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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646**

Introduced by Flood, 19.

Read first time January 20, 2021

Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2020, LB1008,
- 2 section 60; to change the maximum amount of certain scholarships; to
- 3 repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Laws 2020, LB1008, section 60, is amended to read:

2 Sec. 60. AGENCY NO. 50 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE  
3 COLLEGES

4 Program No. 48 - Nebraska State Colleges - System Office

	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
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6 GENERAL FUND	53,548,946	56,527,357
7 CASH FUND est.	39,009,170	39,009,170
8 FEDERAL FUND est.	46,739,698	46,739,698
9 REVOLVING FUND est.	9,428,071	9,428,071
10 PROGRAM TOTAL	148,725,885	151,704,296

11 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that upon the approval of  
12 the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, the System Office  
13 of the Nebraska State Colleges may divide and distribute the funds  
14 appropriated to this program among Chadron State College, Peru State  
15 College, Wayne State College, and the System Office of the Nebraska State  
16 Colleges.

17 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2020-21  
18 \$1,000,000 General Funds for state aid for Nebraska Career Scholarships,  
19 which shall only be used for such purpose.

20 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that Cash Fund revenue from  
21 resident tuition, nonresident tuition, off-campus tuition, and fees  
22 separately assessed shall be individually accounted for on the Nebraska  
23 Information System.

24 (3) The Legislature reaffirms its intent to utilize the Nebraska  
25 Educational Data System created by Laws 1978, LB 897, to support the  
26 appropriations and oversight process for postsecondary education. It is  
27 further the intent of the Legislature that all institutions provide the  
28 data in the precise formats required by the Coordinating Commission for  
29 Postsecondary Education.

30 (4) The Legislature reaffirms its commitment to long-range and  
31 short-range computer planning by the Nebraska state colleges. It is the

1 intent of the Legislature that comprehensive computer plans of the  
2 Nebraska state colleges be updated biennially and submitted to the  
3 Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Department of Administrative Services,  
4 and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education on or before  
5 October 15 of each odd-numbered year. The plans required to be submitted  
6 to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by this section shall be submitted  
7 electronically.

8 (5) The Department of Administrative Services shall monitor the  
9 appropriations and expenditures of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska  
10 State Colleges, Agency No. 50-0, and the Nebraska State Colleges, Agency  
11 Nos. 50-1, 50-3, and 50-4, according to NCHEMS-Program Classification  
12 Structure, Second Edition. Expenditure authority shall be limited to  
13 program appropriations.

14 (6) It is intended that:

15 (a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall award  
16 scholarships that shall not exceed a maximum of fifteen ~~ten~~ thousand  
17 dollars per year to an eligible student who achieved a score on the ACT  
18 of 18 or higher and enrolled in a program of study in rangeland  
19 management, industrial technology, criminal justice, business  
20 administration, education, communication, and computer information  
21 systems.

22 (b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, acting as  
23 agents of the state, shall allocate Nebraska Career Scholarship funds  
24 between the campuses, determine eligibility of students, receive and  
25 process applications for awards to individual students, and disperse any  
26 award directly to eligible students during the fiscal year. Eligibility  
27 criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student  
28 enrolled in an eligible program of study.

29 (c) A scholarship recipient shall be automatically renewed if the  
30 student remains eligible. No student shall receive a scholarship after  
31 four years of participation in the program.

1 (d) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
2 collect information on each scholarship recipient.

3 (e) Nebraska Career Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees,  
4 required tools and equipment, room, and board. Each student who receives  
5 a Nebraska Career Scholarship shall register with the appropriate campus  
6 office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical  
7 position, or major-related field of employment prior to completion of the  
8 program of study.

9 (f) Every four years the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State  
10 Colleges, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Development,  
11 shall evaluate which programs of study are needed to meet the workforce  
12 needs of the State of Nebraska.

13 (g) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall  
14 report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor by  
15 December 1 each year the following information:

16 (i) Total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of  
17 study in the prior school year and such program's enrollment as of  
18 September 30 each year thereafter;

19 (ii) The starting number of scholarship recipients in each program  
20 of study;

21 (iii) The total number of students retained year-over-year in each  
22 program of study;

23 (iv) A comparison of the retention rate of scholarship recipients  
24 and non-scholarship recipients;

25 (v) The number of students in each program of study participating in  
26 an internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or major-related field  
27 of employment during enrollment and comparing participation rates for  
28 scholarship and non-scholarship recipients;

29 (vi) The total number of graduates in each program of study, stating  
30 the number of scholarship recipients and comparing the graduation rate  
31 versus non-scholarship students;

1           (vii) The number of students in each program of study obtaining jobs  
2 in Nebraska within four months of graduation; and

3           (viii) The average starting salary.

4           Sec. 2. Original Laws 2020, LB1008, section 60, is repealed.

5           Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
6 passed and approved according to law.