

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

Read first time January 15, 2026

Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 1-111,  
2 2-2701, 2-2703.01, 2-2705, 2-2706, 13-2041, 29-2262.07, 37-327.01,  
3 47-632, 48-3004, 48-3008, 54-857, 55-131, 66-733, 66-734, 66-735,  
4 68-1604, 71-17,108, 71-3001, 71-3004, 71-3006, 71-3525, 71-3526,  
5 79-303, 79-1035.01, 79-2607, 80-401, 81-2,174, 81-2,237, 81-1201.22,  
6 81-1202, 81-1204, 81-1209, 81-1210.02, 81-1213.03, 81-1213.04,  
7 81-1230, 81-12,134, 81-12,146, 81-12,147, 81-12,218, 81-1429.03,  
8 81-1463, 81-1505.05, 81-15,303, 81-1607.01, 81-1835, 81-2105,  
9 81-2504, 82-108.03, 82-316, 82-331, 83-915.01, 84-321, 84-512,  
10 85-1501, 85-1503, 85-1511, 85-1515, 85-1516, 85-1521, 85-1535,  
11 85-1539, 85-1920, and 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
12 sections 9-812, 19-5707, 38-157, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 44-116,  
13 48-101.01, 48-145, 48-621, 53-117.06, 58-703, 68-1206, 68-1724,  
14 71-2490, 71-5318, 71-7104, 74-1317, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes  
15 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 9-1107, 37-811, 37-1804,  
16 48-1,116, 55-901, 60-6,211.05, 61-222, 61-305, 71-7608, 71-7611,  
17 72-1001, 77-27,144, 77-4025, 77-4602, 77-5601, 77-7305, 81-132,  
18 81-1203, 81-1239, 81-12,110, 81-15,120, 81-15,174, 81-15,180,  
19 84-612, 85-1412, and 85-1654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and  
20 Laws 2025, LB264, sections 6, 8, 12, 64, 69, 70, and 81; to provide  
21 requirements for implementation of the Rural Health Transformation  
22 Program; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to

1 funds and fund transfers; to provide for and change transfers from  
2 the Cash Reserve Fund; to create funds; to provide for transfer of  
3 investment earnings from certain funds; to provide for a grant from  
4 the Site and Building Development Fund; to require state agencies to  
5 provide a technology inventory as prescribed; to change the  
6 distribution of the permanent school fund, municipal sales and use  
7 taxes, proceeds under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, disbursements  
8 under the Property Tax Credit Act and the School District Property  
9 Tax Credit Act, fees under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act,  
10 and grants under the Nebraska Operational Assistance Act; to change  
11 the disposition of workers' compensation self-insurer payments; to  
12 provide for an additional use of the Davis Scholarship Trust Fund,  
13 the Administrative Cash Fund, the Commercial Feed Administration  
14 Cash Fund, the Military Department Cash Fund, and the Victim's  
15 Compensation Fund; to change provisions relating to the federal  
16 Child Care Subsidy program and the Welfare Reform Act, the  
17 Commission Grant Program, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
18 Program, the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act, the  
19 Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act, the Nursing Faculty  
20 Student Loan Act, the Teleworker Job Creation Act, and motor fuel  
21 taxes; to restate intent regarding appropriations for reading  
22 instruction and animal damage control; to eliminate provisions  
23 relating to tractor testing fees, job training grants, the  
24 Bioscience Innovation Program, the Critical Incident Stress  
25 Management Program, certain services requested by agencies housed in  
26 the State Capitol, certain reimbursements provided by the Department  
27 of Health and Human Services to first responders, and the Department  
28 of Revenue Enforcement Fund; to provide for termination of the  
29 Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund and the Superfund Cost Share  
30 Cash Fund; to eliminate the Bioscience Innovation Cash Fund, the  
31 Capitol Commission Revolving Fund, the Community College Aid Fund,

1 the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational  
2 Education Grant Fund, the Customized Job Training Cash Fund, the  
3 Designated Collection Fund, the Economic Development Cash Fund, the  
4 Nebraska Film Office Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Job  
5 Training Cash Fund, the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund,  
6 the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act, the Nuclear and Hydrogen  
7 Development Fund, the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Cash Fund, the  
8 Nebraska Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Act, the Soil and Plant  
9 Analysis Laboratory Cash Fund, the Nebraska Training and Support  
10 Cash Fund, the Sector Partnership Program Fund, the Small Watersheds  
11 Flood Control Fund, the State Treasurer's Land Sales Distributive  
12 Fund, the Tractor Permit Cash Fund, the Violence Prevention Cash  
13 Fund, and the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund; to eliminate  
14 obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative  
15 dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; to  
16 outright repeal sections 2-1502, 2-1503.01, 2-1503.02, 2-1503.03,  
17 2-2705.01, 2-3101, 2-3102, 2-3103, 2-3104, 2-3105, 2-3106, 2-3107,  
18 2-3108, 2-3109, 2-3110, 71-17,112, 71-17,113, 71-17,116, 71-3007,  
19 72-2205.01, 72-2211.01, 81-1220, 81-12,114, 81-12,155.01,  
20 81-12,163.01, 81-1451, 81-2509, 81-2510, 81-2511, 81-2513, 81-2514,  
21 81-2515, 85-1540, 85-2235, and 90-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
22 Nebraska, sections 66-2302, 66-2303, 66-2304, 66-2305, 66-2306, and  
23 66-2307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections  
24 48-622.02, 48-3405, 66-2308, 81-1201.21, 81-1211, 81-1213.02,  
25 81-1213.05, and 81-1216, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; and to  
26 declare an emergency.

27 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** (1) The Department of Health and Human Services, as the  
2 applicant on behalf of the State of Nebraska for money from the federal  
3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Rural Health  
4 Transformation Program that was authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill  
5 Act, Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21, shall designate a unique budget  
6 subprogram for all spending related to such program. The money in the  
7 subprogram shall be expended for purposes authorized by the federal law  
8 and no other purpose.

9           (2) Any application on behalf of the State of Nebraska for money  
10 from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Rural  
11 Health Transformation Program that was authorized by the One Big  
12 Beautiful Bill Act, Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21, shall be  
13 electronically submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature. Any utilization  
14 of money received pursuant to an application shall be limited to the uses  
15 approved in the application. The applicant shall post all awards, direct  
16 and indirect, and all grants on the website of the Department of Health  
17 and Human Services.

18           (3) The department shall electronically submit a report detailing  
19 utilization of such money to the Clerk of the Legislature annually  
20 through December 31, 2032. The report shall include a list of all  
21 beneficiaries that includes direct awards, indirect awards passed through  
22 from the direct awards, and any outcomes and metrics collected.

23           (4) No applicant on behalf of the State of Nebraska that receives  
24 money from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the  
25 Rural Health Transformation Program that was authorized by the One Big  
26 Beautiful Bill Act, Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21, shall use the  
27 funds to supplant state rural health spending.

28           (5) Any potential awardee that applies to receive money through the  
29 subprogram shall receive approval for a sustainability plan prior to the  
30 distribution of any money.

31           **Sec. 2.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance

1 from the Bioscience Innovation Cash Fund to the General Fund before June  
2 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
3 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
4 Services.

5 **Sec. 3.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance of  
6 the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
7 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
8 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
9 Services.

10 **Sec. 4.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
11 from the Capitol Restoration-Archives Fund to the General Fund before  
12 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
13 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
14 Administrative Services.

15 **Sec. 5.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
16 from subfund number 26503 and subfund name the Capitol Restoration-Tours  
17 within the Capitol Restoration-Archives Fund in the Nebraska State  
18 Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
19 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
20 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

21 **Sec. 6.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
22 from the Designated Collection Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
23 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
24 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
25 Services.

26 **Sec. 7.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
27 from administratively created fund number 47240 and fund name Federal  
28 Misc in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund before  
29 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
30 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
31 Administrative Services.

1           **Sec. 8.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
2 from subfund number 64651 and subfund name Welfare & Club Accounts within  
3 the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund in the Nebraska State  
4 Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
5 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
6 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

7           **Sec. 9.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
8 from subfund number 64652 and subfund name Welfare & Club Accounts within  
9 the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund in the Nebraska State  
10 Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
11 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
12 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

13           **Sec. 10.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
14 from subfund number 64660 and subfund name Welfare & Club Accounts within  
15 the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund in the Nebraska State  
16 Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
17 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
18 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

19           **Sec. 11.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
20 from administratively created fund number 68930 and fund name Insurance  
21 Trust in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund before  
22 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
23 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
24 Administrative Services.

25           **Sec. 12.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
26 from administratively created fund number 47827 and fund name 05 JAIBG in  
27 the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30,  
28 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
29 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
30 Services.

