

THIRD DAY - JANUARY 5, 2024**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****THIRD DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, January 5, 2024

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator M. Cavanaugh.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Bosn.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Fredrickson, and Moser who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Hunt, Jacobson, McDonnell, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the second day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

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LB823	Health and Human Services

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Abegglen, Jon W. - Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Education
 Ames, Ann E. - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
 Anderson, Dorothy C. - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications
 Commission - Education
 Austin, William F. - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources
 Bailey, Bruce, D. - Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - General Affairs
 Belitz, KC - Director, Department of Economic Development - Banking,
 Commerce and Insurance
 Bish, Alyssa L. - Director, Division of Children and Family Services-
 Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services
 Botsford, Brian - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
 Brazda, John - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
 Cheek, Zachary - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
 Clausen, Gerald - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska
 Retirement Systems
 Cople, David - State Highway Commission - Transportation and
 Telecommunications
 Corsi, Steven L. - Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and
 Human Services - Health and Human Services

Daniels, Timothy - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Education
Frison, Deborah - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Education
Gissler, Layne - Board of Parole - Judiciary
Goranson, Jana - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Griffin, LeDonna - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Education
Gross, Jon - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Haggerty, Patrick - Director, Nebraska Broadband Office - Transportation and Telecommunications
Hansen, Eric - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural Resources
Headrick, Dennis - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Education
Helgoth, Roger - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural Resources
Hoggatt, John M. - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources
Hovanetz, Christy - Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment - Education
Jones, Dallas - Commission of Industrial Relations - Business and Labor
Jones, Michael D. - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
Kamm, James R. - Tax Commissioner, Department of Revenue - Revenue
Keetle, Steven - Tax Equalization and Review Commission - Revenue
Kindig, James - State Highway Commission - Transportation and Telecommunications
Kircher, Patricia M. - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission - Education
Kuehn, John - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Kush, Donna - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources
Liegl, David - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources
Meginnis, Richard W. - State Highway Commission - Transportation and Telecommunications
Mello, Heath - State Highway Commission - Transportation and Telecommunications
Murante, John - Director, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Nellhaus, Jeffrey - Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment - Education
Nelson, Dannika L. - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education - Education
Neumann, Charles - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Owens, David - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human Services
Poole, Linda - Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment - Education
Probyn, Dwayne B. - Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Education
Roop, Dennis - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human Services
Rosenthal, Daniel J. - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services

Roush, Clark - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Rundel, John Arley - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission -
Natural Resources
Splattstoesser, Luke H. - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska
Retirement Systems
Stinson, John (Chris) - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General
Affairs
Strong, Craig - Adjutant General, Military Department - Government,
Military and Veterans Affairs
tenBensel, Jan K. - Nebraska Ethanol Board - Natural Resources
Tuma, Bryan - Executive Director, Nebraska Crime Commission - Judiciary
Vasko, Theodore E. - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural
Resources
Werner-Robertson, Gail - Nebraska Investment Council - Nebraska
Retirement Systems
Wittstruck, Courtney C. - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications
Commission - Education
Wolford, Greg - State Highway Commission - Transportation and
Telecommunications
Wright, Lovell James - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Yi, Rui - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human
Services
Zink, Tracy - Nebraska Ethanol Board - Natural Resources

(Signed) Raymond Aguilar, Chairperson
Executive Board

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Speaker Arch filed the following Motions:

Recommit Proposed Rule Change 18 to the Rules Committee.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 18, page 1, line 2 as follows: strike ", nor
divisible" and show as stricken.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 18, page 1, line 3 as follows: strike "not" and
show as stricken.

Suspend Rule 2, Sec. 10, Rule 7, Sec. 3, and Rule 7, Sec. 7, and vote on the
immediate adoption of the Proposed Rule Change 18, without further
debate, amendment, or motion.

Recommit Proposed Rule Change 21 to the Rules Committee.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 21, lines 3 and 8 as follows: strike
"introduced" and show as stricken. On line 8, strike "introduction" and show
as stricken. On lines 3 and 7, reinsert "considered". On line 8, reinsert
"consideration".

Amend Proposed Rule Change 21, line 8 as follows: strike "introduction" and show as stricken and reinsert "consideration".

Suspend Rule 2, Sec. 10, Rule 7, Sec. 3, and Rule 7, Sec. 7, and vote on the immediate adoption of the Proposed Rule Change 21, without further debate, amendment, or motion.

Recommit Proposed Rule Change 23 to the Rules Committee.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 23, line 3 as follows: reinsert stricken language.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 23, lines 4, 5, and 6 as follows: strike new language.

