

AMENDMENTS TO LB607

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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

3 Section 1. Section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2022, is amended to read:

5 75-1101 (1) For purposes of this section, 211 Information and
6 Referral Network means a statewide information and referral network
7 providing information to the public regarding disaster and emergency
8 response and health and human services provided by public and private
9 entities throughout the state.

10 (2) The Public Service Commission shall award a grant annually to a
11 211 Information and Referral Network which submits an application and
12 meets the requirements of this section. ~~Beginning July 1, 2022, the~~
13 ~~amount of each grant shall be nine hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.~~

14 (3) To be eligible for a grant, the 211 Information and Referral
15 Network shall update the information and referral services on the network
16 at least annually, shall geographically index the services to provide
17 information on a county-by-county basis, and shall be accredited as
18 meeting the standards for service delivery and quality by the Alliance of
19 Information and Referral Systems or a similar organization approved by
20 the commission.

21 (4) The grant may be used to establish a website which includes
22 links to providers of health and human services, the name, address, and
23 telephone number of any organization listed on the website, a description
24 of the type of services provided by the organization, and other
25 information to educate the public about the health and human services
26 available on a geographic basis. The grant may also be used to provide
27 access to the network twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week,

1 through telephone access and website access.

2 (5) There is hereby created the 211 Cash Fund. The fund shall be
3 used solely for the purpose of providing grants pursuant to this section
4 and associated administrative costs. All money received by the Public
5 Service Commission for such grants shall be remitted to the State
6 Treasurer for credit to such fund. Any money in the fund available for
7 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
8 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
9 Investment Act.

10 Sec. 2. Original section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative
11 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.