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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032**

Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

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Committee: Revenue

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the First Responder Recruitment and  
2 Retention Act; to amend section 85-2602, Revised Statutes  
3 Supplement, 2023; to redefine terms; and to repeal the original  
4 section.

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

1 Section 1. Section 85-2602, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is  
2 amended to read:

3 85-2602 For purposes of the First Responder Recruitment and  
4 Retention Act:

5 (1) Associate degree program means a degree program at a community  
6 college, state college, or state university which typically requires  
7 completion of an organized program of study of at least sixty semester  
8 credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown to accomplish the same  
9 goal. Associate degree program does not include a baccalaureate degree  
10 program;

11 (2) Baccalaureate degree program means a degree program at a  
12 community college, state college, or state university which typically  
13 requires completion of an organized program of study of at least one  
14 hundred twenty semester credit hours or an equivalent that can be shown  
15 to accomplish the same goal;

16 (3) Community college means a public postsecondary educational  
17 institution which is part of the community college system and includes  
18 all branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of  
19 Nebraska;

20 (4) Law enforcement officer means any person who is responsible for  
21 the prevention or detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal,  
22 game, traffic, or highway laws of the State of Nebraska or any political  
23 subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours per year and who  
24 is authorized by law to make arrests. Law enforcement officer includes a  
25 conservation officer of the Game and Parks Commission;

26 (5) Law enforcement agency means a police department in a  
27 municipality, a sheriff's office, ~~and~~ the Nebraska State Patrol, and the  
28 Game and Parks Commission;

29 (6) Professional firefighter means a firefighter or firefighter-  
30 paramedic who is a member of a paid fire department of a municipality or  
31 a rural or suburban fire protection district in this state, including a

1 municipality having a home rule charter or a municipal authority created  
2 pursuant to a home rule charter that has its own paid fire department,  
3 and for whom firefighting is a full-time career;

4 (7) State college means a public postsecondary educational  
5 institution which is part of the Nebraska state college system and  
6 includes all branches and campuses of such institution located within the  
7 State of Nebraska;

8 (8) State university means a public postsecondary educational  
9 institution which is part of the University of Nebraska and includes all  
10 branches and campuses of such institution located within the State of  
11 Nebraska; and

12 (9) Tuition means the charges and cost of tuition as set by the  
13 governing body of a state university, state college, or community  
14 college.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 85-2602, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
16 2023, is repealed.