31           **Sec. 13.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance

1 from the Job Training Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026,  
2 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator  
3 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

4 **Sec. 14.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
5 from administratively created fund number 47821 and fund name Juvenile  
6 Accountability in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General  
7 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
8 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
9 Administrative Services.

10 **Sec. 15.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
11 from the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Trust Fund to the General Fund  
12 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
13 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
14 Administrative Services.

15 **Sec. 16.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
16 from administratively created fund number 28920 and fund name  
17 Miscellaneous Claims Cash Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to  
18 the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts  
19 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
20 Department of Administrative Services.

21 **Sec. 17.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
22 from administratively created fund number 61180 and fund name Multi-State  
23 Trust Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund  
24 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
25 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
26 Administrative Services.

27 **Sec. 18.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
28 from the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational  
29 Education Grant Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
30 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
31 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

1           **Sec. 19.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
2 from the Nebraska Competitive Telephone Marketplace Fund to the General  
3 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
4 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
5 Administrative Services.

6           **Sec. 20.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
7 of the Nebraska Film Office Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
8 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
9 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
10 Services.

11           **Sec. 21.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
12 from the Nebraska Grain Warehouse Surveillance Cash Fund to the General  
13 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
14 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
15 Administrative Services.

16           **Sec. 22.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
17 from the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Cash Fund to the General Fund  
18 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
19 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
20 Administrative Services.

21           **Sec. 23.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
22 from the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling  
23 Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
24 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
25 the Department of Administrative Services.

26           **Sec. 24.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
27 from administratively created fund number 46520 and fund name Public  
28 Safety Communications Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
29 General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
30 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
31 Department of Administrative Services.

1           **Sec. 25.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
2 from the Public Service Commission Pipeline Regulation Fund to the  
3 General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
4 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
5 Department of Administrative Services.

6           **Sec. 26.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
7 from the Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Cash Fund to the  
8 General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
9 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
10 Department of Administrative Services.

11           **Sec. 27.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
12 of the Rural Broadband Task Force Fund to the General Fund before June  
13 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
14 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
15 Services.

16           **Sec. 28.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
17 from the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund to the General Fund before  
18 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
19 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
20 Administrative Services.

21           **Sec. 29.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
22 from the Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Cash Fund to the General Fund  
23 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
24 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
25 Administrative Services.

26           **Sec. 30.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
27 from the State Apiary Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026,  
28 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator  
29 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

30           **Sec. 31.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
31 from subfund number 51322 and subfund name Dept of Ed Revolving LAN Usage

1 within the State Department of Education Revolving Fund in the Nebraska  
2 State Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
3 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
4 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

5 **Sec. 32.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
6 from subfund number 51324 and subfund name Dept of Ed Revolving Data Syst  
7 within the State Department of Education Revolving Fund in the Nebraska  
8 State Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
9 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
10 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

11 **Sec. 33.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
12 from subfund number 51327 and subfund name Dept of Ed Revolving Color Prt  
13 within the State Department of Education Revolving Fund in the Nebraska  
14 State Accounting System to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
15 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
16 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

17 **Sec. 34.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
18 from subfund number 68920 and subfund name Health Plan within the State  
19 Employees Insurance Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
20 General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
22 Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 35.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
24 from the Tractor Permit Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
25 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
26 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
27 Services.

28 **Sec. 36.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
29 from the Violence Prevention Cash Fund to the General Fund before June  
30 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
31 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative

1 Services.

2 **Sec. 37.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
3 from administratively created fund number 28020 and fund name World Day  
4 on the Mall Cash Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
5 General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
6 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
7 Department of Administrative Services.

8 **Sec. 38.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
9 Certified Public Accountants Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
10 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
11 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
12 Services.

13 **Sec. 39.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
14 Compensation Court Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after May 1, 2026,  
15 but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
16 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
17 Administrative Services.

18 **Sec. 40.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,250,000 from the  
19 Grade Crossing Protection Fund to the General Fund on or after June 1,  
20 2026, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
22 Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 41.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,898,895 from the  
24 Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
25 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
26 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
27 Services.

28 **Sec. 42.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the  
29 Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund to the General Fund before  
30 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
31 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of

1 Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 43.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,730,000 from the  
3 motor fuel trust fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
4 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
5 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

6 **Sec. 44.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$400,000 from the  
7 Municipality Infrastructure Aid Fund to the General Fund before June 30,  
8 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
9 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
10 Services.

11 **Sec. 45.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,424,287 from the  
12 Nebraska Rural Projects Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on  
13 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of  
14 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

15 **Sec. 46.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$700,000 from the  
16 Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund to the General Fund  
17 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
18 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
19 Administrative Services.

20 **Sec. 47.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the  
21 Records Management Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on  
22 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of  
23 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

24 **Sec. 48.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$300,000 from the  
25 Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Fund to the General Fund  
26 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
27 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
28 Administrative Services.

29 **Sec. 49.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the State  
30 Energy Cash Fund to the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
31 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget

1 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 50.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$12,285 from  
3 administratively created fund number 56570 and fund name Transportation  
4 Services Bureau Revolving Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to  
5 the General Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts  
6 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
7 Department of Administrative Services.

8 **Sec. 51.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
9 from the Nebraska Environmental Response Cash Fund to the General Fund on  
10 or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in  
11 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
12 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

13 **Sec. 52.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the unobligated  
14 remaining balance from the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment  
15 Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30,  
16 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
17 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
18 Services.

19 **Sec. 53.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
20 from the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after  
21 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
22 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
23 Department of Administrative Services.

24 **Sec. 54.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
25 Abstracters Board of Examiners Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after  
26 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
27 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
28 Department of Administrative Services.

29 **Sec. 55.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
30 Appraisal Management Company Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
31 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as

1 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
2 Department of Administrative Services.

3 **Sec. 56.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000 from the Board  
4 of Barber Examiners Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
5 but before July 15, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
6 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
7 Administrative Services.

8 **Sec. 57.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$450,000 from the  
9 Boiler Inspection Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
10 but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
11 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
12 Administrative Services.

13 **Sec. 58.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the  
14 Building Renewal Allocation Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
15 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
16 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
17 Department of Administrative Services.

18 **Sec. 59.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
19 Certified Public Accountants Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
20 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
22 Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 60.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,300,000 of  
24 accumulated investment earnings from the Clean Air Title V Cash Fund to  
25 the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on  
26 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of  
27 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

28 **Sec. 61.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the  
29 Community College State Dependents Fund to the General Fund on or after  
30 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
31 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the

1 Department of Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 62.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$300,000 from the  
3 Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund to the General Fund  
4 on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in  
5 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
6 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

7 **Sec. 63.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
8 Compensation Court Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after May 1, 2027,  
9 but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
10 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
11 Administrative Services.

12 **Sec. 64.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,500,000 from the  
13 Correctional Services Insurance Proceeds Fund to the General Fund on or  
14 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
15 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
16 the Department of Administrative Services.

17 **Sec. 65.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
18 Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the General Fund on or after July  
19 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
20 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
21 Department of Administrative Services.

22 **Sec. 66.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
23 Engineering Plan Review Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
24 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
25 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
26 Department of Administrative Services.

27 **Sec. 67.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$8,977,251 from  
28 administratively created fund number 42600 and fund name Federal Clearing  
29 in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund on or after  
30 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
31 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the

1 Department of Administrative Services.

2       **Sec. 68.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$305,337 from  
3 administratively created fund number 72610 and fund name Food  
4 Distribution Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the General  
5 Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates  
6 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
7 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

8       **Sec. 69.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the Game  
9 Law Investigation Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
10 but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
11 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
12 Administrative Services.

13       **Sec. 70.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,250,000 from the  
14 Grade Crossing Protection Fund to the General Fund on or after June 1,  
15 2027, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
16 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
17 Department of Administrative Services.

18       **Sec. 71.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,410,000 from the  
19 Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July  
20 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
22 Department of Administrative Services.

23       **Sec. 72.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$6,500,000 from the  
24 Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund to the General Fund on or after  
25 June 1, 2027, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
26 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
27 Department of Administrative Services.

28       **Sec. 73.**     The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the  
29 Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund to the General Fund on or  
30 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
31 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of

1 the Department of Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 74.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,900,000 from the  
3 Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund to the General Fund on or  
4 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
5 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
6 the Department of Administrative Services.

7 **Sec. 75.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$75,000 from  
8 administratively created fund number 73410 and fund name NEBASE in the  
9 Nebraska State Accounting System to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
10 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
11 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
12 Department of Administrative Services.

13 **Sec. 76.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from subfund  
14 number 26901 and subfund name Arts Maintenance Fund within the Nebraska  
15 Arts Council Cash Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
16 General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such  
17 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
18 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

19 **Sec. 77.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the  
20 Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund to the General Fund on or  
21 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
22 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
23 the Department of Administrative Services.

