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AMENDMENTS TO LB894

(Amendments to the Standing Committee amendments, AM2370)

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Section 1. Section 4-108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 4-108 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, unless
- exempted from verification under section 4-110 or pursuant to federal 5
- law, no state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska 6
- shall provide public benefits to a person not lawfully present in the 7
- United States. 8
- (2) Except as provided in section 4-110 or if exempted by federal 9
- law, every agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall 10
- verify the lawful presence in the United States of any person who has 11
- 12 applied for public benefits administered by an agency or a political
- subdivision of the State of Nebraska. This section shall be enforced 13
- without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin. 14
- (3) On and after October 1, 2009, no employee of a state agency or 15
- political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall be authorized to 16
- participate in any retirement system, including, but not limited to, the 17
- systems provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the 18
- 19 County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska
- State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, and the 20
- State Employees Retirement Act, unless the employee (a) is a United 21
- States citizen, or (b) is a qualified alien under the federal Immigration 22
- and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on 23
- January 1, 2009, and is lawfully present in the United States, or (c) is 24
- an eligible immigrant employed as a law enforcement officer, as such 25
- terms are defined in section 81-1401. 26

Sec. 2. Section 4-111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 1

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 4-111 (1) Verification of lawful presence in the United States
- pursuant to section 4-108 requires that the applicant for public benefits 4
- 5 attest in a format prescribed by the Department of Administrative
- 6 Services that:
- 7 (a) He or she is a United States citizen; or
- 8 (b) He or she is a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and
- 9 Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on January 1,
- 2009, and is lawfully present in the United States; or -10
- 11 (c) For purposes of attendance at a law enforcement training academy
- 12 under section 81-1410, certification and employment as a law enforcement
- officer as defined in section 81-1401, or receipt of any public benefits 13
- 14 relating to such attendance, certification, or employment, that he or she
- 15 is an eligible immigrant as defined in section 81-1401.
- (2) A state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska 16
- 17 may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations or procedures for the
- electronic filing of the attestation required under subsection (1) of 18
- this section if such attestation is substantially similar to the format 19
- 20 prescribed by the Department of Administrative Services.
- 21 (3)(a) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the
- 22 State of Nebraska to make full use of the skills and talents in the state
- 23 by ensuring that a person who is work-authorized is able to obtain a
- 24 professional or commercial license and practice his or her profession.
- (b) For purposes of a professional or commercial license, the 25
- 26 Legislature finds that a person not described in subdivision (1)(a) or
- 27 (1)(b) of this section who submits (i) an unexpired employment
- authorization document issued by the United States Department of Homeland 28
- 29 Security, Form I-766, and (ii) documentation issued by the United States
- 30 Department of Homeland Security, the United States Citizenship and
- Immigration Services, or any other federal agency, such as one of the 31

- 1 types of Form I-797 used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
- 2 Services, demonstrating that such person is described in section 202(c)
- 3 (2)(B)(i) through (x) of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law
- 4 109-13, has demonstrated lawful presence pursuant to section 4-108 and is
- 5 eligible to obtain such license. Such license shall be valid only for the
- 6 period of time during which such person's employment authorization
- 7 document is valid. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the
- 8 requirements to obtain a professional or commercial license that are
- 9 unrelated to the lawful presence requirements demonstrated pursuant to
- 10 this subsection.
- 11 (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to grant
- 12 eligibility for any public benefits other than obtaining a professional
- 13 or commercial license.
- 14 (d) Any person who has complied with the requirements of this
- 15 subsection shall have his or her employment authorization document
- 16 verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements
- 17 Program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or
- 18 an equivalent program designated by the United States Department of
- 19 Homeland Security.
- 20 (e) The Legislature enacts this subsection pursuant to the authority
- 21 provided in 8 U.S.C. 1621(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2016.
- 22 Sec. 5. Section 23-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 23 amended to read:
- 24 23-2306 (1) The membership of the retirement system shall be
- 25 composed of all persons who are or were employed by member counties and
- 26 who maintain an account balance with the retirement system.
- 27 (2) The following employees of member counties are authorized to
- 28 participate in the retirement system: (a) All permanent full-time
- 29 employees who have attained the age of eighteen years shall begin
- 30 participation in the retirement system upon employment and full-time
- 31 elected officials shall begin participation in the retirement system upon