Suspend Rule 2, Sec. 10, Rule 7, Sec. 3, and Rule 7, Sec. 7, and vote on the immediate adoption of the Proposed Rule Change 23, without further debate, amendment, or motion.

Recommit Proposed Rule Change 25 to the Rules Committee.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 25, line 2 as follows: strike "underlying" and show as stricken.

Amend Proposed Rule Change 25, line 6 as follows: strike "a" and show as stricken and reinsert the stricken language.

Suspend Rule 2, Sec. 10, Rule 7, Sec. 3, and Rule 7, Sec. 7, and vote on the immediate adoption of the Proposed Rule Change 25, without further debate, amendment, or motion.

**2023 INTERIM REPORT
ON THE DISPOSITION OF
INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**

Below is the 2023 Interim Report on the Disposition of Interim Study Resolutions as read across on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Agriculture

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
106	Interim study to examine interests in agricultural lands in Nebraska held by foreign individuals, business entities, and governments		X		

176	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Right to Farm Act in comparison to similar laws in other states that rely on agriculture and recruitment of agriculture-related businesses as a significant portion of the economy			X	
212	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee			X	
219	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements under the Pesticide Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			

Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
200	Interim study to examine the progress and ability to expend Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund	X			10/20/23
167	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of and how to best direct funding towards the most effective uses of Nebraska's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds	X			10/27/23
182	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	X			10/27/23
169	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund	X			10/27/23

208	Interim study to examine the current funding mechanisms and operations of Nebraska's Mesonet system		Briefing by Introducer		
206	Interim study to examine potential funding and other solutions to the crisis of rising costs relating to providing care and services to individuals with disabilities			X	
198	Interim study to explore support and supplemental funding for public and nonprofit providers of emergency medical services			X	
218	Interim study to examine the federal incentive funds being distributed under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and how much of the funds will be distributed to the rural areas of Nebraska			X	
153	Interim study to examine the fiscal impact of statutory tuition and fee waivers for various constituencies on Nebraska's public university, state colleges, and community colleges			X	
183	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee			X	

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
118	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Nebraska Real Estate License Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act		X		
119	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Collection Agency Act		X		

	for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act				
120	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Abstracters Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act		X		
121	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for the business of debt management found in sections 69-1201 to 69-1217 for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act		X		
122	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee		X		
123	Interim study to examine the economic impact of manufacturing and processing in Nebraska and to examine the role advanced manufacturing and smart technologies can play in increasing productivity and economic growth		X		
137	Interim study to examine whether legislation should be enacted to provide for comprehensive regulation of the business practices of pharmacy benefit managers		X		
175	Interim study to determine the impact on commerce, commercial and economic activity, and the community by having a United States Postal Service office in the West Haymarket area of downtown Lincoln		X		
180	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Trust Company Act and other Nebraska statutes related to trust companies			X	

181	Interim study to examine the insurance statutes of the State of Nebraska with specific emphasis on the impact of the insurance industry on tort reform and related matters		X		
197	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of the need for Nebraska to foster development of large industrial and commercial business sites		X		
237	Interim study to determine to what extent, if any, companies operating within or contracting with the State of Nebraska, are using environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics		X		

Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
174	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB335, 2023, relating to the impact health care staffing agencies have on the delivery of health care services		X		
193	Interim study to research and explore employee privacy concerns related to digital tracking in nonemergency situations		X		
210	Interim study to examine the emigration of skilled and educated individuals out of the State of Nebraska		X		
225	Interim study to determine ways to incentivize the growth in the number of apprenticeship programs and youth apprenticeship participants in Nebraska		X		

Education

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
129	Interim study to examine the shortage of sports officials in Nebraska registered by the Nebraska School Activities Association	12/7/23			
166	Interim study to examine the impact of government-imposed mandates on school districts		11/28/23		11/28/23
148	Interim study to examine the use of federal funds from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the use of the Launch Nebraska website		7/31/23		7/31/23
149	Interim study related to social-emotional learning in the classroom		7/31/23		7/31/23
147	Interim study relating to parental involvement in public schools		7/31/23		7/31/23
145	Interim study to explore the role of both the State of Nebraska and individual school districts in finding solutions to address the impact of the inability of students to afford menstrual products			X	
144	Interim study to examine the subject of school choice where all education funding is distributed on a per-student basis and follows the student to the school of choice			X	
240	Interim study to examine the impact of consolidation of educational service units			X	
152	Interim study to examine all factors that may impact a school district's ability to attract and retain qualified superintendents and administrators			X	

