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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1109**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend sections
- 2 84-712.05 and 85-106.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 change provisions relating to documents which may be withheld from
- 4 the public; to require notice and a public forum regarding priority
- 5 candidates for certain positions at the University of Nebraska; and
- 6 to repeal the original sections.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 84-712.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3 84-712.05 The following records, unless publicly disclosed in an  
4 open court, open administrative proceeding, or open meeting or disclosed  
5 by a public entity pursuant to its duties, may be withheld from the  
6 public by the lawful custodian of the records:

7 (1) Personal information in records regarding a student, prospective  
8 student, or former student of any educational institution or exempt  
9 school that has effectuated an election not to meet state approval or  
10 accreditation requirements pursuant to section 79-1601 when such records  
11 are maintained by and in the possession of a public entity, other than  
12 routine directory information specified and made public consistent with  
13 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as such section existed on February 1, 2013, and  
14 regulations adopted thereunder;

15 (2) Medical records, other than records of births and deaths and  
16 except as provided in subdivision (5) of this section, in any form  
17 concerning any person; records of elections filed under section 44-2821;  
18 and patient safety work product under the Patient Safety Improvement Act;

19 (3) Trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in  
20 progress and unpublished, and other proprietary or commercial information  
21 which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve  
22 no public purpose;

23 (4) Records which represent the work product of an attorney and the  
24 public body involved which are related to preparation for litigation,  
25 labor negotiations, or claims made by or against the public body or which  
26 are confidential communications as defined in section 27-503;

27 (5) Records developed or received by law enforcement agencies and  
28 other public bodies charged with duties of investigation or examination  
29 of persons, institutions, or businesses, when the records constitute a  
30 part of the examination, investigation, intelligence information, citizen  
31 complaints or inquiries, informant identification, or strategic or

1 tactical information used in law enforcement training, except that this  
2 subdivision shall not apply to records so developed or received relating  
3 to the presence of and amount or concentration of alcohol or drugs in any  
4 body fluid of any person;

5 (6) Appraisals or appraisal information and negotiation records  
6 concerning the purchase or sale, by a public body, of any interest in  
7 real or personal property, prior to completion of the purchase or sale;

8 (7) Personal information in records regarding personnel of public  
9 bodies other than salaries and routine directory information;

10 (8) Information solely pertaining to protection of the security of  
11 public property and persons on or within public property, such as  
12 specific, unique vulnerability assessments or specific, unique response  
13 plans, either of which is intended to prevent or mitigate criminal acts  
14 the public disclosure of which would create a substantial likelihood of  
15 endangering public safety or property; computer or communications network  
16 schema, passwords, and user identification names; guard schedules; lock  
17 combinations; or public utility infrastructure specifications or design  
18 drawings the public disclosure of which would create a substantial  
19 likelihood of endangering public safety or property, unless otherwise  
20 provided by state or federal law;

21 (9) The security standards, procedures, policies, plans,  
22 specifications, diagrams, access lists, and other security-related  
23 records of the Lottery Division of the Department of Revenue and those  
24 persons or entities with which the division has entered into contractual  
25 relationships. Nothing in this subdivision shall allow the division to  
26 withhold from the public any information relating to amounts paid persons  
27 or entities with which the division has entered into contractual  
28 relationships, amounts of prizes paid, the name of the prize winner, and  
29 the city, village, or county where the prize winner resides;

30 (10) With respect to public utilities and except as provided in  
31 sections 43-512.06 and 70-101, personally identified private citizen

1 account payment and customer use information, credit information on  
2 others supplied in confidence, and customer lists;

3 (11) Records or portions of records kept by a publicly funded  
4 library which, when examined with or without other records, reveal the  
5 identity of any library patron using the library's materials or services;

6 (12) Correspondence, memoranda, and records of telephone calls  
7 related to the performance of duties by a member of the Legislature in  
8 whatever form. The lawful custodian of the correspondence, memoranda, and  
9 records of telephone calls, upon approval of the Executive Board of the  
10 Legislative Council, shall release the correspondence, memoranda, and  
11 records of telephone calls which are not designated as sensitive or  
12 confidential in nature to any person performing an audit of the  
13 Legislature. A member's correspondence, memoranda, and records of  
14 confidential telephone calls related to the performance of his or her  
15 legislative duties shall only be released to any other person with the  
16 explicit approval of the member;