24 **Sec. 78.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$125,000 from the  
25 Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Fund to the General  
26 Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates  
27 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
28 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

29 **Sec. 79.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the  
30 Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund to the General Fund on  
31 or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in

1 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
2 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

3 **Sec. 80.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000 from the  
4 Nebraska Snowmobile Trail Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July  
5 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
6 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
7 Department of Administrative Services.

8 **Sec. 81.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$50,000,000 from the  
9 Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the General Fund on or after  
10 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
11 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
12 Department of Administrative Services.

13 **Sec. 82.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$300,000 from the Oil  
14 and Gas Conservation Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
15 but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
16 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
17 Administrative Services.

18 **Sec. 83.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,747,931 from the  
19 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
20 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
22 Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 84.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$800,000 from the  
24 Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund to the General Fund  
25 on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in  
26 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
27 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

28 **Sec. 85.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the  
29 Racetrack Gaming Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but  
30 before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
31 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of

1 Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 86.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
3 Records Management Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
4 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
5 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
6 Department of Administrative Services.

7 **Sec. 87.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
8 Secretary of State Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
9 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
10 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
11 Department of Administrative Services.

12 **Sec. 88.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000 from the State  
13 Board of Landscape Architects Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after  
14 June 1, 2027, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
15 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
16 Department of Administrative Services.

17 **Sec. 89.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,100,000 from the  
18 Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund to the General Fund on or  
19 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
20 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
21 the Department of Administrative Services.

22 **Sec. 90.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,627,750 from the  
23 Trail Development and Maintenance Fund to the General Fund on or after  
24 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
25 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
26 Department of Administrative Services.

27 **Sec. 91.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the  
28 Treasury Management Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
29 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
30 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
31 Department of Administrative Services.

1           **Sec. 92.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the  
2   Tuition Recovery Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
3   but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
4   by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
5   Administrative Services.

6           **Sec. 93.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
7   Unclaimed Property Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
8   2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
9   directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
10 Department of Administrative Services.

11          **Sec. 94.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the  
12 Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after  
13 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
14 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
15 Department of Administrative Services.

16          **Sec. 95.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
17 Vehicle Title Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund  
18 to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027,  
19 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator  
20 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

21          **Sec. 96.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$8,518,601 from the  
22 Water Recreation Enhancement Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
23 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as  
24 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
25 Department of Administrative Services.

26          **Sec. 97.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$438,000 from the  
27 Wildlife Conservation Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026,  
28 but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
29 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
30 Administrative Services.

31          **Sec. 98.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer the unobligated

1 remaining balance from the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment  
2 Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund before June 30, 2026, on such  
3 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the  
4 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

5 **Sec. 99.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the unobligated  
6 remaining balance from the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund to the  
7 Affordable Housing Trust Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in  
8 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
9 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

10 **Sec. 100.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
11 from subfund number 28141 and subfund name NCBVI within the NCBVI  
12 Enhancement Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to  
13 administratively created fund number 68400 and fund name CBVI Trust in  
14 the Nebraska State Accounting System before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
15 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
16 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

17 **Sec. 101.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance  
18 from subfund number 23651 and subfund name Self Exclusion within the  
19 Racetrack Gaming Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
20 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates  
21 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
22 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 102.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the  
24 Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs Cash  
25 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
26 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
27 Administrative Services.

28 **Sec. 103.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the  
29 Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs Cash  
30 Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates  
31 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget

1 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

2 **Sec. 104.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$700,000 from the  
3 Certification Fund to the Education Future Fund before June 30, 2026, on  
4 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of  
5 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

6 **Sec. 105.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$4,694,064 of  
7 accumulated interest from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the  
8 Education Future Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
9 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
10 the Department of Administrative Services.

11 **Sec. 106.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$70,000 of accumulated  
12 interest from the State Lottery Prize Trust Fund to the Education Future  
13 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
14 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
15 Administrative Services.

16 **Sec. 107.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,500,000 from  
17 administratively created fund number 63320 and fund name Ag & University  
18 Land Lease Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to subfund number  
19 21354 and subfund name Education Future Apportionment Fund within the  
20 Education Future Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System before June  
21 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
22 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
23 Services.

24 **Sec. 108.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from  
25 administratively created fund number 63210 and fund name Land Exchanges  
26 in the Nebraska State Accounting System to subfund number 21354 and  
27 subfund name Education Future Apportionment Fund within the Education  
28 Future Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System before June 30, 2026,  
29 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator  
30 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

31 **Sec. 109.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the

1 Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund to the Education Future  
2 Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates  
3 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
4 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

5 **Sec. 110.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
6 Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund on or after  
7 July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts  
8 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
9 Department of Administrative Services.

10 **Sec. 111.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the  
11 Nebraska Education Improvement Fund to the Education Future Fund on or  
12 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
13 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
14 the Department of Administrative Services.

15 **Sec. 112.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$40,000,000 of  
16 accumulated interest and earnings from the permanent school fund to  
17 subfund number 21354 and subfund name Education Future Apportionment Fund  
18 within the Education Future Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System  
19 on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in  
20 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
21 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

22 **Sec. 113.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$174,975 from the  
23 Nebraska State Historical Society Collections Trust Fund to the  
24 Historical Society Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
25 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
26 the Department of Administrative Services.

27 **Sec. 114.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the  
28 Military Installation Development and Support Fund to the Military  
29 Department Cash Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
30 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
31 the Department of Administrative Services.

1           **Sec. 115.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$260,000 from  
2 administratively created fund number 64960 and fund name Davis  
3 Scholarship Trust Fund in the Nebraska State Accounting System to the  
4 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and  
5 in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
6 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

7           **Sec. 116.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$300,000 from the  
8 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the State Settlement Cash Fund on or  
9 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
10 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
11 the Department of Administrative Services.

12           **Sec. 117.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$7,522,461 from the  
13 Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Water Recreation Enhancement  
14 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
15 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
16 Administrative Services.

17           **Sec. 118.**    The State Treasurer shall transfer \$6,000,000 from the  
18 Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund on or  
19 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such  
20 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
21 the Department of Administrative Services.

22           **Sec. 119.**    (1) The 988 Emergency Lifeline Cash Fund is created. The  
23 fund shall consist of money received as a result of contracts, grants,  
24 gifts, or fees designated for the fund and transfers at the direction of  
25 the Legislature. The 988 Emergency Lifeline Cash Fund shall be used for  
26 costs of the Department of Health and Human Services related to the 988  
27 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Nebraska.

28                   (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
29 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
30 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment  
31 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the

1 General Fund.

2       **Sec. 120.** The Correctional Services Insurance Proceeds Fund is  
3 created. The fund shall consist of insurance claim proceeds received by  
4 the Department of Correctional Services. The fund shall be used for  
5 operating or capital costs incurred by the department. The fund shall be  
6 administered by the Director of Correctional Services or his or her  
7 designee. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the  
8 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Correctional Services  
9 Insurance Proceeds Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
10 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
11 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

12       **Sec. 121.** Section 1-111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
13 amended to read:

14       1-111 (1) All fees collected under the Public Accountancy Act and  
15 all costs collected under subdivision (8) of section 1-148 shall be  
16 remitted by the board to the State Treasurer for credit to the Certified  
17 Public Accountants Fund which is hereby created. Such fund shall, if and  
18 when specifically appropriated by the Legislature during any biennium for  
19 that purpose, be paid out from time to time by the State Treasurer upon  
20 warrants drawn by the Director of Administrative Services on vouchers  
21 approved by the board, and such board and expense thereof shall not be  
22 supported or paid from any other fund of the state. Transfers may be made  
23 from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature  
24 ~~through June 30, 2011.~~ Any money in the Certified Public Accountants Fund  
25 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
26 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
27 State Funds Investment Act.

28       (2) The board shall remit civil penalties collected under  
29 subdivision (5) of section 1-148 to the State Treasurer for distribution  
30 in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of  
31 Nebraska.

1           **Sec. 122.** Section 2-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           2-2701 (1) No person shall be permitted to sell or dispose of any  
4 current tractor model of one hundred or more horsepower in the State of  
5 Nebraska without first having (a) made application for a permit and  
6 obtained a permit to sell the tractor model, (b) the model tested by the  
7 University of Nebraska onsite or offsite or by any Organization for  
8 Economic Cooperation and Development test station, and (c) the model  
9 passed upon by the board.

10           (2) A person may obtain a permit to sell or dispose of a current  
11 tractor model of less than one hundred horsepower by meeting the permit  
12 requirements of sections 2-2701 to 2-2711. A purchaser of a current  
13 tractor model is not eligible to claim the exemption from sales and use  
14 tax for agricultural machinery and equipment under section 77-2704.36  
15 unless the current tractor model has been permitted for sale pursuant to  
16 sections 2-2701 to 2-2711.