170	Interim study to assess and examine whether student journalists and student journalism is supported and promoted in public high schools and postsecondary institutions and free from censorship and inappropriate government interference			X	
251	Interim study to explore the development of registered apprenticeship program sponsors within Nebraska's education system for early childhood care and education		12/1/23		12/1/23
192	Interim study to examine the relationship between joint public agencies and public education matters			X	
228	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB320, 2023, relating to an evaluation of equalization aid to school districts			X	
220	Interim study to examine laws governing school security policy		12/1/23		12/1/23
246	Interim study to research the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium			X	

Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
164	Interim study on improving the handicapped accessibility of parking, entryways, and interior spaces around the Nebraska State Capitol			X	
179	Interim study to review the laws, procedures, rules and regulations, and general standards of practice related to the public's participation in the legislative process in a representative form of government	X			

188	Interim study to examine issues related to the committee system of the Legislature and the referencing of legislative bills by the Reference Committee of the Legislature			X	
135	Interim study to create a Select Committee to examine the current use of technology in the Legislature and to identify ways to improve it		X		
178	Interim study for created Select Committee to examine the feasibility of constructing and operating small modular nuclear reactors to generate electric power in Nebraska		X		10/27/23

General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
84	Interim study to examine different methods to address concerns raised by a restaurant, bar, craft brewery, microdistillery, and farm winery owners relating to receiving shipments of alcoholic liquor		X		
103	Interim study to examine entertainment district licenses issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act		X		9/22/23
104	Interim study to examine statutes relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission and its members		X		
105	Interim study to examine and review occupational licenses and regulations under the State Electrical Act	Report is being drafted.			
98	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction		X		10/20/23

of the General Affairs Committee				
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Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
142	Interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to veterans and the competitiveness of Nebraska for veterans and current service members when choosing where to live after retirement		X		9/29/23
156	Interim study to examine the firefighting response to wildfires in Nebraska		X		9/29/23
221	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for interior designers for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/22/23
222	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for landscape architects for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/22/23
223	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for notaries public for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/22/23
247	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB133, 2023, relating to laws regarding the use of eminent domain by state agencies, boards, commissions, and other political subdivisions		X		10/20/23

Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
234	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of the State of Nebraska's response to the COVID-19 pandemic	X			11/1/23

213	Interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can assist licensed hospitals in converting to the rural emergency hospital designation under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021			X	
168	Interim study to examine the impact on the services provided to eligible recipients of and how to best use Nebraska's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds			X	
229	Interim study to examine the lack of education and support services and any other obstacles for foster parents		X		12/6/23
151	Interim study to examine the results of the Nebraska Child Care Cost Model developed as a product of the Preschool Development Grant			X	
136	Interim study to examine the critical role federally qualified health centers play in expanding access to health care in Nebraska		X		10/11/23
171	Interim study to examine the cost and needed frequency of rebasing medicaid inpatient per diem rates for psychiatric facilities, hospital-based psychiatric units, and psychiatric residential facilities		X		10/25/23
154	Interim study to examine Nebraska's maternal care deserts		X		10/25/23
190	Interim study to examine streamlining communications on rule and regulation changes proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the medical assistance program		X		9/20/23

199	Interim study to research, through collaboration among stakeholders, ways to address youth and adult behavioral health issues		X		10/11/23
203	Interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can ensure it has effective emergency medical services in rural communities		X		10/27/23
232	Interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska joining the Social Work Licensure Compact		X		9/20/23
132	Interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska becoming a participant in the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact		X		9/20/23
233	Interim study to examine the plausibility of the State of Nebraska joining the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact		X		9/20/23
202	Interim study to examine the mental and behavioral health care needs of Nebraskans		X		9/20/23
226	Interim study regarding dental offices sharing information with patients on the chance of patients getting infections in artificial body parts due to dental cleanings			X	
241	Interim study to examine the sufficiency of current provider rates and the cost and needed frequency of rebasing provider rates for child welfare services providers		X		10/25/23
211	Interim study to examine the statewide availability of assisted-living memory care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and the accessibility of this type of care for medicaid beneficiaries			X	

191	Interim study to examine the process for conducting the statutorily required fingerprint-based national criminal history record information check for the child care workforce pursuant to section 71-1912		X		10/11/23
196	Interim study to review ways to eliminate or reduce the current waiting list for services that adults with developmental disabilities experience		X		10/11/23
252	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee			X	
150	Interim study to examine the gap in services such as emergency shelters and transitional housing for individuals experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking		X		12/6/23

Judiciary

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Report Was Not Submitted.

