey statute creating a similar fund (Attachment #2), the fiscal note prepared by the Budget Division (Attachment #3), and a letter to the Committee from the Associated Students of Kansas Director of Legislative Affairs, John L. Allen, concerning SB 562 (Attachment #4).

The Committee requested that Marshall Crowther, Executive Secretary, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, be asked to make a presentation as to how KPERS would establish and administer a college tuition program.

Senator Morris moved that the minutes of February 26th, 27th, and 28th be approved. Seconded by Senator Anderson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

SENATE BILL No. 562

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

0017 AN ACT concerning certain educational benefits for certain
0018 dependents of deceased or disabled law enforcement officers.

0019 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0020 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

0021 (1) "Dependent" means ~~any child, by birth or adoption.~~

0022 (2) "Disability" means inability to engage in any substantial
0023 gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physi-
0024 cal or mental impairment which can be expected to result in
0025 death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration. An
0026 individual shall not be considered to be under a disability unless
0027 the individual furnishes such proof of its existence as required
0028 by rules and regulations of the state board of regents.

0029 (3) "Law enforcement officer" has the meaning provided by
0030 K.S.A. 74-5602 and amendments thereto.

0031 (b) The state board of regents shall provide for enrollment at
0032 any institution under the control of the board without charge of
0033 tuition or fees for any dependent of a law enforcement officer
0034 who, as the result of an injury sustained while performing duties
0035 as a law enforcement officer, has died or is under a disability, but
0036 not to exceed eight semesters of instruction.

0037 (c) A person is not entitled to enrollment without charge of
0038 tuition or fees if-

0039 ~~(1) The person is more than 21 years of age at the time of~~
0040 ~~commencement of the first semester for which enrollment with-~~
0041 ~~out charge of tuition or fees is sought; or~~

0042 ~~(2)~~ eight or more semesters, not including summer semes-
0043 ters, have passed since the person first enrolled without charge
0044 of tuition or fees.

0045 (d) The state board of regents shall adopt such rules and

: (A) A spouse; or (B) a child, by birth or adoption,
who is less than 21 years of age at the time of
commencement of the first semester for which enroll-
ment without charge of tuition or fees is sought
pursuant to this section

(4) "Correctional officer" and "parole officer" have
the meanings provided by K.S.A. 75-5202 and amendments
thereto.

(5) "Firefighter" means any fireman, as defined by
K.S.A. 74-4952 and amendments thereto, or any member of
a volunteer fire department.

(6) "Court services officer" means any court services
officer who supervises persons placed on probation or
parole by a district court.

correctional officer, parole officer, court services
or firefighter

regulations as necessary to administer the provisions of this
0047 section.

0048 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and
0049 after its publication in the statute book.

(e) The provisions of this section shall apply
regardless of whether the injury, death or disability
occurred before, on or after the effective date of this
act.

18A:71-71. Rules and regulations

The chancellor, in consultation with the commissioner as to matters under the jurisdiction of the commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act" (P.L.1968, c. 410) (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.) as he deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

L.1975, c. 356, § 8, eff. March 3, 1976.

Administrative Code References

Veterans tuition credit program, see N.J.A.C. 9:2-11.1 et seq.

18A:71-72. Benefits not income or asset for determination of financial assistance for higher education

Any benefits granted to eligible veterans pursuant to this act shall not be considered income or an asset in determining financial need for any financial assistance provided pursuant to chapter 71 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

L.1975, c. 356, § 9, eff. March 3, 1976.

18A:71-73. Consultation of chancellor with commissioner of department of education

The chancellor is authorized and empowered to consult with the Commissioner of the Department of Education in order to effectuate the purposes of this act.

L.1975, c. 356, § 10, eff. March 3, 1976.

18A:71-74. Severability

If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect; and, to this end, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

L.1975, c. 356, § 11, eff. March 3, 1976.

18A:71-75. Apportionment in years with insufficient appropriation

In the event that the amount appropriated in any fiscal year is insufficient to carry out in full the provisions of this act, the chancellor shall apportion such amount among the eligible veterans applying for tuition credit pursuant to the act in proportion to the amount each such veteran would be allocated if the full amount were appropriated.

L.1975, c. 356, § 12, eff. March 3, 1976.

18A:71-76. Nonabrogation of previous authority of departments of higher education or education

Nothing in this act shall be construed to abrogate any previous authority granted to either the Department of Higher Education or the Department of Education.

