



GSA Bill #4

A bill authorizing GSA support for increased awareness of police resources, legal services, and law enforcement practices in the United States.

Appreciating the current efforts of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (hereafter referred to as UNL) and the University of Nebraska System, we call upon the UNL community to increase student awareness—especially for international students—regarding U.S. police services, campus resources, **and local law enforcement practices** that may differ from their home countries.

Whereas we acknowledge the existence of the on-campus police department and student legal services, which assist students with safety concerns and legal guidance, many international students may not be familiar with these resources, leading to misunderstandings between students and law enforcement officers.

Whereas international students experience significant stress and uncertainty regarding how to engage with law enforcement, what actions to take (or avoid), and where to seek help when they find themselves involved—directly or indirectly—in legal matters.

Whereas the UNL Police Department and Student Legal Services do tremendous work in making our campus safer and more accessible, we stress the importance of educating the graduate student population—particularly international students—on the available resources and essential legal knowledge to navigate interactions with law enforcement.

Therefore, be it enacted, the GSA authorizes the Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Quality of Life Committee to allocate \$430.00 for an event, scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025, that will provide; information on U.S. police services and student legal resources guidance on law enforcement practices in the U.S. and how they differ from other countries, practical advice on student rights, responsibilities, and best practices when dealing with legal situations, and recommendations on what to do and what to avoid in interactions with law enforcement officers.

This event aims to bridge the gap in legal and enforcement knowledge among domestic and international students, fostering a more informed and confident student community.

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