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AMENDMENTS TO LB847

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2141)

Introduced by Kauth, 31.

1   1. Insert the following new sections:

2   **Sec. 33.** Section 81-12,158, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4   81-12,158 (1) The department shall establish a financial assistance

5 program to provide financial assistance to businesses that employ no more

6 than five hundred employees or to individuals for the purposes of

7 creating a prototype of a product stemming from research and development

8 at a business operating in Nebraska or a public or private college or

9 university in Nebraska.

10   (2)(a) Until three months after April 20, 2022, funds shall be

11 matched by nonstate funds equivalent in money equal to fifty percent of

12 the funds requested; and

13   (b) Beginning three months after April 20, 2022, funds shall be

14 matched by nonstate funds equivalent in money equal to:

15   (i) Twenty-five percent of the funds requested if the applicant's

16 principal residence or principal place of business is located in an

17 economic redevelopment area within a city of the metropolitan class; or

18   (ii) Fifty percent of the funds requested for any other applicant.

19   (3) Matching funds may be from any nonstate source, including

20 private foundations, federal or local government sources, quasi-

21 governmental entities, or commercial lending institutions, or any other

22 funds whose source does not include funds appropriated by the

23 Legislature.

24   (4) The amount the department may provide shall not exceed one

25 hundred fifty thousand dollars per project.

26   (5) A business or individual applying for financial assistance under

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1 this section shall include a business plan that includes a proof-of-

2 concept demonstration.

3   (6) Financial assistance under this section shall be expended within

4 twenty-four months after the date of the awarding decision.

5   (7) The department may award up to six million dollars per year for

6 financial assistance under this section and, beginning in fiscal year

7 2027-28, shall award a minimum amount per year under this section. Such

8 minimum amount shall be equal to the lesser of four million dollars or

9 the total amount needed to fund all applications that qualify for funding

10 under this section.

11   **Sec. 34.** Section 81-12,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

12 amended to read:

13   81-12,160 (1) The department shall establish a financial assistance

14 program to provide financial assistance to businesses operating in

15 Nebraska that employ no more than five hundred employees or to

16 individuals that have a prototype of a product or process for the

17 purposes of commercializing such product or process. The applicant shall

18 submit a feasibility study stating the potential sales and profit

19 projections for the product or process.

20   (2) The department shall create a program with the following

21 provisions to support commercialization of a product or process:

22   (a) Commercialization infrastructure documentation, including market

23 assessments and start-up strategic planning;

24   (b) Promotion, marketing, advertising, and consulting;

25   (c) Management and business planning support;

26   (d) Linking companies and entrepreneurs to mentors;

27   (e) Preparing companies and entrepreneurs to acquire venture

28 capital; and

29   (f) Linking companies to sources of capital.

30   (3) Funds shall be matched by nonstate funds equal to fifty percent

31 of the funds requested. Matching funds may be from any nonstate source,

1 including private foundations, federal or local government sources,

2 quasi-governmental entities, or commercial lending institutions, or any

3 other funds whose source does not include funds appropriated by the

4 Legislature.

5 (4) The department shall not provide more than five hundred thousand

6 dollars to any one project. The ~~Each year the~~ department may award up to

7 six million dollars per year under this section and, beginning in fiscal

8 year 2027-28, shall award a minimum amount per year under this section.

9 Such minimum amount shall be equal to the lesser of four million dollars

10 or the total amount needed to fund all applications that qualify for

11 funding under this section.

12 (5) Financial assistance provided under this section shall be

13 expended within twenty-four months after the date of the awarding

14 decision.

15 (6) To carry out this section, the department shall contract with

16 one statewide venture development organization that is incorporated in

17 the State of Nebraska and exempt for federal tax purposes under section

18 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

19 **Sec. 35.** Section 81-12,163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

20 amended to read:

21 81-12,163 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate

22 fifteen million dollars to the department for fiscal year 2027-28 and

23 each fiscal year thereafter for purposes of carrying out the Business

24 Innovation Act.

25 (2) ~~(1)~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that (a) the four

26 million dollars saved due to the elimination of funding for the Angel

27 Investment Tax Credit Act be used to increase the appropriation to the

28 department for the Business Innovation Act by four million dollars for

29 fiscal year 2021-22 and each fiscal year thereafter and (b) the one

30 hundred thousand dollars saved due to the reduction in tax credits

31 authorized under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act for calendar year

1 2019 be used to increase the appropriation to the Department of Revenue

2 by one hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2019-20 to offset the

3 costs incurred by the Department of Revenue to implement Laws 2019,

4 LB334.

5   (3) (2) Up to five percent of the funds appropriated for the

6 Business Innovation Act may be used by the department, or by a nonprofit

7 entity with which the department contracts, for administrative expenses.

8   2. On page 40, strike beginning with "The" in line 8 through the

9 period in line 9 and show as stricken.

10   3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer

11 accordingly.