L.1975, c. 356, § 13, eff. March 3, 1976.

Statute Creating Fund.

ARTICLE 9. CHILDREN AND WIDOWED SPOUSES OF CERTAIN FIREMEN, POLICEMEN, AND FIRST AID OR RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS**18A:71-77. Child or surviving spouse of member or officer killed in performance of duties**

Any child or surviving spouse of a member or officer of a New Jersey volunteer fire company, volunteer first aid or rescue squad or municipal fire, police, county police or park police department, State Fire Service, or of the Division of State Police, or of a permanent, active and full-time officer employee of this State or any

Last additions in text indicated by underline;

political subdivision thereof holding the position of officer, recruit, senior correction officer, duty keeper, court attendant, sheriff's officer lieutenant, court attendant and sheriff's officer deputy, investigator, narcotics officer, marine or marine patrolman, chief, bureau of marine assistant, technician, supervisor or superintendent, and regulation of weights and measures which member, officer or worker was member of such company, squad or fire in a civil defense or disaster control unit, accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate higher education of this State, as enrolled as an undergraduate student, tuition paid by the State; or upon that pursue a course of undergraduate study located in the State, shall, while enrolling at that college or university, pay less than the highest tuition charged at the State, enumerated in N.J.S. 18A:62-1.

Eligibility for this program shall be death of the member, officer or worker, years following graduation from high school and regulations established by the State. L.1979, c. 229, § 1. Amended by L.1981, § 1.

Senate Education
Assembly, N.J.

In October 1979, a scholarship program of tuition at New Jersey public institutions for a member of a rescue squad or a member of a fire force killed in the line of duty (P.L.1979, c. 229) the children or surviving spouses of such employees (P.L.1981, c. 300). This bill provides for scholarships for the same individuals at New Jersey. Each individual scholar's tuition shall be charged at public colleges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is difficult to estimate the number of students who will benefit from this program. Higher Education estimates a maximum of 1,000 students in Year 1982.

Section 3 of Stats.1983, c. 4, approved January 1, 1983, provides:

"This act shall take effect January 1 next following enactment; however, no tuition award shall be granted prior to September 1 next following."

Section 3 of L.1979, c. 229, approved October 1, 1979, provides:

"This act shall take effect January 1, next following enactment; however, no tuition award shall be granted prior to September 1 next following."

1981 Amendment. Rewrote the section, with prior to this amendment, read:

"Any child or widowed spouse of a member or officer of a volunteer fire company, volunteer

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RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS**

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political subdivision thereof holding the following titles: State investigator, correc-
tion officer, recruit, senior correction officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, correction
officer duty keeper, court attendant and sheriff's officer, court attendant and
sheriff's officer lieutenant, court attendant and sheriff's officer captain, court
attendant and sheriff's officer deputy chief, prosecutor's detective, prosecutor's
investigator, narcotics officer, marine patrolman, senior marine patrolman, principal
marine patrolman, chief, bureau of marine law enforcement, or who is an inspector,
assistant, technician, supervisor or superintendent with respect to the enforcement
and regulation of weights and measures, or civil defense or disaster control worker,
which member, officer or worker was killed in the performance of his duties as a
member of such company, squad or fire or police department or division, or worker
in a civil defense or disaster control unit, upon such child or surviving spouse being
accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study in any public institution of
higher education of this State, as enumerated in N.J.S. 18A:62-1, shall, while
enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at such college, have his
tuition paid by the State, or upon that child or surviving spouse being accepted to
pursue a course of undergraduate study at any independent college or university
located in the State, shall, while enrolled as an undergraduate student in good
standing at that college or university, have that part of his tuition which is not more
than the highest tuition charged at the public institutions of higher education of this
State, enumerated in N.J.S. 18A:62-1, paid by the State.

Eligibility for this program shall be limited to a period of 8 years from the date of
death of the member, officer or worker, in the case of a surviving spouse, and 8
years following graduation from high school, in the case of a child, pursuant to rules
and regulations established by the Student Assistance Board.

L.1979, c. 229, § 1. Amended by L.1981, c. 300, § 2, eff. Oct. 20, 1981; L.1983, c. 4,
§ 1.