17           (3) Each and every tractor model presented for testing shall be a  
18 stock model and shall not be equipped with any special accessory unless  
19 regularly supplied to the trade. Any tractor model not complying with  
20 this section shall not be tested under sections 2-2701 to 2-2711.  
21 Applications shall be made to the board and shall be accompanied by  
22 specifications of the tractor model required by the board and by the  
23 ~~applicable~~ fees specified in section ~~sections~~ 2-2705 and ~~2-2705.01~~.

24           (4) If an official test application, with the required  
25 specifications and fees, is submitted to any Organization for Economic  
26 Cooperation and Development test station or to the University of Nebraska  
27 and an application for a temporary permit is ~~and the fee prescribed in~~  
28 ~~section 2-2705.01~~ are submitted, the department, with the approval of the  
29 board, may issue a temporary permit for the sale of the tractor model  
30 specified in the official test application. The date on which the  
31 temporary permit terminates shall be fixed by the board. All temporary

1 permits shall be conditioned upon such tractor model being tested at a  
2 mutually agreed-upon date, and the person to whom a temporary permit has  
3 been issued shall submit a tractor model for testing which conforms to  
4 the specifications filed with the official test application. Such tractor  
5 model shall be delivered for testing at the mutually agreed-upon date.  
6 Upon failure so to do, all such fees deposited by such person shall be  
7 forfeited to the University of Nebraska Tractor Test Cash Fund, ~~except~~  
8 ~~that the fee imposed in section 2-2705.01 shall be deposited in and~~  
9 ~~forfeited to the Tractor Permit Cash Fund,~~ and in addition such person  
10 shall not be issued any temporary permit for a period of five years from  
11 the date such tractor was to be delivered for testing and until such  
12 person meets the obligations required under subsection (5) of this  
13 section to the department's satisfaction.

14 (5) All sales of tractors upon which a temporary permit has been  
15 issued shall be made subject to the final official test and approval of  
16 the tractor model as follows:

17 (a) If a tractor model upon which a temporary permit has been issued  
18 was not submitted for the official test and approval on the mutually  
19 agreed-upon date, the person to whom the temporary permit was issued  
20 shall repurchase any such tractor sold in Nebraska under the temporary  
21 permit. A claim by a purchaser under this subdivision shall be brought  
22 within two years after the date of the expiration of the temporary  
23 permit; and

24 (b) If a tractor model upon which a temporary permit has been issued  
25 fails in the official test to meet the specifications of the tractor  
26 model which were filed with the application and fee fees, the person to  
27 whom the temporary permit was issued shall send a notice, as approved by  
28 the department, to any person in Nebraska who has purchased a tractor  
29 sold under the temporary permit. The person to whom the temporary permit  
30 was issued shall either modify the tractor to meet the specifications  
31 filed with the board or remedy to the satisfaction of the purchaser any

1 injury incurred by the purchaser which was caused by the failure of the  
2 tractor to meet the specifications claimed. Such person shall be  
3 prohibited from modifying sales literature, advertisement claims, or  
4 specifications of the tractor to avoid such notice.

5 **Sec. 123.** Section 2-2703.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
6 is amended to read:

7 2-2703.01 Upon application by any person ~~and payment of the fee~~  
8 ~~required in section 2-2705.01~~, the board may recommend to the department  
9 that a supplemental permit be issued to such person for the sale of a new  
10 tractor model based upon the official test results of a previous tractor  
11 model. The specifications and performance representations of the new  
12 tractor model shall be compared to the official test results of the  
13 previous tractor model, and if there are no substantial changes in  
14 specifications, performance representations, and the capacity of the new  
15 tractor model to meet such specifications and representations of  
16 performance, the board shall recommend to the department the issuance of  
17 a supplemental permit. The board may require further testing of the new  
18 tractor model upon which a permit is sought and may require the person  
19 making application to provide for reimbursement for the cost of such  
20 tests pursuant to section 2-2705. If further testing is performed, the  
21 board shall certify the results of such tests and forward them to the  
22 department.

23 **Sec. 124.** Section 2-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
24 amended to read:

25 2-2705 Application to the board for the testing of a tractor model  
26 by the University of Nebraska shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed  
27 ~~in section 2-2705.01 and such fee as is prescribed~~ by the Board of  
28 Regents of the University of Nebraska as a partial reimbursement for  
29 making the application.

30 Fees collected for the testing of tractors by the Nebraska Tractor  
31 Testing Laboratory shall be credited to the University of Nebraska

1 Tractor Test Cash Fund, which fund is hereby created. The fund shall be  
2 used by the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory to defray the expenses of  
3 testing tractors. Any accrued interest shall also be credited to the  
4 fund, except that the cash carryover of such fund from one biennium to  
5 the next biennium shall not exceed, by more than fifteen percent, the  
6 total cash fund expenditures for the average of the five preceding years.  
7 Any amount in excess of such fifteen percent shall be forwarded to the  
8 University of Nebraska. Any money in the fund available for investment  
9 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
10 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
11 Act.

12 The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska may establish and  
13 change from time to time as it determines advisable a schedule of fees  
14 for such tractor tests ~~, except that such fee schedule shall not include~~  
15 ~~the application fee prescribed in section 2-2705.01.~~

16 **Sec. 125.** Section 2-2706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 2-2706 The failure of any tractor model to meet the specifications  
19 and representations made by the applicant shall not prevent the applicant  
20 from placing on the market other tractor models that do comply with the  
21 permit requirements of sections 2-2701 to 2-2711. Any tractor model that  
22 fails in the official test to meet the applicant's own specifications and  
23 representations may be retested upon submission of a new test application  
24 and the fee specified in section 2-2705 ~~fees prescribed in sections~~  
25 ~~2-2705 and 2-2705.01.~~ Each and every permit issued under sections 2-2701  
26 to 2-2711 shall specify the model or models included in such permit to  
27 sell.

28 **Sec. 126.** Section 9-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 9-812 (1) All money received from the operation of lottery games  
31 conducted pursuant to the State Lottery Act in Nebraska shall be credited

1 to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund, which fund is hereby created.  
2 All payments of the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery  
3 games shall be made from the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund. In  
4 accordance with legislative appropriations, money for payments for  
5 expenses of the division shall be transferred from the State Lottery  
6 Operation Trust Fund to the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund, which fund  
7 is hereby created. All money necessary for the payment of lottery prizes  
8 shall be transferred from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the  
9 State Lottery Prize Trust Fund, which fund is hereby created. The amount  
10 used for the payment of lottery prizes shall not be less than forty  
11 percent of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have been sold.  
12 Subject to Article III, section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska,  
13 transfers may be made from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund and the  
14 State Lottery Prize Trust Fund to the Education Future Fund at the  
15 direction of the Legislature.

16 (2) A portion of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have  
17 been sold on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the State  
18 Lottery Operation Trust Fund as provided in subsection (3) of this  
19 section. The dollar amount transferred pursuant to this subsection shall  
20 equal the greater of (a) the dollar amount transferred in fiscal year  
21 2002-03 or (b) any amount which constitutes at least twenty-two percent  
22 and no more than twenty-five percent of the dollar amount of the lottery  
23 tickets which have been sold on an annualized basis. To the extent that  
24 funds are available, the Tax Commissioner and director may authorize a  
25 transfer exceeding twenty-five percent of the dollar amount of the  
26 lottery tickets sold on an annualized basis.

27 (3) Of the money available to be transferred as provided in this  
28 subsection:

29 (a) The first five hundred thousand dollars shall be transferred to  
30 the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be used as provided in section  
31 9-1006;

1 (b) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the  
2 payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the  
3 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education and  
4 transferred pursuant to section 79-3501;

5 (c) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the  
6 payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the  
7 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska  
8 Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska  
9 Environmental Trust Act;

10 (d) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes  
11 and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive  
12 Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair  
13 Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is  
14 located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds  
15 available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city  
16 and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such  
17 matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair  
18 ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment  
19 of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the  
20 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General  
21 Fund; and

22 (e) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes  
23 and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive  
24 Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers  
25 Assistance Fund to be used as provided in section 9-1006.

26 (4) Any money in the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund, the State  
27 Lottery Operation Cash Fund, or the State Lottery Prize Trust Fund  
28 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
29 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
30 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, any investment  
31 earnings from investment of money in these funds shall be credited to the

1 Education Future Fund.

2 (5) Unclaimed prize money on a winning lottery ticket shall be  
3 retained for a period of time prescribed by rules and regulations. If no  
4 claim is made within such period, the prize money shall be used at the  
5 discretion of the Tax Commissioner for any of the purposes prescribed in  
6 this section.