Natural Resources

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
133	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee			X	
162	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Game and Parks Commission			X	
163	Interim study to examine opportunities to increase recycling of municipal solid waste			X	
216	Interim study to examine the economic and climate			X	

	impacts of the current reliance on fossil fuel energy generation in Nebraska				
224	Interim study to examine laws governing the ring-necked pheasant upland game bird in hopes of improving the population of the species			X	
248	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB320, 2023, relating to an evaluation of equalization aid to school districts			X	

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
157	Interim study to examine the retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	X			12/7/23
158	Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans	X			12/6/23
159	Interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the creation of a cash balance retirement system			X	
160	Interim study to examine the retirement system for firefighters of cities of the first class and the changes proposed in LB406, 2023			X	
161	Interim study to examine the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System and the changes proposed in LB196, 2023		X		11/9/23

Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
236	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee			11/28/23	
97	Interim study to examine revenue and other funding options for the Nebraska Tourism Commission		11/28/23		11/9/23
186	Interim study to examine issues raised in LB820, 2023, relating to valuation of land in Nebraska			11/28/23	
243	Interim study to examine tax incentives for the film industry in Nebraska		11/28/23		11/9/23
155	Interim study to examine Nebraska's disability classifications for the homestead exemption			11/28/23	
242	Interim study to examine methods to promote the development of a competitive electric vehicle charging market in Nebraska and the creation of electric infrastructure to support such market		11/28/23		11/9/23
235	Interim study to examine the delinquent tax sale and tax deed process for delinquent real property taxes			11/28/23	

Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
184	Interim study to examine the deployment of broadband services within the State of Nebraska		X		12/6/23
185	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee		X		

227	Interim study to examine issues related to public rest areas along highways in Nebraska and the lack of updates, maintenance, and cleanliness of facilities			X	
130	Interim study to examine the potential construction of the proposed East Beltway administered jointly by the city of Lincoln and Lancaster County			X	
172	Interim study to examine the occupation taxes imposed on wireless telecommunications services			X	
214	Interim study to examine the possibility of the creation of an intrastate airline to assist with statewide travel			X	
195	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nebraska's state highway system and the priorities and resource allocation methods for the system			X	

Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
138	Interim study to examine the meaning of affordable housing in Nebraska		X		9/25/23
141	Interim study to examine the reports received under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act		X		9/25/23
189	Interim study to examine issues regarding potholes and road maintenance in Nebraska municipalities			X	
238	Interim study to examine the location of recreational vehicle parks, entertainment venues, and other recreational development and the impact of zoning regulations related		X		9/26/23

	to flooding on locating such facilities				
239	Interim study to explore the feasibility and benefits of requiring wireless interconnected fire alarms in residential dwellings, similar to an ordinance passed by the city of Norfolk, to enhance fire safety and early warning systems for residents		X		9/26/23
139	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for home inspectors for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act		X		9/26/23
140	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee			X	
250	Interim Study to consider changes to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act and to property assessed clean energy financing for real estate development projects			X	

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 975. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Holdcroft, 36; Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act; to amend section 81-12,221, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 976. Introduced by Blood, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to provide for an education and training program on child abuse and custody determinations; and to provide powers and duties for the State Court Administrator.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Introduced by Blood, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to discrimination; to amend sections 18-1724, 20-113, 20-132, 20-134, 20-139, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321,