**Senate Education Committee Statement
Assembly, No. 176—L.1983, c. 4**

In October 1979, a scholarship program was established which provided for a waiver
of tuition at New Jersey public institutions of higher education for a child or spouse of a
member of a rescue squad or a member of a municipal, county or State fire or police
force killed in the line of duty (P.L.1979, c. 229). In 1981, this program was extended to
the children or surviving spouses of a variety of other municipal, county and State
employees (P.L.1981, c. 300). This bill further expands the program to provide tuition
scholarships for the same individuals at independent colleges and universities located in
New Jersey. Each individual scholarship will not be more than the highest tuition
charged at public colleges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is difficult to estimate the number of pupils involved. However, the Department of
Higher Education estimates a maximum of \$17,000.00 if the bill were in effect in Fiscal
Year 1982.

Section 3 of Stats.1983, c. 4, approved Jan. 17,
1983, provides:

"This act shall take effect January 1 next fol-
lowing enactment; however, no tuition award
shall be granted prior to September 1 next ensu-
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Section 3 of L.1979, c. 229, approved Oct. 13,
1979, provides:

"This act shall take effect January 1, next fol-
lowing enactment; however, no tuition award
shall be granted prior to September 1 next ensu-
ing."

1981 Amendment. Rewrote the section, which,
prior to this amendment, read:

"Any child or widowed spouse of a member or
officer of a volunteer fire company, volunteer first

aid or rescue squad or municipal fire, police,
county police or park police department, State
Fire Service or of the Division of State Police,
which member or officer was killed in the per-
formance of his duties as a member of such
company, squad or fire or police department or
division, upon such child or widowed spouse being
accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate
study in any public institution of higher education
of this State as enumerated in N.J.S. 18A:62-1,
shall, while enrolled as an undergraduate student
in good standing at such college, have his tuition
paid by the State.

"Eligibility for this program shall be limited to
a period of 8 years from the date of death of the
member or officer, in the case of a widowed
spouse, and 8 years following graduation from

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high school, in the case of a child pursuant to rules and regulations established by the State Board of Higher Education."

Statement: Committee statement to Senate, No. 1239—L.1983, c. 2, see § 55:13A-3.

Title of Act:

An Act concerning education, providing scholarships for children and surviving spouses of police, firemen, first aid or rescue squad workers, civil defense workers and other law enforcement personnel in certain cases and supplementing Title

18A of the New Jersey Statutes. L.1979, c. 229, as amended L.1981, c. 300, § 1, eff. Oct. 20, 1981.

Administrative Code References

Public tuition benefits program, see N.J.A.C. 9:7-5.1 et seq.

Student assistance programs, see N.J.A.C. 9:7-1.1 et seq.

Library References

Colleges and Universities § 9.
C.J.S. Colleges and Universities § 24 et seq.

18A:71-78. Appropriations

There shall be appropriated to the Department of Higher Education in any general or supplemental appropriation act such sums as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

L.1979, c. 229, § 2.

Effective date, see note under § 18A:71-77.

Statute that Created the Fund.

CHAPTER 72. HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY LAW

Section

- 18A:72-9.1. Direct loan program; administration.
18A:72-9.2. Eligibility without demonstration of financial need; advertisement.
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18A:72-10.2. Limitations on issue of bond anticipation notes.
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18A:72-32. Inapplicability of act to higher education assistance fund.
18A:72-33. Application of federal and state statutes or rules and regulations.

18A:72-1. Short title

Administrative Code References

Student loan program manual of policies and procedures, see N.J.A.C. 9:9-1.1 et seq.

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18A:72-2. Terms defined

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Authority" means the higher education authority, the State Board of Higher Education, any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers of this chapter shall be given by law,

"Bond" means bonds or notes of the authority,

"Lender" includes the authority and any financial institution making loans under section 18A:72-9,

"Fund" means higher education assistance fund,

"Other eligible institution" means a business or other technical or vocational school, in which only persons who have completed or are completing and who have been able to benefit from the school (2) is legally authorized to provide, and provide post-secondary vocation or technical education, employment in recognized occupations; (3) is approved by the Federal Commissioner of Education or by an officer or has been approved by the authority.

"Post-secondary nondegree institution" means a college or a junior college licensed or approved by the State Board of Higher Education and operated in accordance with rules and regulations of the State Board of Higher Education or a trade or business school otherwise known as requiring a high school diploma or its equivalent or courses of study with a minimum length of 1,800 hours in any one or more of the following:

- A. Accounting and finance,
- B. Airframe and power plant mechanics,
- C. Automotive mechanics,
- D. Commercial art,
- E. Drafting and design technology (aeronautical, structural, tool and die),
- F. Economic engineering,
- G. Electronics,
- H. Fashion and textile design,
- I. Higher accounting and business administration,
- J. Industrial management technology,
- K. Medical and X-ray technology,
- L. Metallurgical technology,
- M. Secretarial (administrative, executive),
- N. Terminal courses or college credit courses.

