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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1160**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Hansen, M., 26; Bolz, 29.

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Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to adopt the Nebraska Statewide
- 2 Workforce and Education Reporting System Act; and to declare an
- 3 emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

4           Sec. 2. The Legislature finds that:

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

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

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

18           (4) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System  
19 collaboration has its roots in Legislative Bill 1071 enacted by the One  
20 Hundred First Legislature, Second Session, which directed the Board of  
21 Regents of the University of Nebraska, the State Board of Education, the  
22 Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and the Community  
23 College Board of Governors for each community college area to adopt a  
24 policy to share student data. In 2019, such partners completed the legal  
25 formation of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting  
26 System as a joint public entity under the Interlocal Cooperation Act in  
27 order to cooperate for mutual advantage with regard to data initiatives;  
28 and

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

1 workforce, today.

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

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

6 (2) Support students and parents in understanding what education,  
7 training, and career pathways best prepare students for occupational  
8 success;

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

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

13 (5) Disaggregate student outcomes by race, ethnicity, gender, and  
14 economic status in order to identify and close educational attainment  
15 gaps; and

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

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

24 (2) The Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System  
25 shall issue a report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on or  
26 before December 1, 2021. Such report shall make recommendations on the  
27 planning and development of the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and  
28 Education Reporting System, including, but not limited to, additional  
29 data and stakeholder needs and potential future funding.

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