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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Select vendor and authorize the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract for a college admission test.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In April 2016, the Legislature of Nebraska 104th session passed Section 79-760.03 of the Legislative Bill 930 which states that “no later than 2017-18 school year the State Department of Education shall administer a standard college admission test, selected by the State Board education, to students in the eleventh grade attending a public school in the state in lieu of the assessment for the one grade in high school as required under section 79-760.03. The department shall pay the expenses of administering such college admission test and may use funds from the Nebraska education Improvement Fund as provided in section 9-812.”

Nebraska Department of Education determined that moving forward with a Request for Proposal for 2016-2017 would be an advantage for Nebraska schools. NDE released an RFP in July. ACT and College Board (SAT) submitted proposals. The proposals have been evaluated, and a recommendation is being brought to the State Board of Education.

ESTIMATED COST: