

AMENDMENTS TO LB 606

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1884)

Introduced by Pahls, 31.

1           1. Insert the following new sections:

2           Sec. 8. (1) On and after the effective date of this act,  
3 the University of Nebraska Medical Center shall develop, staff, and  
4 maintain an accredited laboratory to conduct postnatal tissue and  
5 fluid research and stem cell research.

6           (2) For purposes of this section:

7           (a) Amniotic fluid means the fluid inside the amnion;

8           (b) Placenta means the organ that forms on the inner wall  
9 of the human uterus during pregnancy;

10          (c) Postnatal tissue and fluid means the placenta,  
11 umbilical cord, and amniotic fluid expelled or extracted in  
12 connection with the birth of a human being;

13          (d) Stem cells means unspecialized or undifferentiated  
14 cells that can self-renew and have the potential to differentiate  
15 into specialized cell types; and

16          (e) Umbilical cord means the gelatinous tissue and blood  
17 vessels connecting an unborn human being to the placenta.

18          Sec. 9. Section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
19 2007, is amended to read:

20          71-7611 (1) The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is  
21 created. The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty-five million  
22 five hundred thousand dollars annually no later than July 15

1 from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the  
2 Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Nebraska Health  
3 Care Cash Fund. The state investment officer upon consultation  
4 with the Nebraska Investment Council shall advise the State  
5 Treasurer on the amounts to be transferred from the Nebraska  
6 Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and from the Nebraska Tobacco  
7 Settlement Trust Fund under this section in order to sustain such  
8 transfers in perpetuity. The state investment officer shall report  
9 to the Legislature on or before October 1 of every even-numbered  
10 year on the sustainability of such transfers.

11 (2) Any money in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund  
12 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
13 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
14 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

15 (3) One million dollars in the Nebraska Health Care Cash  
16 Fund is designated each year for the Autism Treatment Program  
17 Act for five fiscal years beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 and  
18 shall be distributed in each fiscal year as follows: (a) First,  
19 to the Department of Health and Human Services for costs related  
20 to application and implementation of the waiver; (b) second, to  
21 the department for other medical costs for children who would  
22 not otherwise qualify for medicaid except for the waiver; and (c)  
23 third, the balance to the Autism Treatment Program Cash Fund. The  
24 State Treasurer shall transfer the balance of the funding to the  
25 Autism Treatment Program Cash Fund based on the estimated costs  
26 of administrative and other medical costs as determined by the  
27 Legislature through the appropriation process. The transfers to

1 the Autism Treatment Program Cash Fund in any fiscal year shall  
2 be contingent upon the receipt of private matching funds under  
3 the Autism Treatment Program Act, with no less than one dollar of  
4 private funds received for every two dollars transferred from the  
5 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Autism Treatment Program Cash  
6 Fund.

7 (4) The State Treasurer shall distribute five hundred  
8 thousand dollars from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the  
9 University of Nebraska Medical center for the purposes provided in  
10 section 8 of this act.

11 ~~(4)~~ (5) The University of Nebraska and postsecondary  
12 educational institutions having colleges of medicine in Nebraska  
13 and their affiliated research hospitals in Nebraska, as a condition  
14 of receiving any funds appropriated or transferred from the  
15 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, shall not discriminate against  
16 any person on the basis of sexual orientation.

17 2. On page 4, line 25, strike "section 71-7608" and  
18 insert "sections 71-7608 and 71-7611"; and in line 26 strike "is"  
19 and insert "are".

20 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.