- 1 taking office, (b) all permanent part-time employees who have attained
- 2 the age of eighteen years may exercise the option to begin participation
- 3 in the retirement system within the first thirty days of employment, and
- 4 (c) all part-time elected officials may exercise the option to begin
- 5 participation in the retirement system within thirty days after taking
- 6 office. An employee who exercises the option to begin participation in
- 7 the retirement system shall remain in the system until termination or
- 8 retirement, regardless of any change of status as a permanent or
- 9 temporary employee.
- 10 (3) On and after July 1, 2010, no employee of a member county shall
- 11 be authorized to participate in the retirement system provided for in the
- 12 County Employees Retirement Act unless the employee (a) is a United
- 13 States citizen, or (b) is a qualified alien under the federal Immigration
- 14 and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on
- 15 January 1, 2009, and is lawfully present in the United States, or (c) is
- 16 an eligible immigrant employed as a law enforcement officer, as such
- 17 terms are defined in section 81-1401.
- 18 (4)(a) The board may determine that a governmental entity currently
- 19 participating in the retirement system no longer qualifies, in whole or
- 20 in part, under section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code as a
- 21 participating employer in a governmental plan.
- 22 (b)(i) To aid governmental entities in their business decisionmaking
- 23 process, any governmental entity currently participating in the
- 24 retirement system contemplating a business transaction that may result in
- 25 such entity no longer qualifying, in whole or in part, under section
- 26 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code may notify the board in writing as
- 27 soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than one hundred eighty days
- 28 before the transaction is to occur.
- 29 (ii) The board when timely notified shall, as soon as is reasonably
- 30 practicable, obtain from its contracted actuary the cost of any actuarial
- 31 study necessary to determine the potential funding obligation. The board

- shall notify the entity of such cost. 1
- (iii) If such entity pays the board's contracted actuary pursuant to 2
- 3 subdivision (4)(c)(vi) of this section for any actuarial study necessary
- to determine the potential funding obligation, the board shall, as soon 4
- 5 as reasonably practicable following its receipt of the actuarial study,
- 6 (A) determine whether the entity's contemplated business transaction will
- 7 cause the entity to no longer qualify under section 414(d) of the
- Internal Revenue Code, (B) determine whether the contemplated business 8
- 9 transaction constitutes a plan termination by the entity, (C) determine
- the potential funding obligation, (D) determine the administrative costs 10
- 11 that will be incurred by the board or the Nebraska Public Employees
- 12 Retirement Systems in connection with the entity's removal from the
- retirement system, and (E) notify the entity of such determinations. 13
- 14 (iv) Failure to timely notify the board pursuant to subdivision (4)
- 15 (b)(i) of this section may result in the entity being treated as though
- the board made a decision pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of this section. 16
- 17 (c) If the board makes a determination pursuant to subdivision (4)
- (a) of this section, or if the entity engages in the contemplated 18
- business transaction reviewed under subdivision (4)(b) of this section 19
- 20 that results in the entity no longer qualifying under section 414(d) of
- 21 the Internal Revenue Code:
- 22 (i) The board shall notify the entity that it no longer qualifies
- 23 under section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code within ten business
- 24 days after the determination;
- (ii) The affected plan members shall be immediately considered fully 25
- 26 vested;
- 27 (iii) The affected plan members shall become inactive within ninety
- days after the board's determination; 28
- 29 (iv) The entity shall pay to the County Employees Retirement Fund an
- 30 amount equal to any funding obligation;
- (v) The entity shall pay to the County Employees Cash Balance 31

