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State of Nebraska Commitment to Education In Light of DRA Changes to TANF

- In 2007 moved Post Secondary Education to a Solely State Funded Program
- In 2009 Legislation passed to allow Vocational Training for up to 30 months
- In 2012 Legislation passed to allow ABE, ESL, GED programs to count as core hours of participation

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- ❑ Nebraska State Legislature – 2012 - LB 507
 - ❑ Legislation to require ESL, ABE or GED as full time participation
 - ❑ If participant was younger than 24 years of age
 - ❑ If participant was engaged in one of the three programs at least 20 hours per week
 - ❑ Considered Education Related to Employment
 - ❑ Acknowledge will not count toward Federal WPR
 - ❑ Can suspend if WPR drops below targeted rate by 10%
- ❑ Nebraska State Legislature – 2013 – LB 240
 - ❑ Legislation lifted the age 24 limit

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Impact of LB 507

of participants in ABE, ESL, GED

June 2011 = 25 June 2012 = 46 June 2013 = 93

Work Participation Rate

FFY 2012 = 53.4 FFY 2013 = 50.9% (2 qrtrs)

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Challenges

- Educating Case Managers and some participants of the importance
- Lack of program capacity
- Changes in Economic Assistance case processing

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