Amended by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, eff. June 1, 1969; L.1977, c. 191, § 1, eff. Aug. 24, 1977.

1969 Amendments. The amendment by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, added definition of "Other eligible institution".

The amendment by L.1969, c. 135, § 1, which incorporated the amendment by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, added "or any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal

18A:72-3. Education assistance authority

There is hereby created in the Department of Higher Education Assistance Authority, which shall

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18A:72-2. Terms defined

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates another or different meaning, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Authority" means the higher education assistance authority created by this chapter, or any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers conferred upon the authority by this chapter shall be given by law,

"Bond" means bonds or notes of the authority issued pursuant to this chapter,

"Lender" includes the authority and any financial institution authorized to make loans under section 18A:72-9,

"Fund" means higher education assistance fund,

"Other eligible institution" means a business or trade school, or technical institution or other technical or vocational school, in any State which (1) admits as regular students only persons who have completed or left elementary or secondary school and who have been able to benefit from the training offered by such institution; (2) is legally authorized to provide, and provides within that State, a program of post-secondary vocation or technical education designed to fit individuals for useful employment in recognized occupations; (3) has been specially accredited by the Federal Commissioner of Education or by an accrediting agency recognized by him or has been approved by the authority.

"Post-secondary nondegree institution of higher education" means a county college or a junior college licensed or approved by the Department of Higher Education, operated in accordance with rules and regulations of the Board of Higher Education or a trade or business school otherwise licensed or approved and operated and requiring a high school diploma or its equivalent for admission and offering a course or courses of study with a minimum length of 2 academic years and of not less than 1,800 hours in any one or more of the following fields:

- A. Accounting and finance,
- B. Airframe and power plant mechanics,
- C. Automotive mechanics,
- D. Commercial art,
- E. Drafting and design technology (aeronautical, architectural, electronic, mechanical, structural, tool and die),
- F. Economic engineering,
- G. Electronics,
- H. Fashion and textile design,
- I. Higher accounting and business administration,
- J. Industrial management technology,
- K. Medical and X-ray technology,
- L. Metallurgical technology,
- M. Secretarial (administrative, executive, legal, medical, data processing),
- N. Terminal courses or college credit transfer courses in liberal arts and sciences.

Amended by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, eff. June 26, 1969; L.1969, c. 135, § 1, eff. July 3, 1969; L.1977, c. 191, § 1, eff. Aug. 24, 1977.

1969 Amendments. The amendment by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, added definition of "Other eligible institution".

The amendment by L.1969, c. 135, § 1, which incorporated the amendment by L.1969, c. 99, § 1, added "or any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal

functions thereof or to whom the powers conferred upon the authority by this chapter shall be given by law" in definition of "authority"; inserted definition of "Bond"; and substituted "Lender" includes the authority and any financial institution" for "Bank" includes any financial institution".

18A:72-3. Education assistance authority created

There is hereby created in the Department of Higher Education the Higher Education Assistance Authority, which shall be a body corporate and politic, with

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SUBCHAPTER 5. PUBLIC TUITION BENEFITS PROGRAM

Authority

Unless otherwise expressly noted, all provisions of this subchapter were adopted pursuant to authority of N.J.S.A. 18A:71-77 and were filed and became effective on July 17, 1980 as R.1980 d.324. See: 12 N.J.R. 469(b).

Executive Order 66(1978) Expiration Date

Pursuant to the requirements and criteria of Executive Order 66(1978), this subchapter expires on April 13, 1988.

Administrative Code tells how to be administered.

