



January 23, 2026

The Honorable Jim Pillen
State Capitol
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
P.O. Box 94604
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(Submitted electronically)

RE: Lawful Presence in the U.S. Annual Report

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 4-113, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, the Nebraska Department of Education processed 23,591 applicants for benefits and three (3) applicants were rejected because employment authorization could not be verified pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 4-113(3)(d).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ami Huff at (402) 219-3541.

Sincerely,

Brian L. Maher, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education