7 **Sec. 127.** Section 9-1107, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
8 amended to read:

9 9-1107 ~~(1)~~—The Racetrack Gaming Fund is created. The fund shall  
10 consist of all license, application, and other fees collected under the  
11 Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and all license fees and gross tax receipts  
12 collected by the commission under sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, and 2-1208  
13 relating to horseracing but shall not include taxes collected pursuant to  
14 section 2-1208.01. The fund shall be used for administration of the  
15 Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and the administration of horseracing  
16 pursuant to Chapter 2, article 12. Transfers may be made from the fund to  
17 the General Fund and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund at the  
18 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Racetrack Gaming Fund  
19 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
20 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
21 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment  
22 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the  
23 General Fund.

24 ~~(2) The State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the Racing and~~  
25 ~~Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund on September 3, 2025, to the~~  
26 ~~Racetrack Gaming Fund.~~

27 **Sec. 128.** Section 13-2041, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 13-2041 There is hereby created the Integrated Solid Waste  
30 Management Cash Fund. All fees collected by the department pursuant to  
31 this section or fees designated pursuant to section 13-2042 or money

1 forfeited under subsection (21) of section 81-1505 shall be remitted to  
2 the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. Forfeited funds may only be  
3 used for purposes specified in the underlying financial assurance  
4 instrument. Transfers may be made from the Integrated Solid Waste  
5 Management Cash Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the  
6 Legislature. Any money in the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund  
7 ~~fund~~ available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
8 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
9 State Funds Investment Act.

10 The council shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
11 establishing a fee schedule to be paid to the department by persons  
12 applying for a permit to operate a facility pursuant to the Integrated  
13 Solid Waste Management Act or the Environmental Protection Act. Payment  
14 shall be made in full to the department before the application is  
15 processed.

16 By October 1 of each year, any person holding a permit under the  
17 Integrated Solid Waste Management Act or to operate a solid waste  
18 management facility under the Environmental Protection Act shall pay an  
19 annual fee in an amount to be determined by the council. The annual fee  
20 shall be sufficient to cover the costs of ongoing permit considerations.  
21 The fees collected pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amount  
22 necessary to pay reasonable costs of administering the permit program  
23 pursuant to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act or the  
24 Environmental Protection Act.

25 ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer one million three hundred eighty-~~  
26 ~~four thousand four hundred eighty four dollars from the Integrated Solid~~  
27 ~~Waste Management Cash Fund to the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund on or~~  
28 ~~before June 1, 2006.~~

29 **Sec. 129.** Section 19-5707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
30 2024, is amended to read:

31 19-5707 The Municipality Infrastructure Aid Fund is created. The

1 fund shall be administered by the Department of Economic Development and  
2 shall be used for the purposes of the Municipality Infrastructure Aid  
3 Act, except that transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund  
4 at the direction of the Legislature. The Municipality Infrastructure Aid  
5 Fund shall consist of money transferred by the Legislature and money that  
6 was recouped under the Municipality Infrastructure Aid Act. Any money in  
7 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
8 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
9 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Investment earnings from investment  
10 of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

11 **Sec. 130.** Section 29-2262.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
12 is amended to read:

13 29-2262.07 The Probation Program Cash Fund is created. All funds  
14 collected pursuant to section 29-2262.06 shall be remitted to the State  
15 Treasurer for credit to the fund. Except as otherwise directed by the  
16 Supreme Court during the period from November 21, 2009, until June 30,  
17 2013, the fund shall be utilized by the administrator for the purposes  
18 stated in subdivisions (14) and (17) of section 29-2252, except that the  
19 State Treasurer shall, on or before June 30, 2011, on such date as  
20 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
21 Department of Administrative Services, transfer the amount set forth in  
22 Laws 2009, LB1, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session. Any  
23 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
24 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
25 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

26 ~~On July 15, 2010, the State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred~~  
27 ~~fifty thousand dollars from the Probation Program Cash Fund to the~~  
28 ~~Violence Prevention Cash Fund. The Office of Violence Prevention shall~~  
29 ~~distribute such funds as soon as practicable after July 15, 2010, to~~  
30 ~~organizations or governmental entities that have submitted violence~~  
31 ~~prevention plans and that best meet the intent of reducing street and~~

1 ~~gang violence and reducing homicides and injuries caused by firearms.~~

2       **Sec. 131.** Section 37-327.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
3 is amended to read:

4       37-327.01 (1) The Game Law Investigation Cash Fund is created. The  
5 commission shall use the fund for the purpose of obtaining evidence for  
6 enforcement of the Game Law. The fund shall be funded through revenue  
7 collected under the Game Law and budgeted or allocated to the fund by the  
8 commission, and through donations from persons, wildlife groups, and  
9 other charitable sources. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
10 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Game  
11 Law Investigation Cash Fund fund available for investment shall be  
12 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

14       (2) For the purpose of establishing and maintaining legislative  
15 oversight and accountability, the commission shall formulate record-  
16 keeping procedures for all expenditures, disbursements, and transfers of  
17 cash from the Game Law Investigation Cash Fund. Based on these record-  
18 keeping procedures, the commission shall prepare and deliver  
19 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by September 15 of each  
20 year a detailed report of the previous fiscal year which includes, but is  
21 not limited to: (a) The June 30 balance in the Game Law Investigation  
22 Cash Fund and the amounts delivered to the commission for distribution to  
23 agents and informants; (b) the total amount of expenditures; (c) the  
24 purpose of the expenditures including: (i) Salaries and any expenses of  
25 all agents and informants; (ii) front money for wildlife purchases; (iii)  
26 type of wildlife and amount purchased; and (iv) amount of front money  
27 recovered; (d) the total number of informants on payroll; and (e) the  
28 results procured through such transactions. Each member of the  
29 Legislature shall receive an electronic copy of such report by making a  
30 request for it to the secretary of the commission.

31       (3) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations

1 to carry out this section.

2 **Sec. 132.** Section 37-811, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
3 amended to read:

4 37-811 There is hereby created the Wildlife Conservation Fund. The  
5 fund shall be used to assist in carrying out the Nongame and Endangered  
6 Species Conservation Act, to pay for research into and management of the  
7 ecological effects of the release, importation, commercial exploitation,  
8 and exportation of wildlife species pursuant to section 37-548, and to  
9 pay any expenses incurred by the Department of Revenue or any other  
10 agency in the administration of the income tax designation program  
11 required by section 77-27,119.01. The fund shall consist of money  
12 credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02 and any other money as  
13 determined by the Legislature. The fund shall also consist of money  
14 transferred from the General Fund by the State Treasurer in an amount to  
15 be determined by the Tax Commissioner that shall be equal to the total  
16 amount of contributions designated pursuant to section 77-27,119.01.  
17 Transfers may be made from the Wildlife Conservation Fund to the General  
18 Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Wildlife  
19 Conservation Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
20 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
21 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

22 **Sec. 133.** Section 37-1804, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
23 amended to read:

24 37-1804 (1) The Water Recreation Enhancement Fund is created. The  
25 fund shall be administered by the Game and Parks Commission. The State  
26 Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money transferred to the fund by  
27 the Legislature and such donations, gifts, bequests, or other money  
28 received from any federal or state agency or public or private source.  
29 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the fund  
30 shall be used for water and recreational projects pursuant to the Water  
31 Recreation Enhancement Act or for campground expansion projects, road

1 repair projects, and general infrastructure and maintenance projects,  
2 with two-thirds used for projects at the Lewis and Clark State Recreation  
3 Area and one-third used for projects at the Lake McConaughy State  
4 Recreation Area. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund  
5 at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Water Recreation  
6 Enhancement Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
7 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
8 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from  
9 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

10 (2) For any amount credited to the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund  
11 from a source other than a transfer authorized by the Legislature, the  
12 State Treasurer shall transfer an equal amount from the Water Recreation  
13 Enhancement Fund to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund at  
14 the end of the fiscal year in which such funds were credited, on such  
15 dates as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
16 the Department of Administrative Services to be used pursuant to section  
17 61-405.

18 (3) The Department of Administrative Services shall establish a  
19 subaccount within the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund for the  
20 accounting of any money transferred to the fund from the Nebraska  
21 Environmental Trust Fund. Any money transferred from the Nebraska  
22 Environmental Trust Fund to the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund shall  
23 be expended in accordance with section 81-15,168.

24 **Sec. 134.** Section 38-157, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2024, is amended to read:

26 38-157 (1) The Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund  
27 is created. ~~The Except as provided in section 71-17,113,~~ the fund shall  
28 consist of all fees, gifts, grants, and other money, excluding fines and  
29 civil penalties, received or collected by the department under sections  
30 38-151 to 38-156 and the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act.