9:7-5.1 General provisions

(a) Chapter 229, Laws of 1979 as amended by Chapter 300, Laws of 1981 and Chapter 4, Laws of 1983, provide that free tuition will be available at any public institution of higher education in the State and that portion of the tuition at an independent institution in the State not to exceed the highest tuition charged at a public institution of higher education in this State through the Public Tuition Benefits Program (PTB) to any child or surviving spouse of a member or officer of a New Jersey volunteer fire company, volunteer first aid or rescue squad or municipal fire, police, county police or park police department, State Fire Service or of the Division of State Police, or of a permanent, active and full-time officer employee of this State or any political subdivision thereof holding the following titles: State investigator, correction officer, recruit, senior correction officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, correction officer duty keeper, court attendant and sheriff's officer, court attendant and sheriff's officer lieutenant, court attendant and sheriff's officer captain, court attendant and sheriff's officer deputy chief, prosecutor's detective, prosecutor's investigator, narcotics officer, marine patrolman, senior marine patrolman, principal marine patrolman, chief, bureau of marine law enforcement, or who is an inspector, assistant, technician, supervisor or superintendent with respect to the enforcement and regulation of weights and measures, or civil defense or disaster control worker, which member, officer or worker was killed in the performance of his or her duties.

(b) General provisions for all programs administered by the Student Assistance Board (N.J.A.C. 9:7-2) which pertain to residency, foreign nationals, payments to students, student withdrawal or dismissal during period of an award, check endorsements, and fiscal responsibilities shall be in effect for the Public Tuition Benefits Program.

As amended, R.1982 d.127, eff. April 19, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 28(a), 14 N.J.R. 390(d).

(a): Deleted "As of September 30," and added "Chapter 229 . . . provides that": added "or of a permanent . . . disaster control works".

Fiscal Note
1986 Session
February 14, 1986

Bill No.

The Honorable Edward F. Reilly, Chairperson
Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senate Chamber
Third Floor, Statehouse

Dear Senator Reilly:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for Senate Bill No. 562 by Committee
on Federal and State Affairs

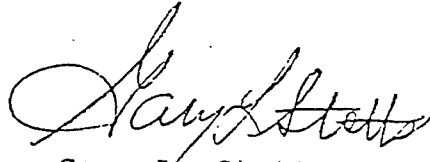
In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning Senate Bill No. 562 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Senate Bill 562 requires that the State Board of Regents permit the dependents of any law enforcement officer who has suffered either death or disability from injuries sustained in the performance of the officer's duties to enroll at institutions under the control of the State Board of Regents without charge of tuition or fees. The act limits the age of such individuals and places other limitations on the program which would for all intents and purposes limit the program to undergraduate students.

The State Board of Regents states that the Fraternal Order of Police indicates that since 1978 10 Kansas law enforcement officers have died from injuries sustained in the line of duty. No figures were available to the Board of Regents relative to the number of officers who have sustained disabilities in the line of duty. No estimate as to the number of dependents currently eligible for the program can be made, however, the Board indicates that undergraduate tuition for one year at a Regents institution totals approximately \$1,000 per student. Therefore, for every student eligible for this program in FY 1987 \$1,000 of tuition revenue would be lost. If for example, 32 individuals were to become eligible for tuition waivers as a result of the passage of the act approximately \$32,000 in tuition revenue would be lost and would have to be replaced by State General Fund appropriations in FY 1987.

In summary, the fiscal effect of this act for FY 1987 would be to reduce tuition receipts to the institutions under the control of the State Board of Regents by an indeterminate amount

thereby increasing in State General Fund liabilities by a like amount. Any expenditures from the State General Fund that would be necessary to offset lost tuition receipts in FY 1987 would be in addition to the amounts included in the FY 1987 Governor's Budget Report.



Gary L. Stotts
Acting Director of the Budget

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/20/86

TO: MEMBERS, SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHN L. ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 562, FREE TUITION FOR DEPENDENTS OF
DECEASED OR DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Our association has no position on Senate Bill 562, although I think we are generally sympathetic to the motivation behind the legislation. We do, however, have a suggested amendment should the desire of the committee be to pass the bill.

In Section 1(b), line 36, the bill limits the semesters of instruction for which a dependent would be eligible to eight. We would suggest that this language be amended to read as follows:

"...not to exceed eight semesters of instruction, or ten semesters when said number of semesters is required by the institution for completion of an undergraduate degree program."

We recommend this change because one trend in undergraduate education is towards five-year degree programs. Such programs exist already at K-State in architecture and engineering, and at KU in education. Since the fifth year in this instance is required by the university, it is a legitimate "program," and student eligibility for assistance should extend to the fifth year.

At present this involves a very small number of programs, but the trend towards a fifth year as a requirement for professional licensure or certification is growing, and the committee may well want to anticipate that in this legislation.

Sen. Fed. & State Affairs
3/3/86 Attachment 4

Attachment #4

Representing the Students of:

Emporia State • Fort Hays State • Kansas State • Pittsburg State • University of Kansas • Washburn University • Wichita State