

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231

Approved by the Governor March 19, 2007

Introduced by Raikes, 25

FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Early Childhood Training Center; and to repeal the original section.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 79-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1102 (1) ~~The State Board of Education shall establish or designate, under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education, an~~ On September 1, 2007, an Early Childhood Training Center shall be established within the State Department of Education. The purpose of the center is to train individuals who provide education and development activities for infants and young children and their parents. The center, taking into consideration existing public and private training efforts, shall provide support and assistance to schools and public and private providers of early childhood education services in developing training programs for staff. The center, taking into consideration existing public and private training efforts, shall also provide clearinghouse information and publications on available early childhood education training opportunities throughout the state.

(2) The center shall establish a statewide training program to support the development of parent education programs in local communities. The goal of this project is to train individuals who will be able to work with public and private providers of early childhood services to establish parent education programs in their communities.

(3) Effective September 1, 2007, the department shall assume the direct responsibility for all operations of the Early Childhood Training Center operated under the jurisdiction of the department by an educational service unit prior to the effective date of this act.

(4) Any employees of an educational service unit which operated the Early Childhood Training Center prior to the effective date of this act who separate from employment with the educational service unit effective August 31, 2007, to become employees of the department on September 1, 2007, shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) The educational service unit shall transfer to the department all accrued sick leave of each transferred employee and up to a maximum of two hundred eighty accrued vacation leave hours of each transferred employee;

(b) The educational service unit shall not be required to reimburse the department for any of the value of the accrued sick or vacation leave hours transferred; and

(c) For purposes of establishing seniority and rates for earning sick and vacation leave, such employees shall have a service date with the department beginning September 1, 2007. Any employee who returns to employment with the department after a break in service of less than five calendar years shall have his or her prior service recognized and the beginning service date adjusted accordingly for the period of absence.

Sec. 2. Original section 79-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.