- 1 Retirement Expense Fund an amount equal to any administrative costs
- 2 incurred by the board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems
- 3 in connection with the entity's removal from the retirement system; and
- 4 (vi) The entity shall pay directly to the board's contracted actuary
- 5 an amount equal to the cost of any actuarial study necessary to aid the
- 6 board in determining the amount of such funding obligation, if not
- 7 previously paid.
- 8 (d) For purposes of this subsection:
- 9 (i) Business transaction means a merger; consolidation; sale of
- 10 assets, equipment, or facilities; termination of a division, department,
- 11 section, or subgroup of the entity; or any other business transaction
- 12 that results in termination of some or all of the entity's workforce; and
- 13 (ii) Funding obligation means the financial liability of the
- 14 retirement system to provide benefits for the affected plan members
- 15 incurred by the retirement system due to the entity's business
- 16 transaction calculated using the methodology and assumptions recommended
- 17 by the board's contracted actuary and approved by the board. The
- 18 methodology and assumptions used must be structured in a way that ensures
- 19 the entity is financially liable for all the costs of the entity's
- 20 business transaction, and the retirement system is not financially liable
- 21 for any of the cost of the entity's business transaction.
- 22 (e) The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
- 23 carry out this subsection including, but not limited to, the methods of
- 24 notifying the board of pending business transactions, the acceptable
- 25 methods of payment, and the timing of such payment.
- 26 (5) Within the first one hundred eighty days of employment, a full-
- 27 time employee may apply to the board for vesting credit for years of
- 28 participation in another Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by
- 29 section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the years of
- 30 participation in the other Nebraska governmental plan, the employee must
- 31 have been a full-time employee, as defined in the Nebraska governmental

- plan in which the credit was earned. The board may adopt and promulgate 1
- rules and regulations governing the assessment and granting of vesting 2
- 3 credit.
- (6) Any employee who qualifies for membership in the retirement 4
- 5 system pursuant to this section may not be disqualified from membership
- 6 in the retirement system solely because such employee also maintains
- 7 separate employment which qualifies the employee for membership in
- another public retirement system, nor may membership in this retirement 8
- 9 system disqualify such an employee from membership in another public
- retirement system solely by reason of separate employment which qualifies 10
- 11 such employee for membership in this retirement system.
- (7) A full-time or part-time employee of a city, village, or 12
- township who becomes a county employee pursuant to a merger of services 13
- 14 shall receive vesting credit for his or her years of participation in a
- 15 Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by section 414(d) of the Internal
- Revenue Code, of the city, village, or township. 16
- 17 (8) A full-time or part-time employee of a city, village, fire
- protection district, or township who becomes a municipal county employee 18
- shall receive credit for his or her years of employment with the city, 19
- 20 village, fire protection district, or township for purposes of the
- 21 vesting provisions of this section.
- 22 (9) A full-time or part-time employee of the state who becomes a
- 23 county employee pursuant to transfer of assessment function to a county
- 24 shall not be deemed to have experienced a termination of employment and
- shall receive vesting credit for his or her years of participation in the 25
- 26 State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska.
- 27 (10) Counties shall ensure that employees authorized to participate
- in the retirement system pursuant to this section shall enroll and make 28
- 29 required contributions to the retirement system immediately upon becoming
- 30 employee. Information necessary to determine membership in the
- retirement system shall be provided by the employer. 31

- 1 Sec. 8. Section 81-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2022, is amended to read: 2
- 3 81-1401 For purposes of sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, unless the
- 4 context otherwise requires:
- 5 (1) Class I railroad means a rail carrier classified as Class I
- 6 pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1201 1-1;
- 7 (2) Commission means the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 8 Criminal Justice;
- 9 (3) Council means the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council;
- (4) Director means the director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement 10
- Training Center; 11
- 12 (5) Eligible immigrant means a person who has been formally granted
- and maintains Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status by the United 13
- 14 States Citizen and Immigration Services;
- 15 (6) (5) Felony means a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term
- of more than one year or a crime committed outside of Nebraska which 16
- would be punishable by imprisonment for a term of more than one year if 17
- committed in Nebraska; 18
- (7) (6) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen 19
- 20 inches in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use
- 21 of a single hand;
- 22 (8) (7) Law enforcement agency means the police department or the
- 23 town marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of sheriff in
- 24 unincorporated areas, the Nebraska State Patrol, and Class I railroad
- 25 police departments;
- 26 (9)(a) (8)(a) Law enforcement officer means any person who has
- 27 successfully completed an entry-level law enforcement certification from
- a training academy and who is responsible for the prevention or detection 28
- 29 of crime or the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the
- 30 state or any political subdivision of the state for more than one hundred
- hours per year and is authorized by law to make arrests and includes, but 31

