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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1017

Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Economic Development; to
2 amend section 81-1210.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
3 section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to transfer
4 funds as prescribed; to redefine a term; to eliminate a residency
5 requirement for student interns under a grant program; to repeal the
6 original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

1 Section 1. Section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training Cash Fund.
4 The fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Economic
5 Development. Money may be transferred to the fund pursuant to subdivision
6 (1)(b)(iii) of section 48-621 and from the Cash Reserve Fund at the
7 direction of the Legislature. The department shall establish a subaccount
8 for all money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training
9 Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2005.

10 (2) The money in the Job Training Cash Fund or the subaccount
11 established in subsection (1) of this section shall be used (a) to
12 provide reimbursements for job training activities, including employee
13 assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job training, training
14 equipment costs, and other reasonable costs related to helping industry
15 and business locate or expand in Nebraska, (b) to provide upgrade skills
16 training of the existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology
17 or the introduction of new product lines, (c) to provide grants pursuant
18 to section 81-1210.02, or (d) as provided in section 79-2308. The
19 department shall give a preference to job training activities carried out
20 in whole or in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the
21 Enterprise Zone Act.

22 (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within the fund to
23 provide training grants for training employees and potential employees of
24 businesses that (a) employ twenty-five or fewer employees on the
25 application date, (b) employ, or train for potential employment,
26 residents of rural areas of Nebraska, or (c) are located in or employ, or
27 train for potential employment, residents of high-poverty areas as
28 defined in section 81-1203. The department shall calculate the amount of
29 prior year investment income earnings accruing to the fund and allocate
30 such amount to the subaccount for training grants under this subsection.
31 The subaccount shall also be used as provided in the Teleworker Job

1 Creation Act and as provided in section 81-1210.02. The department shall
2 give a preference to training grants for businesses located in whole or
3 in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise
4 Zone Act.

5 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty thousand
6 dollars from the Job Training Cash Fund to the General Fund no later than
7 July 15 of 2015 and 2016. The State Treasurer shall transfer one million
8 five hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Job Training
9 Cash Fund no later than June 15 of 2016 and 2017 to carry out the
10 purposes of sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03.

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

15 Sec. 2. Section 81-1210.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
16 amended to read:

17 81-1210.01 For purposes of sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03:

18 (1) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

19 (2) Internship means employment of a student in a professional or
20 technical position for a limited period of time, by a business in
21 Nebraska, in which the student (a) gains valuable work experience, (b)
22 increases knowledge that assists with career decisionmaking, and (c)
23 assists the business in accelerating short-term business objectives; and

24 (3) Student means any person who:

25 (a) Is in eleventh or twelfth grade in a public or private high
26 school or a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet
27 accreditation or approval requirements in Nebraska;

28 (b a) Is enrolled full-time in a college, university, or other
29 institution of higher education in Nebraska; or

30 (b) Has residency in Nebraska and is enrolled full-time in a
31 college, university, or other institution of higher education in a state

1 ~~other than Nebraska; or~~

2 (c) Applies for an internship within six months following graduation
3 from ~~(i) a college, university, or other institution of higher education~~
4 ~~in Nebraska or (ii) a college, university, or other institution of higher~~
5 ~~education in a state other than Nebraska if such person had residency in~~
6 ~~Nebraska during his or her enrollment in such college, university, or~~
7 ~~institution.~~

8 Sec. 3. Original section 81-1210.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, and section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, are
10 repealed.

11 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
12 passed and approved according to law.