20-322, 20-325, 23-2525, 23-2531, 23-2541, 29-401, 45-1056, 48-215, 48-628.13, 48-1101, 48-1104, 48-1105, 48-1106, 48-1107, 48-1108, 48-1111, 48-1113, 48-1115, 48-1117, 48-1119, 48-1122, 48-1124, 48-1125, 49-801, 51-211, 58-216, 58-808, 58-809, 58-810, 68-1605, 75-325, and 76-1495, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-1645, 32-221, 32-230, 39-210, and 81-885.24, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to prohibit discrimination based upon military or veteran status as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 978. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to adoptions; to amend sections 43-104.15 and 43-107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-101, 43-101.01, 43-102, 43-104, 43-104.08, and 43-104.13, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for adoption by a second adult person; to define a term; to change provisions relating to consent to adoption, home studies, and terminology; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 979. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to require an annual report on active cases by the Department of Correctional Services, Office of Probation Administration, and Division of Parole Supervision.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 980. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the death penalty; to amend section 83-970, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to persons to be present at an execution; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 981. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Brewer, 43; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 9-402, 9-422, 9-426, 9-427, 9-429, 9-502, 9-511, and 28-1105.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate provisions relating to a small lottery; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 9-510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 982. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6038 and 71-6039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 983. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to provide duties and procedures relating to plea agreements and sentencing; and to define a term.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 984. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to define terms; to prohibit certain actions relating to 340B entities; to provide for an injunction; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 985. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; to amend section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to grant eligibility; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 986. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Teach in Nebraska Today Act; to amend sections 79-8,146, 79-8,147, 79-8,148, 79-8,149, 79-8,150, 79-8,151, and 79-8,152, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to terminate provisions relating to loan repayment assistance under the act as prescribed; to provide for grants to teachers under the act as prescribed; to increase the program amount limitation; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 987. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Quality Education Accountability Act; to amend sections 79-760.03, 79-760.05, and 79-2603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to require each public school and each approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school to administer an age-appropriate national assessment instrument to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade each school year; to require such schools to submit testing data to the State Department of Education; to provide and change powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 988. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 2-222, 2-223, 3-504, 3-602, 3-603, 10-401, 10-404, 10-406, 10-407, 10-409, 10-410, 10-501, 10-606, 10-607, 10-702, 10-801, 10-802, 12-1001, 13-306, 13-519, 13-809, 13-2507, 13-3109, 13-3207, 14-202, 14-365.07, 14-521, 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 14-2120, 14-2142, 16-216, 16-676,

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 989. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-3201, 76-3203.02, 76-3206, and 76-3220, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 76-2233, 76-2233.01, 76-3202, 76-3203, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change and eliminate provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; to provide civil and criminal immunity for the Real Property Appraiser Board; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 76-3209 and 76-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 990. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to amend sections 44-4603, 44-4604, 44-4606, and 44-4610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to applicability of the act; to prohibit certain actions by pharmacy benefit managers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 991. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to digital assets; to adopt the Blockchain Basics Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 992. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act; to amend sections 76-2241 and 76-2249, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 76-2201, 76-2203, 76-2207.30, 76-2218.02, 76-2219.02, 76-2221, 76-2228.01, 76-2228.02, 76-2230, 76-2231.01, 76-2232, 76-2233, 76-2233.01, 76-2233.02, and 76-2236, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to exemptions, qualifications, credentials, scope of real property appraisal practice, terminology, continuing education, fees, and the directory of appraisers; to eliminate a random fingerprint audit program; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 993. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bostar, 29; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to apprenticeships; to adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 994. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend sections 81-101 and 81-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide that the Legislature shall have general management, control, and government of the Department of Correctional Services; to provide for appointment of the Director of Correctional Services by the Legislature; to provide a duty for the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 995. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2292, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to deferred judgments; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 996. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend sections 16-252, 17-566, 47-105, 47-105.01, 47-117, and 47-120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that the Department of Correctional Services shall operate the county jails; to provide a duty for the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 997. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care funding; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to create a fund; to provide duties for the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services; to provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 998. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend sections 12-1301, 81-176, and 81-1108.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1213.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the State Acceptance of Gifts Act; to change and eliminate provisions relating to acceptance of gifts; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 30-241, 30-242, and 30-243, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 999. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Ballard, 21; Blood, 3; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41; Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-501, 2-503, 2-505, 2-509, 2-515, 2-518, and 2-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-401, 28-476, and 81-2,162.27, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to define and redefine terms under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to change federal references; to change provisions relating to the cultivation, possession, handling, transportation, processing, use, and consumption of hemp as prescribed; to provide an exception; to terminate funds and make fund transfers; to provide for reimbursement of certain licensee fees; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to redefine terms under the Controlled Substances Act; to eliminate provisions relating to industrial hemp; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-502, 2-504, 2-506, 2-507, 2-508, 2-510, 2-511, 2-512, 2-513, 2-514, 2-516, 2-517, 2-519, and 2-5701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1000. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Aguilar, 35; Blood, 3; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Halloran, 33; Hughes, 24; McKinney, 11; Vargas, 7; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the state lottery; to amend section 9-823, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 84-712.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for the anonymity of winners of certain prizes; to change public records disclosure provisions as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for a migratory waterfowl hunting season for veterans as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1002. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections

