AMENDMENTS TO LB1008

(Introduced by Cavanaugh, 6.)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 69. Laws 2019, LB294, section 257, is amended to read:

Sec. 257. FEDERAL FUNDS.

The receipts for FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 inuring to the several Federal Funds, together with any amounts held in account by the State Treasurer on June 30, 2019, are hereby credited to each of the funds respectively. Expenditure of Federal Funds appropriated in this act shall not be limited to the amount shown.

Any Federal Funds, not otherwise appropriated, any additional Federal Funds made available to the credit of the State Treasurer excluding funds made available under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020, section 5001, Coronavirus Relief Fund, and any amounts on hand in any such Federal Funds on June 30, 2019, are hereby appropriated to the expending agency designated by the federal government or, if none is designated, to such expending agency as may be designated by the Governor.

Sec. 70. There is hereby appropriated $80,000,000 Federal Funds for FY2020-21 to the Military Department, for Program 191.

Such funds shall be used for providing reimbursement for necessary COVID-19 related expenditures incurred by state agencies, including acquisition of personal protective equipment, sanitizing products, and other necessary COVID-19 medical supplies and equipment, COVID-19 medical leave, telework capabilities, expenses for sanitizing public areas, and temporary emergency staffing and overtime costs for staff that is substantially dedicated to the mitigation or response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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Sec. 71. There is hereby appropriated $100,000,000 Federal Funds for FY2020-21 to the Military Department, for Program 191.

Such funds may be used for providing reimbursement for necessary COVID-19 related expenditures incurred by counties, cities, villages, and utility districts, including acquisition of personal protective equipment, sanitizing products, and other necessary COVID-19 medical supplies and equipment, COVID-19 medical leave, telework capabilities, expenses for sanitizing public areas, temporary emergency staffing and overtime costs for staff substantially dedicated to the mitigation or response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, medical transportation, and temporary isolation or quarantine sites. For purposes of payroll costs for public health and public safety employees for services dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, no presumption is permitted.

Douglas County and local political subdivisions within Douglas County, excluding the city of Omaha, are ineligible to receive reimbursement pursuant to this program. In order for any county government to receive funds, the county courthouse and county offices must have been open for business to the public on a non-appointment basis by June 15, 2020.

Sec. 72. There is hereby appropriated $216,300,000 Federal Funds for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 800.

Such funds shall be used to provide qualifying organizations awards or reimbursements to support existing services and programs that have been strained during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Preference shall be given to those organizations and programs that (1) work in underserved or low-income communities; (2) provide critical services during health, economic, and environmental emergencies; and (3) have difficulty accessing other funding. In addition such funds shall be used to assist low-income individuals and families in need during the COVID-19
public health emergency.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21 $40,000,000 Federal Funds for stabilization grants for charitable organizations and providers to cover operating expenses related to COVID-19, which shall only be used for such purpose.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21 $43,000,000 Federal Funds for response and recovery grants for charitable organizations and providers to help children, families, and communities respond to and recover from the impact of COVID-19, which shall only be used for such purpose.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21 $2,000,000 Federal Funds for grants for child care providers and centers of worship to assist facilities with the purchase of personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies, which shall only be used for such purpose.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $30,000,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a grant program to increase child care capacity for school-age children through age thirteen who are not in school full-time and to support extended learning opportunities where before-school and after-school child care opportunities are limited as a result of the coronavirus emergency in the State of Nebraska in accordance with federal law. Priority shall be given to programs that serve a majority of children eligible for free or reduced-price meal programs.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $30,000,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds be used for housing stabilization as a response to the coronavirus emergency.
emergency in the State of Nebraska in accordance with federal law. The department shall use such appropriation to distribute funds for housing assistance in a manner to be determined by the department, to households at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level. Funds shall be used to promote housing stability, prevent homelessness, and support public health measures, including, but not limited to:

(1) Tenant-based rental assistance;

(2) Utility assistance;

(3) Rapid rehousing;

(4) Street outreach;

(5) Emergency homeless services;

(6) Legal assistance; and

(7) Administrative or staffing costs associated with increased demand for services.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $6,100,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide an additional, one-time five-hundred-dollar payment to each child eligible for the Aid to Dependent Children program on September 1, 2020, as a response to the coronavirus emergency in the State of Nebraska in accordance with federal law.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $28,200,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature to administer a program to provide a one-time five-hundred-dollar payment to Nebraska families with a demonstrated loss of fifty percent or more in total household income for two weeks or more since March 13, 2020, up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level who are not otherwise eligible for the Aid to Dependent Children program through
December 31, 2020, as a response to the coronavirus emergency in the State of Nebraska in accordance with federal law.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $10,000,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-336) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide temporary food assistance to households at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, who are ineligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program due to exceeding income limits. Household eligibility for such assistance, other than the higher income limit herein, shall follow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rules and shall be administered in the same manner, including, but not limited to, utilization of electronic benefit transfer cards.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $25,000,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide temporary child care subsidies to households at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, who areineligible for the child care subsidy program established under section 68-1206, due to exceeding the income limit. Household eligibility for such assistance, other than the higher income limit, shall follow the rules of the child care subsidy program established under section 68-1206 and shall be administered in the same manner. When a household's eligibility period ends, the household shall continue to be eligible for transitional child care assistance if the family's income is below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

There is included in the appropriation to this program $2,000,000 Federal Funds as provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) for FY2020-21 to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that cost-
sharing requirements be temporarily waived for recipient families in the
child care subsidy program through December 31, 2020, as a response to
the coronavirus emergency in the State of Nebraska in accordance with
federal law.

Sec. 73. There is hereby appropriated $392,000,000 Federal Funds for
FY2020-21 to the Department of Economic Development, for Program 801.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$230,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to small businesses with seventy-
five or fewer employees who have been severely impacted by COVID-19
related closures, occupancy restrictions, and the overall loss of
consumer traffic, which shall only be used for such purpose. Such grants
shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars per applicant.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$100,000,000 Federal Funds for grants to livestock producers, including
beef, pork, poultry, dairy, and sheep and goat producers, negatively
impacted by COVID-19, which shall only be used for such purpose. Such
grants shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars per applicant.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$1,000,000 Federal Funds for business leadership training by businesses
with fewer than five hundred employees negatively impacted by COVID-19,
which shall only be used for such purpose.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$40,000,000 Federal Funds for high-speed broadband Internet access to
those who have been directly impacted by COVID-19, including communities
or households lacking broadband Internet access, as defined by the
Federal Communications Commission standard of 25/3 Mbps download/upload
speeds, thus impacting the ability to work from home, participate in
online learning, or access healthcare via telehealth, which shall only be
used for such purpose.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$16,000,000 Federal Funds for community college workforce training
programs, including administration expenses, and college scholarships to
unemployed and underemployed individuals negatively impacted by COVID-19,
which shall only be used for such purpose. Twenty percent of the total
appropriation shall be allocated to the community colleges based upon the
percentage of unemployed persons in the community college area.

There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21
$5,000,000 Federal Funds for administration by the Department of Economic
Development of the programs listed in this section, which shall only be
used for such purpose.

Sec. 74. The State Treasurer shall transfer $167,000,000 from the
Governors Emergency Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund to the State
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund on or before December 31, 2020.

2. On page 58, line 20, strike "and 244" and insert "244, and 257".

3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.