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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1158

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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to provide grants for
2 private, nonprofit organizations in high-poverty areas as
3 prescribed; and to state intent to appropriate funds.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Board of Governors of the Metropolitan
2 Community College Area shall partner with and may award a grant
3 to any private, nonprofit organizations that meet the following
4 requirements. Such organizations shall:

5 (a) Aid in developing partnerships between public and
6 private persons to serve residents of a high-poverty area;

7 (b) Identify and develop job opportunities in and around
8 the high-poverty area;

9 (c) Offer training and job development opportunities
10 associated with available employment in the community;

11 (d) Develop a working relationship with schools serving
12 the high-poverty area to bring awareness to the students regarding
13 available opportunities within the high-poverty area;

14 (e) Develop combined training opportunities for
15 adults and juveniles in the high-poverty area by joining with
16 organizations serving such area; and

17 (f) Provide matching funds equivalent to any grant
18 received in money on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

19 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that up to
20 four hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for Aid to Community
21 Colleges each fiscal year from fiscal year 2008-09 through fiscal
22 year 2012-13 from the Nebraska Advantage Fund to provide funding
23 for the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Community College
24 Area to carry out this section.

25 (3) For purposes of this section:

- 1 (a) High-poverty area means an area within the corporate
2 limits of a city of the metropolitan class consisting of one or
3 more contiguous census tracts, as determined by the most recent
4 federal decennial census, which contain a percentage of families
5 below the poverty line of greater than thirty percent, and all
6 census tracts contiguous to such tract or tracts, as determined by
7 the most recent federal decennial census; and
- 8 (b) Private, nonprofit organization means an organization
9 whose purpose is providing basic job and life skills training to
10 individuals in need of such.