77-7012 and 77-7015, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to the total annual limit of tax credits and limitation on new applications under the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1003. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care licensure; to amend section 71-1914, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a requirement for cities, villages, or counties; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1004. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend sections 60-6,279 and 60-6,282, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to protective helmets; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1005. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Excellence in Teaching Act; to amend sections 85-3103, 85-3105, and 85-3112, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program; to provide a definition; to change provisions relating to eligible uses for the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1006. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1005.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to allocated income tax funds; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1007. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to require medicaid eligibility for aged, blind, and disabled recipients eligible for the federal Supplemental Security Income Program; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1008. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the State Department of Education for grants for security-related infrastructure projects; and to transfer funds as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1009. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Barber Act; to amend sections 71-211, 71-212, 71-217, 71-220, 71-222.01, and 71-223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision regarding examinations; to eliminate obsolete language; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1010. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1021 and 79-1142, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide transfers to the Education Future Fund for reimbursements for special education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1011. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1003 and 79-1007.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 79-1001 and 79-1017.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to redefine terms; to provide for early childhood education aid; to provide a new allowance; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1012. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-10,110.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to certain tax levy and bonding authority of school districts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1013. Introduced by Walz, 15; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to define terms; and to create the Family Engagement Grant Program.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Psychology Practice Act; to amend section 38-3113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to school psychologists; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1015. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5650 and 71-5652, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-5662, 71-5663, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to restate the purposes of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to change provisions

relating to loan repayments, financial assistance amounts, and loan repayment recipient agreements under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to provide for financial assistance in the form of loan repayments to certain dentists who agree to provide dental services to medicaid patients as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1016. Introduced by Walz, 15; Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to developmental disabilities services; to amend section 83-1216.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to eliminate a termination date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1017. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; to amend section 48-121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the schedule of compensation for loss or loss of use of more than one specific part of the body from injury or illness resulting in disability as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1018. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Albrecht, 17; Linehan, 39; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to provide that positions of public employment shall not require a postsecondary degree as prescribed; to require equal consideration for wages and benefits; and to define terms.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1019. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1613.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the correction of assessment and tax rolls; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1020. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Dungan, 26; McKinney, 11; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public contracts; to require public contractors to provide information to members of the Legislature as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1021. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Dungan, 26; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 29-2414, 29-2415, 29-2708, 47-208, and 48-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 83-183 and 83-183.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to require city and county jails and the Department of

Correctional Services to pay inmates the minimum wage for work by such inmates; to provide that such employees and inmates are subject to the Wage and Hour Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for bank accounts for inmates; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the distribution of wages earned by inmates; to provide duties for the Jail Standards Board and the department; to require payment of the minimum wage to state and political subdivision employees; to eliminate obsolete and inconsistent provisions relating to inmates of jails; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 47-403, 47-404, and 47-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1022. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to film incentives; to amend section 81-1220, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act; to provide for tax credits; to provide for grants; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1023. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701 and 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to allow income tax deductions for the cost of certain property and for certain research or experimental expenditures as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1024. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Carrier External Review Act; to amend section 44-1308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to documents and information provided to an independent review organization; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1025. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Support Act; to provide tax credits; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1026. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the achieving a better life experience

program; to amend section 77-1407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt accounts from levy, execution, judgment, garnishment, and other judicial enforcement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1027. Introduced by Clements, 2; Holdcroft, 36; Lowe, 37; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-1601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to schools which elect not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1028. Introduced by Clements, 2; Hughes, 24; Lowe, 37; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local public health departments; to amend sections 71-1612 and 71-1630, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require city-county health departments to obtain the approval of the Department of Health and Human Services in issuing directed health measures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1029. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compulsory attendance relating to illness; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1030. Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways and roads; to amend sections 39-2805 and 66-4,100, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to create a working group; to change the County Bridge Match Program; to provide for transfers of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1031. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications and technology; to amend sections 86-324.02, 86-577, 86-1101, and 86-1102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change speed test requirements for ongoing high-cost support from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund; to change defined terms relating to the lease of dark fiber by any agency or political subdivision of the state and broadband

services; to change legislative intent; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1033. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Aguilar, 35; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41; Sanders, 45; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,179.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for enforcement of the prohibition against using a handheld wireless communication device as a primary action; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1034. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Bostelman, 23; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to prohibit a school district from punishing an employee for or prohibiting an employee from engaging in religious expression when an employee is on duty at school as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1035. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Blood, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dungan, 26; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McKinney, 11; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 277CA. Introduced by Sanders, 45; Ballard, 21; Bostelman, 23; DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; Slama, 1.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 27 to Article XV:

XV-27 The Legislature shall enact all laws necessary to protect children of this state from child predators. To that end, the Legislature shall enact laws providing that any individual who is convicted of a criminal offense involving sex trafficking of a minor, labor trafficking of a minor, or paying for sex with a minor shall be sentenced to a minimum term of life imprisonment.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to enact laws providing for a minimum sentence of life imprisonment for a criminal offense involving sex trafficking of a minor, labor trafficking of a minor, or paying for sex with a minor.

