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AMENDMENTS TO LB1329

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER105)

Introduced by Murman, 38.

- 1. Insert the following new sections: 1
- 2 Sec. 11. Section 79-215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2022, is amended to read:
- 4 79-215 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
- is a resident of the school district where he or she resides and shall be 5
- admitted to any such school district upon request without charge. 6
- (2) A school board shall admit a student upon request without charge 7
- if at least one of the student's parents resides in the school district. 8
- 9 (3) A school board shall admit any homeless student upon request
- without charge if the district is the district in which the student (a) 10
- is currently located, (b) attended when permanently housed, or (c) was 11
- 12 last enrolled.
- (4) A school board may allow a student whose residency in the 13
- district ceases during a school year to continue attending school in such 14
- district for the remainder of that school year. 15
- (5) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school 16
- district pursuant to a contract with the district where the student is a 17
- resident and shall collect tuition pursuant to the contract. 18
- 19 (6) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school
- district pursuant to the enrollment option program as authorized by 20
- sections 79-232 to 79-246, and such admission shall be without charge. 21
- (7) In order to carry out the provisions of section 79-2201, a 22
- school board shall permit children of military families to enroll 23
- preliminarily in a school district if a parent presents evidence of 24
- military orders that the military family will be stationed in this state 25
- during the current or following school year. A student of a military 26

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- family shall be admitted to the school district without charge upon 1
- arrival in Nebraska if the requirements of this section are met. 2
- 3 (8) A school board may admit a student who is a resident of another state to the school district and collect tuition in advance at a rate 4 determined by the school board. 5
- 6 (9) When a student as a ward of the state or as a ward of any court 7 (a) has been placed in a school district other than the district in which 8 he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward and such ward does 9 not reside in a foster family home licensed or approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or used pursuant 10 to section 83-108.04 or (b) has been placed in any institution which 11 maintains a special education program which has been approved by the 12 State Department of Education and such institution is not owned or 13 14 operated by the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she 15 became a ward, the cost of his or her education and the required transportation costs associated with the student's education shall be 16 17 paid by the state, but not in advance, to the receiving school district or approved institution under rules and regulations prescribed by the 18 Department of Health and Human Services and the student shall remain a 19 resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she 20 21 became a ward. Any student who is a ward of the state or a ward of any 22 court who resides in a foster family home licensed or approved by the 23 Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or 24 used pursuant to section 83-108.04 shall be deemed a resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a foster 25 26 child, unless it is determined under section 43-1311 or 43-1312 that he 27 or she will not attend such district in which case he or she shall be deemed a resident of the district in which the foster family home or 28 29 foster home is located.
- 30 (10)(a) When a student is not a ward of the state or a ward of any court and is residing in a residential setting located in Nebraska for 31

reasons other than to receive an education and the residential setting is 1 2 operated by a service provider which is certified or licensed by the 3 Department of Health and Human Services or is enrolled in the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act and 4 5 Title XIX or XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, the 6 student shall remain a resident of the district in which he or she 7 resided immediately prior to residing in such residential setting. The 8 resident district for a student who is not a ward of the state or a ward 9 of any court does not change when the student moves from one residential setting to another. 10

11 (b) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described 12 in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting does not maintain an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 13 14 or an approved or accredited school, the resident school district shall 15 contract with the district in which such residential setting is located for the provision of all educational services, including all special 16 17 education services and support services as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless a parent or guardian and the resident school district agree that 18 an appropriate education will be provided by the resident school district 19 20 while the student is residing in such residential setting. If the 21 resident school district is required to contract, the district in which 22 such residential setting is located shall contract with the resident 23 district and provide all educational services, including all special 24 education services, to the student. If the two districts cannot agree on the amount of the contract, the State Department of Education shall 25 26 determine the amount to be paid by the resident district to the district 27 in which such residential setting is located based on the needs of the student, approved special education rates, the department's general 28 29 experience with special education budgets, and the cost per student in 30 the district in which such residential setting is located. Once the contract has been entered into, all legal responsibility for special 31

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education and related services shall be transferred to the school 1 2 district in which the residential setting is located.

- 3 (c) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting 4 5 maintains an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 or 6 an approved or accredited school, the department shall reimburse such 7 residential setting for the provision of all educational services, including all special education services and support services, with the 8 9 amount of payment for all educational services determined pursuant to the average per pupil cost of the service agency as defined in section 10 11 79-1116. The resident school district shall retain responsibility for such student's individualized education program plan, if any. The 12 educational services may be provided through (i) such interim-program 13 14 school or approved or accredited school, (ii) a contract between the 15 residential setting and the school district in which such residential setting is located, (iii) a contract between the residential setting and 16 17 another service agency as defined in section 79-1124, or (iv) a combination of such educational service providers. 18
- (d) If a school district pays a school district in which a 19 residential setting is located for educational services provided pursuant 20 21 to subdivision (10)(b) of this section and it is later determined that a 22 different school district was the resident school district for such 23 student at the time such educational services were provided, the school 24 district that was later determined to be the resident school district shall reimburse the school district that initially paid for 25 26 educational services one hundred ten percent of the amount paid.
- 27 (e) A student residing in a residential setting described in this subsection shall be defined as a student with a handicap pursuant to 28 29 Article VII, section 11, of the Constitution of Nebraska, and as such the 30 state and any political subdivision may contract with institutions not wholly owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision to 31