31 (2) The department shall use the fund for the administration and

1 enforcement of such laws regulating the individuals and businesses listed  
2 in section 38-121. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General  
3 Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall  
4 transfer any money in the Professional and Occupational Credentialing  
5 Cash Fund for licensing activities under the Water Well Standards and  
6 Contractors' Practice Act on July 1, 2021, to the Water Well Standards  
7 and Contractors' Licensing Fund.

8 (3) Any money in the Professional and Occupational Credentialing  
9 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
10 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
11 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any  
12 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
13 credited to the General Fund.

14 **Sec. 135.** Section 43-2404.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
15 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

16 43-2404.01 (1) To be eligible for participation in either the  
17 Commission Grant Program or the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
18 Program, a comprehensive juvenile services plan shall be developed,  
19 adopted, and submitted to the commission in accordance with the federal  
20 act and rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission  
21 in consultation with the Director of the Community-based Juvenile  
22 Services Aid Program, the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, and  
23 ~~the Office of Probation Administration, and the University of Nebraska~~  
24 ~~at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute.~~ Such plan may be developed by  
25 eligible applicants for the Commission Grant Program and by individual  
26 counties, by multiple counties, by federally recognized or state-  
27 recognized Indian tribes, or by any combination of the three for the  
28 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. Comprehensive juvenile  
29 services plans shall:

30 (a) Be developed by a comprehensive community team representing  
31 juvenile justice system stakeholders;

1 (b) Be based on data relevant to juvenile and family issues,  
2 including an examination of disproportionate minority contact in order to  
3 identify juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement  
4 efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical  
5 standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of  
6 minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system;

7 (c) Identify policies and practices that are research-based or  
8 standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which  
9 have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes;

10 (d) Identify clear implementation strategies; and

11 (e) Identify how the impact of the program or service will be  
12 measured.

13 (2) Any portion of the comprehensive juvenile services plan dealing  
14 with administration, procedures, and programs of the juvenile court shall  
15 not be submitted to the commission without the concurrence of the  
16 presiding judge or judges of the court or courts having jurisdiction in  
17 juvenile cases for the geographic area to be served. Programs or services  
18 established by such plans shall conform to the family policy tenets  
19 prescribed in sections 43-532 and 43-533 and shall include policies and  
20 practices that are research-based or standardized and reliable and are  
21 implemented with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate  
22 positive outcomes.

23 (3) The commission ~~may~~ ~~, in consultation with the University of~~  
24 ~~Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute,~~ shall contract for the  
25 development and administration of a statewide system to monitor and  
26 evaluate the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from (a)  
27 the Commission Grant Program and (b) the Community-based Juvenile  
28 Services Aid Program in preventing persons from entering the juvenile  
29 justice system and in rehabilitating juvenile offenders, including an  
30 examination of disproportionate minority contact in order to identify  
31 juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts

1 designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards  
2 or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority  
3 groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

4 (4) There is established within the commission the position of  
5 Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, appointed  
6 by the executive director of the commission. The director shall have  
7 extensive experience in developing and providing community-based  
8 services.

9 (5) The director shall be supervised by the executive director of  
10 the commission. The director shall:

11 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance for the development of  
12 comprehensive juvenile services plans;

13 (b) Coordinate the review of the Community-based Juvenile Services  
14 Aid Program application as provided in section 43-2404.02 and make  
15 recommendations for the distribution of funds provided under the  
16 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, giving priority to those  
17 grant applications funding programs and services that will divert  
18 juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat  
19 juveniles within the juvenile justice system, and reduce the juvenile  
20 detention population or assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-  
21 home placements to in-home treatments. The director shall ensure that no  
22 funds appropriated or distributed under the Community-based Juvenile  
23 Services Aid Program are used for purposes prohibited under subsection  
24 (3) of section 43-2404.02;

25 (c) Develop data collection and evaluation protocols, oversee  
26 statewide data collection, and generate an annual report on the  
27 effectiveness of juvenile services that receive funds from the Community-  
28 based Juvenile Services Aid Program, including an examination of  
29 disproportionate minority contact in order to identify juvenile  
30 delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to  
31 reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas,

1 the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who  
2 come into contact with the juvenile justice system;

3 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile justice  
4 system stakeholders, provide education and training as necessary, and  
5 serve on boards and committees when approved by the commission;

6 (e) Assist juvenile justice system stakeholders in developing  
7 policies and practices that are research-based or standardized and  
8 reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which have been researched  
9 and demonstrate positive outcomes, including an examination of  
10 disproportionate minority contact in order to identify juvenile  
11 delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to  
12 reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas,  
13 the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups who  
14 come into contact with the juvenile justice system;

15 (f) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group as a  
16 subcommittee of the coalition to assist in regular strategic planning  
17 related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating the  
18 effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the Community-  
19 based Juvenile Services Aid Program; and

20 (g) Work with the coalition in facilitating the coalition's  
21 obligations under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

22 **Sec. 136.** Section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
23 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

24 43-2404.02 (1) There is created a separate and distinct budgetary  
25 program within the commission to be known as the Community-based Juvenile  
26 Services Aid Program. Funding acquired from participation in the federal  
27 act, state General Funds, and funding acquired from other sources which  
28 may be used for purposes consistent with the Juvenile Services Act and  
29 the federal act shall be used to aid in the establishment and provision  
30 of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the  
31 juvenile justice system.

1           (2)(a) ~~Five Ten~~ percent of the annual General Fund appropriation to  
2 the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, excluding  
3 administrative budget funds, shall be set aside for the development of a  
4 common data set and evaluation of the effectiveness of the Community-  
5 based Juvenile Services Aid Program. The intent in creating this common  
6 data set is to allow for evaluation of the use of the funds and the  
7 effectiveness of the programs or outcomes in the Community-based Juvenile  
8 Services Aid Program.

9           (b) The common data set shall be developed and maintained by the  
10 commission and shall serve as a primary data collection site for any  
11 intervention funded by the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program  
12 designed to serve juveniles and deter involvement in the formal juvenile  
13 justice system. The commission shall work with agencies and programs to  
14 enhance existing data sets. To ensure that the data set permits  
15 evaluation of recidivism and other measures, the commission shall work  
16 with the Office of Probation Administration, juvenile diversion programs,  
17 law enforcement, the courts, and others to compile data that demonstrates  
18 whether a youth has moved deeper into the juvenile justice system. The  
19 University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, ~~may shall~~  
20 assist with the development of common definitions, variables, and  
21 training required for data collection and reporting into the common data  
22 set by juvenile justice programs. The common data set maintained by the  
23 commission ~~may shall~~ be provided to the University of Nebraska at Omaha,  
24 Juvenile Justice Institute, to assess the effectiveness of the Community-  
25 based Juvenile Services Aid Program.

26           (c) Providing the commission access to records and information for,  
27 as well as the commission granting access to records and information  
28 from, the common data set is not a violation of confidentiality  
29 provisions under any law, rule, or regulation if done in good faith for  
30 purposes of evaluation. Records and documents, regardless of physical  
31 form, that are obtained or produced or presented to the commission for

1 the common data set are not public records for purposes of sections  
2 84-712 to 84-712.09.

3 (d) The five ~~ten~~ percent of the annual General Fund appropriation to  
4 the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, excluding  
5 administrative budget funds, shall be appropriated as follows: ~~In fiscal~~  
6 ~~year 2015-16, seven percent shall go to the commission for development of~~  
7 ~~the common data set and three percent shall go to the University of~~  
8 ~~Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, for evaluation. In fiscal~~  
9 ~~year 2016-17, six percent shall go to the commission for development and~~  
10 ~~maintenance of the common data set and four percent shall go to the~~  
11 ~~University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, for~~  
12 ~~evaluation. Every fiscal year thereafter, beginning in fiscal year~~  
13 ~~2017-18, five percent shall go to the commission for development and~~  
14 ~~maintenance of the common data set and~~ for evaluation by an independent  
15 evaluator ~~five percent shall go to the University of Nebraska at Omaha,~~  
16 ~~Juvenile Justice Institute, for evaluation.~~

17 (e) The remaining funds in the annual General Fund appropriation to  
18 the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program shall be apportioned as  
19 aid in accordance with a formula established in rules and regulations  
20 adopted and promulgated by the commission. The formula shall be based on  
21 the total number of residents per county and federally recognized or  
22 state-recognized Indian tribe who are twelve years of age through  
23 eighteen years of age and other relevant factors as determined by the  
24 commission. The commission may require a local match of up to forty  
25 percent from the county, multiple counties, federally recognized or  
26 state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes, or any combination of the three  
27 which is receiving aid under such program. Any local expenditures for  
28 community-based programs for juveniles may be applied toward such match  
29 requirement.