For

Against.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Rules

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 8, 2024

Rule Change 30 - Senator Wayne

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(Signed) Steve Erdman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB970:

[AM2065](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. For purposes of sections 1 to 11 of this act:

4 (1) Department means the Department of Correctional Services;

5 (2) Director means the Director of Correctional Services;

6 (3) Legislative firing squad means a firing squad composed of all
7 members of the Legislature, who shall use firearms to shoot the convicted
8 person; and

9 (4) Lethal injection means intravenous injection of a substance or
10 substances in a quantity sufficient to cause death.

11 Sec. 2. Section 83-964, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2022, is amended to read:

13 ~~83-964~~ A sentence of death shall be enforced by either lethal
14 injection or legislative firing squad, with the method to be determined
15 by the department the intravenous injection of a substance or substances
16 in a quantity sufficient to cause death. The execution shall be carried
17 out lethal substance or substances shall be administered in compliance
18 with an execution protocol created and maintained by the department
19 Department of Correctional Services.

20 Sec. 3. Section 83-965, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2022, is amended to read:

22 ~~83-965~~ (1) A sentence of death shall be enforced by the director
23 Director of Correctional Services. Upon receipt of an execution warrant,
24 the director shall proceed at the time named in the warrant to enforce
25 the sentence, unless the director is informed that enforcement of the
26 sentence has been stayed by competent judicial authority, the sentence
27 has been commuted, or the conviction has been pardoned.

1 (2) The director shall create, modify, and maintain a written
2 execution protocol describing the process and procedures by which an
3 execution will be carried out consistent with this section. The director
4 shall (a) select the substance or substances to be employed in an
5 execution by lethal injection, (b) select the equipment, methods, and any
6 nonlegislative personnel to be employed in an execution by legislative
7 firing squad, (c) create a documented process for obtaining the necessary
8 substances or equipment, (e) (d) for executions by lethal injection,
9 designate an execution team composed of one or more executioners and any
10 other personnel deemed necessary to effectively and securely conduct an
11 execution, (e) (d) describe the respective responsibilities of each
12 member of the execution team, (f) (e) describe the training required of
13 each member of the execution team, and (g) (f) perform or authorize any
14 other details deemed necessary and appropriate by the director.

15 (3) For an execution by lethal injection, the ~~The~~ execution protocol
16 shall require that the first or only substance injected be capable of
17 rendering the convicted person unconscious and that a determination
18 sufficient to reasonably verify that the convicted person is unconscious
19 be made before the administration of any additional substances, if any.

20 Sec. 4. Section 83-966, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2022, is amended to read:

22 ~~83-966~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

23 (1) Any prescription, preparation, compounding, dispensing,
24 obtaining, or administration of the substances or equipment deemed
25 necessary to perform an execution by a lethal injection shall not
26 constitute the practice of medicine or any other profession relating to
27 health care which is subject by law to regulation, licensure, or
28 certification;

29 (2) A pharmacist or pharmaceutical supplier may dispense the
30 designated substances, without a prescription, to the Director of
31 Correctional Services or the director's designee upon production of a
1 written request from the director for the designated substances necessary
2 to conduct an execution;

3 (3) Obtaining, preparing, compounding, dispensing, and administering
4 the substance or substances designated by the execution protocol does not

5 violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act or sections 71-2501 to
6 71-2512; and

7 (4) If a person who is a member of the execution team is licensed by
8 a board or department, the licensing board or department shall not
9 censure, reprimand, suspend, revoke, or take any other disciplinary
10 action against that person's license as a result of that person's
11 participation in a court-ordered execution.

12 Sec. 5. ~~For an execution by lethal injection, the director may~~
13 ~~designate any person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol~~
14 ~~to administer to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply~~
15 ~~with the execution protocol.~~

16 Sec. 6. Section 83-967, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2022, is amended to read:

18 ~~83-967 (1) The Director of Correctional Services may designate any~~
19 ~~person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol to administer~~
20 ~~to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply with the~~
21 ~~execution protocol.~~

22 ~~Except for the members of a legislative firing squad, the (2) The~~
23 identity of all members of the execution team, and any information
24 reasonably calculated to lead to the identity of such members, shall be
25 confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to sections 84-712 to
26 84-712.09 and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction as
27 evidence in any civil proceeding unless extraordinary good cause is shown
28 and a protective order is issued by a district court limiting
29 dissemination of such information.

