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LEGISLATIVE BILL 607

FINAL READING

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend
2 section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to
3 eliminate a provision relating to an annual grant award amount for
4 the 211 Information and Referral Network; and to repeal the original
5 section.

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

1 Section 1. Section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 75-1101 (1) For purposes of this section, 211 Information and
4 Referral Network means a statewide information and referral network
5 providing information to the public regarding disaster and emergency
6 response and health and human services provided by public and private
7 entities throughout the state.

8 (2) The Public Service Commission shall award a grant annually to a
9 211 Information and Referral Network which submits an application and
10 meets the requirements of this section. ~~Beginning July 1, 2022, the~~
11 ~~amount of each grant shall be nine hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.~~

12 (3) To be eligible for a grant, the 211 Information and Referral
13 Network shall update the information and referral services on the network
14 at least annually, shall geographically index the services to provide
15 information on a county-by-county basis, and shall be accredited as
16 meeting the standards for service delivery and quality by the Alliance of
17 Information and Referral Systems or a similar organization approved by
18 the commission.

19 (4) The grant may be used to establish a website which includes
20 links to providers of health and human services, the name, address, and
21 telephone number of any organization listed on the website, a description
22 of the type of services provided by the organization, and other
23 information to educate the public about the health and human services
24 available on a geographic basis. The grant may also be used to provide
25 access to the network twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week,
26 through telephone access and website access.

27 (5) There is hereby created the 211 Cash Fund. The fund shall be
28 used solely for the purpose of providing grants pursuant to this section
29 and associated administrative costs. All money received by the Public
30 Service Commission for such grants shall be remitted to the State
31 Treasurer for credit to such fund. Any money in the fund available for

1 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
2 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
3 Investment Act.

4 Sec. 2. Original section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative
5 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.