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- 1 is not limited to:
- 2 (i) A full-time or part-time member of the Nebraska State Patrol;
- 3 (ii) A county sheriff;
- 4 (iii) A full-time or part-time employee of a county sheriff's
- 5 office;
- 6 (iv) A full-time or part-time employee of a municipal or village
- 7 police agency;
- 8 (v) A full-time or part-time Game and Parks Commission conservation
- 9 officer;
- (vi) A full-time or part-time deputy state sheriff;
- 11 (vii) A full-time employee of an organized and paid fire department
- 12 of any city of the metropolitan class who is an authorized arson
- 13 investigator and whose duties consist of determining the cause, origin,
- 14 and circumstances of fires or explosions while on duty in the course of
- 15 an investigation;
- 16 (viii) A member of a law enforcement reserve force appointed in
- 17 accordance with section 81-1438; or
- 18 (ix) A full-time Class I railroad police officer;
- 19 (b) Law enforcement officer includes a noncertified conditional
- 20 officer;
- 21 (c) Law enforcement officer does not include employees of the
- 22 Department of Correctional Services, probation officers under the
- 23 Nebraska Probation System, parole officers appointed by the Director of
- 24 Supervision and Services of the Division of Parole Supervision, or
- 25 employees of the Department of Revenue under section 77-366; and
- 26 (d) Except for a noncertified conditional officer, a law enforcement
- 27 officer shall possess a valid law enforcement officer certificate or
- 28 diploma, as established by the council, in order to be vested with the
- 29 authority of this section;
- 30 (10) (9) Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence has the same meaning
- 31 as in section 28-1206;

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- 1 (11) (10) Noncertified conditional officer means a person appointed
- 2 pursuant to subsection (6) of section 81-1414;
- 3 (12) (11) Serious misconduct means improper or illegal actions taken
- 4 by a law enforcement officer that have a rational connection with the
- 5 person's fitness or capacity to serve as a law enforcement officer and
- 6 includes, but is not limited to:
- 7 (a) Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic
- 8 violence;
- 9 (b) Fabrication of evidence;
- 10 (c) Repeated substantiated allegations of the use of excessive
- 11 force;
- 12 (d) Acceptance of a bribe;
- (e) Commission of fraud or perjury; or
- 14 (f) Sexual assault;
- 15 (13) (12) Training academy means:
- 16 (a) The training center; or
- 17 (b) Another council-approved law enforcement training facility
- 18 which:
- 19 (i) Offers certification training that meets or exceeds the
- 20 certification training curriculum of the training center; and
- 21 (ii) Is operated and maintained by a law enforcement agency or by
- 22 multiple law enforcement agencies pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation
- 23 Act.
- 24 <u>(14)</u> Training center means the Nebraska Law Enforcement
- 25 Training Center; and
- 26 (15) (14) Training school means a public or private institution of
- 27 higher education, including the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska
- 28 state colleges, and the community colleges of this state, that offers
- 29 training in a council-approved pre-certification course.
- 30 Sec. 9. Section 81-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 31 amended to read:

- 1 81-1410 (1) The council shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 2 regulations governing the minimum admission requirements for all training
- 3 academies. Until the rules and regulations become effective, the
- 4 admission requirements existing on July 13, 2000, pertaining to the
- 5 training center shall be applicable to all training academies, except the
- 6 Nebraska State Patrol. The rules and regulations shall establish
- 7 admission criteria which shall include, but not be limited to, (a)
- 8 physical, mental, and emotional fitness and (b) disclosure of any
- 9 criminal history. The council may also adopt a priority system for
- 10 admission to the training center and the other training academies
- 11 conducting certification training for officers not employed by that
- 12 training academy's agency.
- 13 (2) The council may admit an applicant to any training academy for
- 14 entry-level law enforcement certification when the applicant meets the
- 15 following minimum criteria:
- 16 (a) The applicant (i) is or will be a citizen of the United States
- 17 prior to the completion of certification or (ii) is an eligible
- 18 <u>immigrant</u>;
- 19 (b) The applicant will reach the age of twenty-one years prior to
- 20 the completion of the training;
- 21 (c) The applicant has been fingerprinted and a search has been made
- 22 of local, state, and national fingerprint files for disclosure of any
- 23 criminal record and the results furnished to the training center;
- 24 (d) The applicant has a valid motor vehicle operator's or
- 25 chauffeur's license;
- 26 (e) The applicant has vision correctable to 20/30 and has no
- 27 evidence of an irreversible disease which will affect the person's sight;
- 28 (f) The applicant has been pardoned or has never been convicted by
- 29 any state or the United States of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a
- 30 penitentiary for a term of one year or more or by any foreign government
- 31 of a crime which would be punishable by imprisonment for a term of one