30 Sec. 7. Section 83-968, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
31 2022, is amended to read:

1 ~~83-968~~ No death sentence shall be voided or reduced as a result of a
2 determination that a method of execution was declared unconstitutional
3 under the Constitution of Nebraska or the Constitution of the United
4 States. In any case in which an execution method is declared
5 unconstitutional, the death sentence shall remain in force until the
6 sentence can be lawfully executed by any valid method of execution.

7 Sec. 8. Section 83-969, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2022, is amended to read:

9 ~~83-969~~ When any convicted person is sentenced to death, such
10 punishment shall be inflicted at a ~~department~~ Department of Correctional
11 Services facility under the supervision of the ~~director~~ Director of
12 Correctional Services and in such a manner as to exclude the view of all
13 persons except those permitted to be present as provided in sections 9
14 and 10 of this act ~~83-970 and 83-971.~~

15 Sec. 9. Section 83-970, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2022, is amended to read:

17 ~~83-970~~ Besides the ~~director~~ Director of Correctional Services and
18 those persons required to be present under the execution protocol, the
19 following persons, and no others, except as provided in section 10 of
20 this act ~~83-971~~, may be present at the execution: (1) The member of the
21 clergy in attendance upon the convicted person; (2) no more than three
22 persons selected by the convicted person; (3) no more than three persons
23 representing the victim or victims of the crime; and (4) such other
24 persons, not exceeding six in number, as the director may designate. At
25 least two persons designated by the director shall be professional
26 members of the Nebraska news media.

27 Sec. 10. Section 83-971, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2022, is amended to read:

29 ~~83-971~~ Whenever the ~~director~~ Director of Correctional Services shall
30 deem the presence of a military force necessary to carry into effect the
31 provisions of sections 2 and 8 of this act ~~83-964 and 83-969~~, he or she
1 shall make the fact known to the Governor of the state, who ~~may is hereby~~
2 ~~authorized to~~ call out so much of the military force of the state as in

3 his or her judgment may be necessary for the purpose.
4 Sec. 11. Section 83-972, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2022, is amended to read:
6 ~~83-972~~ Whenever the ~~director~~ Director of Correctional Services shall
7 inflict the punishment of death upon a convicted person, in obedience to
8 the command of the court, he or she shall make return of his or her
9 proceedings as soon as may be to the clerk of the court where the
10 conviction was had, and the clerk shall subjoin the return to the record
11 of conviction and sentence.
12 Sec. 12. Original sections 83-964, 83-965, 83-966, 83-967, 83-968,
13 83-969, 83-970, 83-971, and 83-972, Revised Statutes Cumulative
14 Supplement, 2022, are repealed.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to LB953:
[MO1161](#)
Bracket until April 15, 2024.

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to LB953:
[MO1162](#)
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to LB954:
[MO1163](#)
Bracket until April 15, 2024.

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to LB954:
[MO1164](#)
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Bosn - LB934

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Vargas name added to LB31.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB31.
Senator DeKay name added to LB51.
Senator Brewer name added to LB137.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB141.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB200.
Senator Aguilar name added to LB215.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB241.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB244.

Senator Dungan name added to LB307.
Senator Brewer name added to LB461.
Senator Slama name added to LB575.
Senator Lowe name added to LB685.
Senator Brewer name added to LB771.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB821.
Senator Hughes name added to LB822.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB822.
Senator Hughes name added to LB823.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB823.
Senator Hughes name added to LB824.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB824.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB826.
Senator Ibach name added to LB826.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB826.
Senator Hughes name added to LB829.
Senator Ibach name added to LB829.
Senator Ibach name added to LB830.
Senator Dorn name added to LB830.
Senator von Gillern name added to LB832.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB832.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB844.
Senator Hughes name added to LB876.
Senator Albrecht name added to LB876.
Senator von Gillern name added to LB876.
Senator DeKay name added to LB876.
Senator Brewer name added to LB876.
Senator Erdman name added to LB876.
Senator Brewer name added to LB910.
Senator Albrecht name added to LB933.
Senator Hughes name added to LB933.
Senator Ibach name added to LB933.
Senator Blood name added to LB933.
Senator Brewer name added to LB933.
Senator Vargas name added to LB964.
Senator von Gillern name added to LB974.
Senator Lippincott name added to LR14CA.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Conrad name withdrawn from LB968.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Senator Machaela Cavanaugh's children, Della, Hattie, and Barry, Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek, Former Senator John McCollister, Former Senator Al Davis, Mary, Everette, and Emmalyn von Gillern, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. George Voigtlander of Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2024.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

