

AMENDMENTS TO LB1160

Introduced by Business and Labor.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System
5 Act.

6 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that:

7 (1) In order to promote strong economic development policies, good
8 jobs, growing businesses, and thriving communities, it is the intent of
9 the Legislature that the state support the continued planning and
10 development of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting
11 System;

12 (2) As recommended in the 2019 Nebraska Economic Development Task
13 Force Report, it is the long-term goal of the state to target resources
14 and focus data analysis on assessing workforce development and employment
15 success;

16 (3) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System
17 is envisioned as a comprehensive, sustainable, and robust lifelong
18 learning and workforce longitudinal data system serving the needs of the
19 people of Nebraska;

20 (4) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System
21 collaboration has its roots in Legislative Bill 1071 enacted by the One
22 Hundred First Legislature, Second Session, which directed the Board of
23 Regents of the University of Nebraska, the State Board of Education, the
24 Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and the Community
25 College Board of Governors for each community college area to adopt a
26 policy to share student data. In 2019, such partners completed the legal
27 formation of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting

1 System as a joint public entity under the Interlocal Cooperation Act in
2 order to cooperate for mutual advantage with regard to data initiatives;
3 and

4 (5) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System
5 shall be a comprehensive, sustainable, robust, lifelong learning and
6 workforce longitudinal data system to enable the training of tomorrow's
7 workforce, today.

8 Sec. 3. The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting
9 System allows Nebraska to:

10 (1) Provide workforce-outcomes data to postsecondary institutions to
11 guide program, educator, and institutional improvement;

12 (2) Support students and parents in understanding what education,
13 training, and career pathways best prepare students for occupational
14 success;

15 (3) Provide comprehensive data about student success and workforce
16 outcomes to policymakers to inform decisions and resource allocation;

17 (4) Track workforce outcomes in order to better align programs with
18 demands in the labor market;

19 (5) Disaggregate student outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, and
20 economic status in order to identify and close educational attainment
21 gaps; and

22 (6) Identify the long-term return on investment from early education
23 programs.

24 Sec. 4. (1) The Department of Labor shall execute a memorandum of
25 understanding with the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education
26 Reporting System before December 31, 2020, to ensure the exchange of
27 available Department of Labor data throughout the prekindergarten to
28 postsecondary education to workforce continuum, and may utilize data and
29 agreements under sections 79-776, 85-110, 85-309, and 85-1511.

30 (2) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System
31 shall issue a report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on or

1 before December 1, 2021. Such report shall make recommendations on the
2 planning and development of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and
3 Education Reporting System, including, but not limited to, additional
4 data and stakeholder needs and potential future funding.

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