year or more if committed in Nebraska or has had a conviction for such an 1

- 2 offense overturned or reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- 3 (g) The applicant possesses good character as determined by a
- thorough background investigation; 4
- 5 (h) The applicant (i)(A) is a high school graduate or (B) possesses
- 6 a general educational development certificate and (ii) is able to read,
- 7 write, and understand the English language at the eleventh grade level;
- 8 (i) The applicant has not been convicted of driving
- 9 intoxicated in the two years immediately preceding admission; and
- (j) The applicant has been examined by a licensed physician one year 10
- 11 or less prior to admission and has been certified by the physician to
- 12 have met the physical requirements, as determined by the council,
- necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer 13
- 14 and successfully complete the requirements for training.
- 15 (3) In all cases in which it is necessary to acquire documents or
- other information to determine whether or not an applicant meets any of 16
- 17 the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, such copies or other
- information shall be supplied by the applicant at his or her own expense. 18
- Sec. 10. Section 81-2016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 19
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 81-2016 (1) Every member of the Nebraska State Patrol who was
- 22 employed by the State of Nebraska as such, on September 7, 1947, and
- 23 every person employed as a member of such patrol thereafter, shall be a
- 24 member of the system, except for those members of the Nebraska State
- Patrol who elected pursuant to section 60-1304 to remain members of the 25
- 26 State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska. On and after
- 27 July 1, 2010, no employee shall be authorized to participate in the
- retirement system provided for in the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement 28
- 29 Act unless the employee (a) is a United States citizen, or (b) is a
- 30 qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8
- U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2009, and is 31

- lawfully present in the United States, or (c) is an eligible immigrant 1
- 2 employed as a law enforcement officer, as such terms are defined in
- 3 <u>section 81-1401</u>.
- (2) Within the first one hundred eighty days of employment, a member 4
- 5 may apply to the board for eligibility and vesting credit for years of
- 6 participation in another Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by
- 7 section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the years of
- 8 participation in the other Nebraska governmental plan, the employee must
- 9 have been a full-time employee, as defined in the Nebraska governmental
- plan in which the credit was earned. 10
- 11 (3) Any officer who qualifies for membership pursuant to subsection
- 12 (1) of this section may not be disqualified from membership in the
- retirement system solely because such officer also maintains separate 13
- 14 employment which qualifies the officer for membership in another public
- 15 retirement system, nor may membership in this retirement system
- disqualify such an officer from membership in another public retirement 16
- 17 system solely by reason of separate employment which qualifies such
- officer for membership in this retirement system. 18
- (4) Information necessary to determine membership shall be provided 19
- 20 by the Nebraska State Patrol.
- 21 (5) The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 22 governing the assessment and granting of eligibility and vesting credit.
- 23 Sec. 11. Section 84-1307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 24 2022, is amended to read:
- 84-1307 (1) The membership of the retirement system shall be 25
- 26 composed of all persons who are or were employed by the State of Nebraska
- 27 and who maintain an account balance with the retirement system.
- (2) The following employees of the State of Nebraska are authorized 28
- 29 to participate in the retirement system: (a) All permanent full-time
- 30 employees who have attained the age of eighteen years shall begin
- participation in the retirement system upon employment; and (b) all 31

1 permanent part-time employees who have attained the age of eighteen years

- 2 may exercise the option to begin participation in the retirement system
- 3 within the first thirty days of employment. An employee who exercises the
- 4 option to begin participation in the retirement system pursuant to this
- 5 section shall remain in the retirement system until his or her
- 6 termination of employment or retirement, regardless of any change of
- 7 status as a permanent or temporary employee.
- 8 (3) On and after July 1, 2010, no employee shall be authorized to
- 9 participate in the retirement system provided for in the State Employees
- 10 Retirement Act unless the employee (a) is a United States citizen, or (b)
- 11 is a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8
- 12 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2009, and is
- 13 lawfully present in the United States, or (c) is an eligible immigrant
- 14 employed as a law enforcement officer, as such terms are defined in
- 15 <u>section 81-1401</u>.
- 16 (4) For purposes of this section, (a) permanent full-time employees
- 17 includes employees of the Legislature or Legislative Council who work
- 18 one-half or more of the regularly scheduled hours during each pay period
- 19 of the legislative session and (b) permanent part-time employees includes
- 20 employees of the Legislature or Legislative Council who work less than
- 21 one-half of the regularly scheduled hours during each pay period of the
- 22 legislative session.
- 23 (5)(a) Within the first one hundred eighty days of employment, a
- 24 full-time employee may apply to the board for vesting credit for years of
- 25 participation in another Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by
- 26 section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the years of
- 27 participation in the other Nebraska governmental plan, the employee must
- 28 have been a full-time employee, as defined in the Nebraska governmental
- 29 plan in which the credit was earned. The board may adopt and promulgate
- 30 rules and regulations governing the assessment and granting of vesting
- 31 credit.