30 (3)(a) In distributing funds provided under the Community-based  
31 Juvenile Services Aid Program, aid recipients shall prioritize programs

1 and services that will divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system,  
2 reduce the population of juveniles in juvenile detention and secure  
3 confinement, and assist in transitioning juveniles from out-of-home  
4 placements.

5 (b) Funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
6 Program shall be used exclusively to assist the aid recipient in the  
7 implementation and operation of programs or the provision of services  
8 identified in the aid recipient's comprehensive juvenile services plan,  
9 including programs for local planning and service coordination;  
10 screening, assessment, and evaluation; diversion; alternatives to  
11 detention; family support services; treatment services; truancy  
12 prevention and intervention programs; pilot projects approved by the  
13 commission; payment of transportation costs to and from placements,  
14 evaluations, or services; personnel when the personnel are aligned with  
15 evidence-based treatment principles, programs, or practices; contracting  
16 with other state agencies or private organizations that provide evidence-  
17 based treatment or programs; preexisting programs that are aligned with  
18 evidence-based practices or best practices; and other services that will  
19 positively impact juveniles and families in the juvenile justice system.

20 (c) Funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
21 Program may be used one time by an aid recipient:

22 (i) To convert an existing juvenile detention facility or other  
23 existing structure for use as an alternative to detention as defined in  
24 section 43-245;

25 (ii) To invest in capital construction, including both new  
26 construction and renovations, for a facility for use as an alternative to  
27 detention; or

28 (iii) For the initial lease of a facility for use as an alternative  
29 to detention.

30 (d) Funds received under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid  
31 Program shall not be used for the following:

1 (i) Construction of secure detention facilities, secure youth  
2 treatment facilities, or secure youth confinement facilities;

3 (ii) Capital construction or the lease or acquisition of facilities  
4 beyond the one-time use described in subdivision (3)(c) of this section;

5 (iii) Programs, services, treatments, evaluations, or other  
6 preadjudication services that are not based on or grounded in evidence-  
7 based practices, principles, and research, except that the commission may  
8 approve pilot projects that authorize the use of such aid; or

9 (iv) Office equipment, office supplies, or office space.

10 (e) Any aid not distributed to counties under this subsection shall  
11 be retained by the commission to be distributed on a competitive basis  
12 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program for a county,  
13 multiple counties, federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribe  
14 or tribes, or any combination of the three demonstrating additional need  
15 in the funding areas identified in this subsection.

16 (f) If a county, multiple counties, or a federally recognized or  
17 state-recognized Indian tribe or tribes is denied aid under this section  
18 or receives no aid under this section, the entity may request an appeal  
19 pursuant to the appeal process in rules and regulations adopted and  
20 promulgated by the commission. The commission shall establish appeal and  
21 hearing procedures by December 15, 2014. The commission shall make appeal  
22 and hearing procedures available on its website.

23 (4)(a) Any recipient of aid under the Community-based Juvenile  
24 Services Aid Program shall electronically file an annual report as  
25 required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the  
26 commission. Any program funded through the Community-based Juvenile  
27 Services Aid Program that served juveniles shall report data on the  
28 individual youth served. Any program that is not directly serving youth  
29 shall include program-level data. In either case, data collected shall  
30 include, but not be limited to, the following: The type of juvenile  
31 service, how the service met the goals of the comprehensive juvenile

1 services plan, demographic information on the juveniles served, program  
2 outcomes, the total number of juveniles served, and the number of  
3 juveniles who completed the program or intervention.

4 (b) Any recipient of aid under the Community-based Juvenile Services  
5 Aid Program shall be assisted by the commission ~~University of Nebraska at~~  
6 ~~Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute,~~ in reporting in the common data set,  
7 as set forth in the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the  
8 commission. Community-based aid utilization and evaluation data shall be  
9 stored and maintained by the commission.

10 (c) Evaluation of the use of funds and the evidence of the  
11 effectiveness of the programs shall be completed by the commission  
12 ~~University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute,~~  
13 specifically:

14 (i) The varying rates of recidivism, as defined by rules and  
15 regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission, and other measures  
16 for juveniles participating in community-based programs; and

17 (ii) Whether juveniles are sent to staff secure or secure juvenile  
18 detention after participating in a program funded by the Community-based  
19 Juvenile Services Aid Program.

20 (5) The commission shall report annually to the Governor and the  
21 Legislature on the distribution and use of funds for aid appropriated  
22 under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program. The report shall  
23 include, but not be limited to, an aggregate report of the use of the  
24 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program funds, including the types  
25 of juvenile services and programs that were funded, whether any  
26 recipients used the funds for a purpose described in subdivision (3)(c)  
27 of this section, demographic information on the total number of juveniles  
28 served, program success rates, the total number of juveniles sent to  
29 secure juvenile detention or residential treatment and secure  
30 confinement, and a listing of the expenditures of all counties and  
31 federally recognized or state-recognized Indian tribes for detention,

1 residential treatment, and secure confinement. The report submitted to  
2 the Legislature shall be submitted electronically.

3 (6) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
4 for the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program in consultation  
5 with the Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program,  
6 the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, the Office of Probation  
7 Administration, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, and the  
8 University of Nebraska at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute. The rules  
9 and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

10 (a) The required elements of a comprehensive juvenile services plan  
11 and planning process;

12 (b) The Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program formula,  
13 review process, match requirements, and fund distribution. The  
14 distribution process shall ensure a conflict of interest policy;

15 (c) A distribution process for funds retained under subsection (3)  
16 of this section;

17 (d) A plan for evaluating the effectiveness of plans and programs  
18 receiving funding;

19 (e) A reporting process for aid recipients;

20 (f) A reporting process for the commission to the Governor and  
21 Legislature. The report shall be made electronically to the Governor and  
22 the Legislature; and

23 (g) Requirements regarding the use of the common data set.

24 **Sec. 137.** Section 44-116, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2024, is amended to read:

26 44-116 (1) All money collected by the Department of Insurance for  
27 examination of the affairs of domestic, foreign, or alien insurance  
28 companies and insurers as defined in and pursuant to the Insurers  
29 Examination Act or any other provision of Chapter 44 or for valuing the  
30 reserve liabilities of life insurance companies shall be remitted by the  
31 department to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of

1 Insurance Cash Fund, which fund is hereby created. Money in the  
2 Department of Insurance Cash Fund may be used for transfers to the  
3 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
4 Department of Insurance Cash Fund available for investment shall be  
5 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
6 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

7 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer seventeen ~~fourteen~~ million  
8 two hundred thousand dollars from the Department of Insurance Cash Fund  
9 to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
10 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
11 the Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall  
12 transfer sixteen ~~eleven~~ million eight hundred thousand dollars from the  
13 Department of Insurance Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June  
14 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
15 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
16 Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer sixteen ~~eleven~~ million eight  
17 hundred thousand dollars from the Department of Insurance Cash Fund to  
18 the General Fund on or before June 30, 2028, on such dates and in such  
19 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
20 the Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall  
21 transfer sixteen ~~eleven~~ million eight hundred thousand dollars from the  
22 Department of Insurance Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June  
23 30, 2029, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
24 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
25 Services.

26 **Sec. 138.** Section 47-632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
27 amended to read:

28 47-632 (1) The Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund  
29 is created. Except as provided in subsection (2) ~~subsections (2), (3),~~  
30 ~~and (4)~~ of this section, the fund shall be within the Nebraska Commission  
31 on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, shall be administered by the

1 division, and shall only be used to support operations costs and analysis  
2 relating to the implementation and coordination of the uniform analysis  
3 of crime data pursuant to the Community Corrections Act, including  
4 associated information technology projects. The fund shall consist of  
5 money collected pursuant to section 47-633.

6 (2) Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the  
7 direction of the Legislature.

