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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 584**

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend sections 84-612  
2 and 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a  
3 transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; to state findings and intent;  
4 to create a fund; to provide powers and duties for the Coordinating  
5 Commission for Postsecondary Education; to harmonize provisions; and  
6 to repeal the original sections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund  
4 known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the  
5 State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

6 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve  
7 Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of  
8 Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund  
9 is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall  
10 include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant  
11 to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of  
12 Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.

13 (3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash  
14 Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of  
15 Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue  
16 sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

17 (4) On July 7, 2009, the State Treasurer shall transfer five million  
18 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Roads Operations Cash Fund. The  
19 Department of Roads shall use such funds to provide the required state  
20 match for federal funding made available to the state through  
21 congressional earmarks.

22 (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer a total of sixty-eight  
23 million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or  
24 before June 30, 2013, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
25 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
26 Administrative Services.

27 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the  
28 Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2013, on such  
29 date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
30 the Department of Administrative Services.

31 (7) The State Treasurer, at the direction of the budget

1 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
2 Services, shall transfer not to exceed forty-three million fifteen  
3 thousand four hundred fifty-nine dollars in total from the Cash Reserve  
4 Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund between July 1, 2013, and  
5 June 30, 2017.

6 (8) The State Treasurer shall transfer fourteen million five hundred  
7 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital  
8 Construction Fund on or before June 30, 2015, on such date as directed by  
9 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
10 Administrative Services.

11 (9) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million five hundred  
12 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or  
13 before December 31, 2014, on such date as directed by the budget  
14 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
15 Services.

16 (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer sixteen million two hundred  
17 ninety thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Dental Clinic  
18 and Educational Facility Grant Fund on or before July 1, 2016, on such  
19 date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
20 the Department of Administrative Services.

21 Sec. 2. Section 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 85-1401 Sections 85-1401 to 85-1420 and section 3 of this act shall  
24 be known and may be cited as the Coordinating Commission for  
25 Postsecondary Education Act.

26 Sec. 3. (1) The Legislature finds that:

27 (a) The availability and accessibility of quality, affordable oral  
28 health care for all residents of the State of Nebraska is a matter of  
29 public concern and represents a compelling need affecting the general  
30 welfare of all residents;

31 (b) The development and sustainability of a skilled workforce in the

1 practice of dentistry is a public health priority for the State of  
2 Nebraska; and

3 (c) According to research sponsored by the Office of Oral Health and  
4 Dentistry of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska  
5 Rural Health Advisory Commission, and the Health Professions Tracking  
6 Service of the College of Public Health of the University of Nebraska  
7 Medical Center:

8 (i) A majority of the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska  
9 are general dentistry shortage areas as designated by the Nebraska Rural  
10 Health Advisory Commission and more than twenty percent of the ninety-  
11 three counties have no dentist;

12 (ii) Eighty-two counties are shortage areas in pediatric dentistry  
13 as designated by the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission;

14 (iii) The uneven distribution of dentists in the State of Nebraska  
15 is a public health concern and twenty-four percent of the dentists in  
16 Nebraska are estimated to be planning to retire by 2017;

17 (iv) Sixty percent of the children in the State of Nebraska  
18 experience dental disease by the time they are in the third grade; and

19 (v) It is estimated that more than twenty-five thousand children  
20 attending public schools in Omaha, Nebraska, do not have a means of  
21 continuing dental care.

22 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for the  
23 development of a skilled and diverse workforce in the practice of  
24 dentistry and oral health in order to provide for the oral health of all  
25 residents of the State of Nebraska, to assist in dispersing the workforce  
26 to address the disparities of the at-risk populations in the State of  
27 Nebraska, and to focus efforts in areas and demographic groups in which  
28 access to a skilled workforce in the practice of dentistry is most  
29 needed. In order to accomplish these goals, the Legislature recognizes  
30 that it is necessary to assist and support established professional  
31 dental educational institutions committed to addressing these critical

1 oral health care needs of the residents of the State of Nebraska.

2 (3) The Dental Clinic and Oral Health Training Facility Grant Fund  
3 is created. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall  
4 administer the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall  
5 be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska  
6 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

7 (4) The fund shall be used to provide a one-time grant for the  
8 construction of a dental clinic and oral health training facility to  
9 serve the public health needs of the residents of the State of Nebraska.  
10 To be eligible for a one-time grant from the fund, an applicant shall  
11 submit a plan to the commission to construct a dental clinic and oral  
12 health training facility, to provide discounted and charitable dentistry  
13 care at the facility, to target the unmet oral health care needs of  
14 residents of the State of Nebraska, to focus on lower-income and at-risk  
15 populations within the State of Nebraska, and to educate at least one  
16 hundred dental students annually. In addition, the applicant shall submit  
17 at least five letters of intent with school districts or federally  
18 qualified health centers as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the  
19 federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B), as such act and  
20 section existed on January 1, 2010; in at least five different counties  
21 throughout the State of Nebraska to provide charitable or discounted oral  
22 health care. The plan shall include the source and amount of matching  
23 funds from all other sources, including private sources, on a four-to-one  
24 ratio with the grant from the Dental Clinic and Oral Health Training  
25 Facility Grant Fund. The grant funds shall be used with the matching  
26 funds to construct the dental clinic and oral health training facility.

27 Sec. 4. Original sections 84-612 and 85-1401, Reissue Revised  
28 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.