- 1 (b) If the contributory retirement plan or contract let pursuant to
- 2 section 48-609, as such section existed prior to January 1, 2018, is
- 3 terminated, employees of the Department of Labor who are active
- 4 participants in such contributory retirement plan or contract on the date
- 5 of termination of such plan or contract shall be granted vesting credit
- 6 for their years of participation in such plan or contract.
- 7 (6) Any employee who qualifies for membership in the retirement
- 8 system pursuant to this section may not be disqualified for membership in
- 9 the retirement system solely because such employee also maintains
- 10 separate employment which qualifies the employee for membership in
- 11 another public retirement system, nor may membership in this retirement
- 12 system disqualify such an employee from membership in another public
- 13 employment system solely by reason of separate employment which qualifies
- 14 such employee for membership in this retirement system.
- 15 (7) State agencies shall ensure that employees authorized to
- 16 participate in the retirement system pursuant to this section shall
- 17 enroll and make required contributions to the retirement system
- 18 immediately upon becoming an employee. Information necessary to determine
- 19 membership in the retirement system shall be provided by the employer.
- Sec. 12. Section 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 21 amended to read:
- 22 84-1504 (1) The Public Employees Retirement Board, on behalf of the
- 23 state, may contract with any individual to defer a portion of such
- 24 individual's compensation or with the Legislative Council to defer any
- 25 other amount that the Legislative Council agrees to credit to an
- 26 individual's account pursuant to section 457 of the Internal Revenue
- 27 Code.
- 28 (2) The compensation to be deferred at the election of the
- 29 individual and any other amount credited on behalf of such individual by
- 30 the Legislative Council shall not exceed the total compensation to be
- 31 received by the individual from the employer or exceed the limits

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- established by the Internal Revenue Code for such a plan. 1
- 2 (3) The deferred compensation program shall serve in addition to but
- 3 not be a part of any existing retirement or pension system provided for
- state or county employees or any other benefit program. 4
- 5 (4) Any compensation deferred at the election of the individual
- 6 under such a deferred compensation plan shall continue to be included as
- 7 regular compensation for the purpose of computing the retirement,
- 8 pension, or social security contributions made or benefits earned by any
- 9 employee.
- (5) Any sum so deferred shall not be included in the computation of 10
- 11 any federal or state taxes withheld on behalf of any such individual.
- 12 (6) The state, the board, the state investment officer, the agency,
- or the county shall not be responsible for any investment results entered 13
- 14 into by the individual in the deferred compensation agreement.
- 15 (7) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit, restrict, alter,
- amend, invalidate, or nullify any deferred compensation plan previously 16
- 17 instituted by any instrumentality or agency of the State of Nebraska, and
- any such plan is hereby authorized and approved. 18
- (8) On and after July 1, 2010, no employee of the state or any 19
- 20 political subdivision of the state shall be authorized to participate in
- 21 a deferred compensation plan unless the employee (a) is a United States
- 22 citizen, or (b) is a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and
- 23 Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq., as such act existed on January 1,
- 24 2009, and is lawfully present in the United States, or (c) is an eligible
- immigrant employed as a law enforcement officer, as such terms are 25
- 26 defined in section 81-1401.
- 27 (9) For purposes of this section, individual means (a) any state
- employee, whether employed on a permanent or temporary basis, full-time 28
- 29 or part-time, (b) a person under contract providing services to the state
- 30 who is not employed by the University of Nebraska or any of the state
- colleges or community colleges and who has entered into a contract with 31

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- 1 the state to have compensation deferred prior to August 28, 1999, and (c)
- 2 any county employee designated as a permanent part-time or full-time
- 3 employee or elected official whose employer does not offer a deferred
- 4 compensation plan and who has entered into an agreement pursuant to
- 5 section 48-1401.
- 6 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 7 accordingly.