17 (13) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which  
18 would reveal the location, character, or ownership of any known  
19 archaeological, historical, or paleontological site in Nebraska when  
20 necessary to protect the site from a reasonably held fear of theft,  
21 vandalism, or trespass. This section shall not apply to the release of  
22 information for the purpose of scholarly research, examination by other  
23 public bodies for the protection of the resource or by recognized tribes,  
24 the Unmarked Human Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act, or  
25 the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act;

26 (14) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which  
27 maintain collections of archaeological, historical, or paleontological  
28 significance which reveal the names and addresses of donors of such  
29 articles of archaeological, historical, or paleontological significance  
30 unless the donor approves disclosure, except as the records or portions  
31 thereof may be needed to carry out the purposes of the Unmarked Human

1 Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act or the federal Native  
2 American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act;

3 (15) Job application materials submitted by applicants, other than  
4 finalists or a priority candidate for a position described in section  
5 85-106.06 selected using the enhanced public scrutiny process in section  
6 85-106.06, who have applied for employment by any public body as defined  
7 in section 84-1409. For purposes of this subdivision, (a) job application  
8 materials means employment applications, resumes, reference letters, and  
9 school transcripts and (b) finalist means any applicant who is not an  
10 applicant for a position described in section 85-106.06 and (i) who  
11 reaches the final pool of applicants, numbering four or more, from which  
12 the successful applicant is to be selected, (ii) who is an original  
13 applicant when the final pool of applicants numbers less than four, or  
14 (iii) who is an original applicant and there are four or fewer original  
15 applicants;

16 (16) Records obtained by the Public Employees Retirement Board  
17 pursuant to section 84-1512;

18 (17) Social security numbers; credit card, charge card, or debit  
19 card numbers and expiration dates; and financial account numbers supplied  
20 to state and local governments by citizens; and

21 (18) Information exchanged between a jurisdictional utility and city  
22 pursuant to section 66-1867.

23 Sec. 2. Section 85-106.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
24 amended to read:

25 85-106.06 (1) The chief executive officer of the University of  
26 Nebraska shall be appointed by the Board of Regents using the enhanced  
27 public scrutiny process in subsection (3) of this section, hold office at  
28 the pleasure of the board, and receive such compensation as the board may  
29 prescribe.

30 (2) The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska  
31 at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of

1 Nebraska Medical Center, and any other postsecondary educational  
2 institution designated by the Legislature to be a part of the University  
3 of Nebraska shall be governed by the Board of Regents, and each shall be  
4 managed and administered in the manner prescribed by the board. The chief  
5 administrative officer of each such postsecondary educational institution  
6 shall be appointed, hold office, and be compensated as prescribed by the  
7 Board of Regents. The appointment shall be made using the enhanced public  
8 scrutiny process in subsection (4) of this section.

9 (3)(a) The Board of Regents shall provide public notice of a  
10 priority candidate for the position of chief executive officer of the  
11 University of Nebraska to be appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
12 section. The public notice shall be provided at least thirty days before  
13 the date of the public meeting of the Board of Regents at which a final  
14 action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the priority  
15 candidate. The Board of Regents shall make available the employment  
16 application, resume, reference letters, and school transcripts related to  
17 the priority candidate prior to or at the time of providing such public  
18 notice.

19 (b) Prior to such public meeting and after the notice is provided,  
20 the Board of Regents shall provide a public forum at each campus of the  
21 University of Nebraska for the priority candidate for the position of  
22 chief executive officer to provide the public, including the media and  
23 students, faculty, and staff of the University of Nebraska, with an  
24 opportunity to meet and ask questions or provide input regarding the  
25 priority candidate.

26 (4)(a) The chief executive officer of the University of Nebraska  
27 shall provide public notice of a priority candidate for a position  
28 appointed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The chief executive  
29 officer shall not make a final appointment for any such position until at  
30 least thirty days have elapsed after the notice is provided. The chief  
31 executive officer shall make available the employment application,

1 resume, reference letters, and school transcripts related to the priority  
2 candidate prior to or at the time of providing such public notice.

3 (b) The chief executive officer shall, within such thirty-day  
4 period, provide a public forum at the applicable campus of the University  
5 of Nebraska for the priority candidate for a position appointed pursuant  
6 to subsection (2) of this section to provide the public, including the  
7 media and students, faculty, and staff of the University of Nebraska,  
8 with an opportunity to meet and ask questions or provide input regarding  
9 the priority candidate.

10 (5) For purposes of this section, priority candidate means an  
11 individual preliminarily selected to fill a vacancy in a position  
12 appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section subject to a final  
13 vote of the Board of Regents or to fill a vacancy in a position appointed  
14 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

15 Sec. 3. Original sections 84-712.05 and 85-106.06, Reissue Revised  
16 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.