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provide the educational services to the student if such educational 1

- services are nonsectarian in nature. 2
- 3 (11) A school board may admit a student who is also enrolled in a
- private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects 4
- 5 pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval
- 6 requirements without charge for part-time enrollment in the school
- 7 district for purposes of participation in extracurricular activities in
- 8 accordance with section 79-2,136 if such student or at least one parent
- 9 of such student resides in a neighboring school district and the school
- district where such student or such student's parent resides does not 10
- 11 offer the extracurricular activity the student desires to participate in
- 12 through part-time enrollment.
- (12) (11) In the case of any individual eighteen years of age or 13
- 14 younger who is a ward of the state or any court and who is placed in a
- 15 county detention home established under section 43-2,110, the cost of his
- or her education shall be paid by the state, regardless of the district 16
- in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward, to the 17
- agency or institution which: (a) Is selected by the county board with 18
- jurisdiction over such detention home; (b) has agreed or contracted with 19
- such county board to provide educational services; and (c) has been 20
- 21 approved by the State Department of Education pursuant to rules and
- 22 regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education.
- 23 (13) (12) No tuition shall be charged for students who may be by law
- 24 allowed to attend the school without charge.
- (14) (13) The State Department of Education shall establish 25
- 26 procedures and criteria for collecting enrollment, admission, and related
- 27 information needed for any student to attend a school district in this
- state which shall include, but not be limited to, having an adult with 28
- 29 legal or actual charge or control of a student provide through electronic
- 30 means or other means specified by the department the name of the student,
- the name of the adult with legal or actual charge or control of the 31

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- student, the address where the student is or will be residing, and 1
- 2 information on how and where the adult may generally be reached during
- 3 the school day.
- (15) (14) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and 4
- 5 regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- 6 Sec. 14. Section 79-2,136, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 79-2,136 (1) Each school board shall allow the part-time enrollment
- 9 of students, for all courses selected by the students, who are residents
- of or admitted to the school district pursuant to subsection subsections 10
- 11 (1), and (2), or (11) of section 79-215 and who are also enrolled in a
- private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects 12
- pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval 13
- 14 requirements and shall establish policies and procedures for such part-
- 15 time enrollment. Such policies and procedures may include provisions
- permitting the part-time enrollment of such students who are not 16
- 17 residents of or admitted to such school districts to the extent permitted
- pursuant to section 79-215 and may require part-time students to follow 18
- school policies that apply to other students at any time the part-time 19
- student is present on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or 20
- 21 athletic event. Part-time enrollment shall not entitle a student to
- 22 transportation or transportation reimbursements pursuant to section
- 23 79-611.
- 24 (2) Each school board shall establish policies and procedures to
- allow any student who is a resident of or admitted to the school district 25
- 26 pursuant to subsection (1), or (2), or (11) of section 79-215 and who is
- 27 enrolled in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet
- 28 accreditation or approval requirements to participate in any
- 29 extracurricular activities as defined in section 79-2,126, including, but
- 30 not limited to, interschool competitions, to the same extent and subject
- to the same requirements, conditions, and procedures as a student 31

- 1 enrolled in a public school governed by such board, except that any
- 2 school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation
- 3 or approval requirements shall set the standards for satisfactory
- 4 academic performance for a student from the school to participate in
- 5 extracurricular activities pursuant to this subsection and shall provide
- 6 assurances of compliance with such academic standards.
- 7 (3) School board policies and procedures adopted pursuant to
- 8 subsection (2) of this section (a) shall require any student
- 9 participating in extracurricular activities pursuant to such subsection
- 10 to be enrolled in no more and no less than five credit hours offered by
- 11 the school district in any semester, (b) shall not allow any preference
- 12 in the selection of a student for participation in an extracurricular
- 13 activity based on such student's status as a full-time student in the
- 14 school district, and (c) may require any student participating in
- 15 extracurricular activities pursuant to such subsection to follow school
- 16 policies that apply to other students when present on school grounds or
- 17 at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. Participation in
- 18 extracurricular activities pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
- 19 shall not entitle a student to transportation, except to and from
- 20 practices and events to the same extent as public school students
- 21 participating in such activities, or transportation reimbursement
- 22 pursuant to section 79-611.
- 23 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any student
- 24 from the compulsory attendance provisions of sections 79-201 to 79-210.
- 25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 26 and the repealer accordingly.