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FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 481**

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Committee: Education

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to create the Career Education Task
- 2 Force; to provide duties; to provide a termination date;
- 3 and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Career Education Task Force is created.  
2 The task force shall consist of the members appointed pursuant to  
3 section 2 of this act. The task force shall report its findings and  
4 recommendations pursuant to section 3 of this act to the Clerk of the  
5 Legislature, the Education Committee of the Legislature, and the  
6 Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature on or before December  
7 1, 2013.

8           Sec. 2. (1) Members of the Career Education Task Force  
9 shall include:

10                   (a) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;

11                   (b) The Director of Economic Development or his or her  
12 designee;

13                   (c) The Director of Career Education in the State  
14 Department of Education;

15                   (d) One member of the Education Committee of the  
16 Legislature;

17                   (e) One member of the Business and Labor Committee of the  
18 Legislature;

19                   (f) One secondary teacher involved in career education  
20 programs;

21                   (g) One representative from a school district career  
22 academy;

23                   (h) One representative from a community college who is  
24 involved in career education programs;

25                   (i) One representative of an association of school

1 administrators;

2 (j) One representative of business; and

3 (k) One representative of labor.

4 (2) The Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall  
5 appoint the members of the task force described in subdivisions (1)  
6 (d) through (1)(k) of this section on or before June 15, 2013.

7 (3) Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for  
8 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their  
9 duties as members of the task force as provided in sections 81-1174  
10 to 81-1177. The executive board shall appoint the chairperson of the  
11 task force and the chairperson shall arrange for the initial and  
12 subsequent meetings. The Education Committee of the Legislature, the  
13 Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, other legislative  
14 staff, and the State Department of Education shall provide research  
15 and administrative support for the task force.

16 Sec. 3. The Career Education Task Force shall study the  
17 following topics and make recommendations for Nebraska policies and  
18 potential legislation to the Clerk of the Legislature, the Education  
19 Committee of the Legislature, and the Business and Labor Committee of  
20 the Legislature:

21 (1) The purpose, role, and mission of career education  
22 programs;

23 (2) The prevalence of and need for career education  
24 programs at both the middle school and high school levels;

25 (3) The funding for career education programs,

1 curriculum, and equipment at both the middle school and high school  
2 levels and the typical costs for training facilities and programs;

3 (4) The availability of teachers of career education  
4 courses;

5 (5) The status and role of career guidance in Nebraska  
6 schools;

7 (6) The alignment of secondary career education  
8 curriculum to postsecondary career education programs' curriculum and  
9 entrance requirements;

10 (7) The types and numbers of skilled workers that  
11 Nebraska is projected to need in the short-term and long-term future;

12 (8) The role of businesses in successful career education  
13 programs;

14 (9) The role of labor organizations in successful career  
15 education programs; and

16 (10) Any other topics related to career education as  
17 determined by the task force.

18 Sec. 4. The Career Education Task Force terminates on  
19 December 31, 2013.

20 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
21 when passed and approved according to law.