8 ~~(3) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following amounts from  
9 the Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund to the Violence  
10 Prevention Cash Fund:~~

11 ~~(a) Two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 2011, or as soon  
12 thereafter as administratively possible; and~~

13 ~~(b) Two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 2012, or as soon  
14 thereafter as administratively possible.~~

15 ~~(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following amounts from  
16 the Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund to the Nebraska  
17 Law Enforcement Training Center Cash Fund:~~

18 ~~(a) Two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 2017, or as soon  
19 thereafter as administratively possible; and~~

20 ~~(b) Two hundred thousand dollars on July 1, 2018, or as soon  
21 thereafter as administratively possible.~~

22 ~~(3) (5)~~ Any money in the Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis  
23 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
24 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
25 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

26 **Sec. 139.** Section 48-101.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
27 2024, is amended to read:

28 48-101.01 (1) The Legislature finds and declares:

29 (a) The occupations of first responders are recognized as stressful  
30 occupations. Only our nation's combat soldiers endure more stress.  
31 Similar to military personnel, first responders face unique and uniquely

1 dangerous risks in their sworn mission to keep the public safe. They rely  
2 on each other for survival to protect the communities they serve;

3 (b) On any given day, first responders can be called on to make life  
4 and death decisions, witness a young child dying with the child's grief-  
5 stricken family, make a decision that will affect a community member for  
6 the rest of such person's life, or be exposed to a myriad of communicable  
7 diseases and known carcinogens;

8 (c) On any given day, first responders protect high-risk individuals  
9 from themselves and protect the community from such individuals;

10 (d) First responders are constantly at significant risk of bodily  
11 harm or physical assault while they perform their duties;

12 (e) Constant, cumulative exposure to horrific events make first  
13 responders uniquely susceptible to the emotional and behavioral impacts  
14 of job-related stressors;

15 (f) Trauma-related injuries can become overwhelming and manifest in  
16 post-traumatic stress, which may result in substance use disorders and  
17 even, tragically, suicide; and

18 (g) It is imperative for society to recognize occupational injuries  
19 related to post-traumatic stress and to promptly seek diagnosis and  
20 treatment without stigma. This includes recognizing that mental injury  
21 and mental illness as a result of trauma is not disordered, but is a  
22 normal and natural human response to trauma, the negative effects of  
23 which can be ameliorated through diagnosis and effective treatment.

24 (2) Personal injury includes mental injuries and mental illness  
25 unaccompanied by physical injury for an employee who is a first  
26 responder, frontline state employee, or county correctional officer if  
27 such employee:

28 (a) Establishes that the employee's employment conditions causing  
29 the mental injury or mental illness were extraordinary and unusual in  
30 comparison to the normal conditions of the particular employment; and

31 (b) Establishes, through a mental health professional, the medical

1 causation between the mental injury or mental illness and the employment  
2 conditions by medical evidence.

3 (3) The employee bears the burden of establishing the matters  
4 described in subsection (2) of this section by a preponderance of the  
5 evidence.

6 (4) Until January 1, 2028, a first responder may establish prima  
7 facie evidence of a personal injury that is a mental injury or mental  
8 illness if the first responder:

9 (a) Presents evidence that the first responder underwent a mental  
10 health examination by a mental health professional upon entry into such  
11 service or subsequent to such entry and before the onset of the mental  
12 injury or mental illness and such examination did not reveal the mental  
13 injury or mental illness for which the first responder seeks  
14 compensation;

15 (b) Presents testimony or an affidavit from a mental health  
16 professional stating the first responder suffers from a mental injury or  
17 mental illness caused by one or more events or series of events which  
18 cumulatively produced the mental injury or mental illness which brought  
19 about the need for medical attention and the interruption of employment;

20 (c) Presents evidence that such events or series of events arose out  
21 of and in the course of the first responder's employment; and

22 (d) Presents evidence that, prior to the employment conditions which  
23 caused the mental injury or mental illness, the first responder had  
24 participated in resilience training and updated the training at least  
25 annually thereafter.

26 (5) For purposes of this section, mental injuries and mental illness  
27 arising out of and in the course of employment unaccompanied by physical  
28 injury are not considered compensable if they result from any event or  
29 series of events which are incidental to normal employer and employee  
30 relations, including, but not limited to, personnel actions by the  
31 employer such as disciplinary actions, work evaluations, transfers,

1 promotions, demotions, salary reviews, or terminations.

2 ~~(6)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide~~  
3 ~~reimbursement for the cost of any of the following to the extent not~~  
4 ~~reimbursed by the first responder's employer: A mental health examination~~  
5 ~~by a mental health professional upon entry into such service or~~  
6 ~~subsequent to such entry and before the onset of a mental injury or~~  
7 ~~mental illness for which compensation is sought; initial resilience~~  
8 ~~training; and annual resilience training. The department shall pay~~  
9 ~~reimbursement at a rate determined by the Critical Incident Stress~~  
10 ~~Management Program under section 71-7104. Reimbursement for resilience~~  
11 ~~training shall be subject to the annual limit set by such program under~~  
12 ~~section 71-7104.~~

13 ~~(b) To obtain reimbursement under this subsection, a first responder~~  
14 ~~shall submit an application to the Department of Health and Human~~  
15 ~~Services on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.~~

16 ~~(6) (7) The Department of Health and Human Services shall maintain~~  
17 ~~and annually update records of first responders who have completed annual~~  
18 ~~resilience training.~~

19 ~~(7) (8) For purposes of this section:~~

20 ~~(a) County correctional officer means a correctional officer~~  
21 ~~employed by a high-population county whose:~~

22 ~~(i) Position obligates such employee to maintain order and custody~~  
23 ~~of inmates in a county jail; and~~

24 ~~(ii) Duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk~~  
25 ~~individuals;~~

26 ~~(b) Custody means:~~

27 ~~(i) Under the charge or control of a state institution or state~~  
28 ~~agency and includes time spent outside of the state institution or state~~  
29 ~~agency; or~~

30 ~~(ii) In the custody of a county jail in a high-population county or~~  
31 ~~in the process of being placed in the custody of a county jail in a high-~~

1 population county;

2 (c) First responder means a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, a police  
3 officer, an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, a volunteer or paid  
4 firefighter, or a volunteer or paid individual licensed under a licensure  
5 classification in subdivision (1) of section 38-1217 who provides medical  
6 care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or  
7 psychological illness or injury;

8 (d) Frontline state employee means an employee of the Department of  
9 Correctional Services or the Department of Health and Human Services  
10 whose duties involve regular and direct interaction with high-risk  
11 individuals;

12 (e) High-population county means a county with more than three  
13 hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal  
14 decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by the United  
15 States Bureau of the Census;

16 (f) High-risk individual means an individual in custody for whom  
17 violent or physically intimidating behavior is common, including, but not  
18 limited to, a committed offender as defined in section 83-170, a patient  
19 at a regional center as defined in section 71-911, a juvenile committed  
20 to a youth rehabilitation and treatment center, and a person in the  
21 custody of a county jail in a high-population county or in the process of  
22 being placed in the custody of a county jail in a high-population county;

23 (g) Mental health professional means:

24 (i) A practicing physician licensed to practice medicine in this  
25 state under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act;

26 (ii) A practicing psychologist licensed to engage in the practice of  
27 psychology in this state as provided in section 38-3111 or as provided in  
28 similar provisions of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact;

29 (iii) A person licensed as an independent mental health practitioner  
30 under the Mental Health Practice Act; or

31 (iv) A professional counselor who holds a privilege to practice in

1 Nebraska as a professional counselor under the Licensed Professional  
2 Counselors Interstate Compact; and

3 (h) Resilience training means training that meets the guidelines  
4 established by the Critical Incident Stress Management Program under  
5 section 71-7104 and that teaches how to adapt to, manage, and recover  
6 from adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of  
7 stress.

8 (8) ~~(9)~~ All other provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation  
9 Act apply to this section.

10 **Sec. 140.** Section 48-145, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
11 2024, is amended to read:

12 48-145 To secure the payment of compensation under the Nebraska  
13 Workers' Compensation Act:

14 (1) Every employer in the occupations described in section 48-106,  
15 except the State of Nebraska and any governmental agency created by the  
16 state, shall either (a) insure and keep insured its liability under such  
17 act in some corporation, association, or organization authorized and  
18 licensed to transact the business of workers' compensation insurance in  
19 this state, (b) in the case of an employer who is a lessor of one or more  
20 commercial vehicles leased to a self-insured motor carrier, be a party to  
21 an effective agreement with the self-insured motor carrier under section  
22 48-115.02, (c) be a member of a risk management pool authorized and  
23 providing group self-insurance of workers' compensation liability  
24 pursuant to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, or (d) with  
25 approval of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, self-insure its  
26 workers' compensation liability.

27 An employer seeking approval to self-insure shall make application  
28 to the compensation court in the form and manner as the compensation  
29 court may prescribe, meet such minimum standards as the compensation  
30 court shall adopt and promulgate by rule and regulation, and furnish to  
31 the compensation court satisfactory proof of financial ability to pay

1 direct the compensation in the amount and manner when due as provided for  
2 in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. Approval is valid for the  
3 period prescribed by the compensation court unless earlier revoked  
4 pursuant to this subdivision or subsection (1) of section 48-146.02.  
5 Notwithstanding subdivision (1)(d) of this section, a professional  
6 employer organization shall not be eligible to self-insure its workers'  
7 compensation liability. The compensation court may by rule and regulation  
8 require the deposit of an acceptable security, indemnity, trust, or bond  
9 to secure the payment of compensation liabilities as they are incurred.  
10 The agreement or document creating a trust for use under this section  
11 shall contain a provision that the trust may only be terminated upon the  
12 consent and approval of the compensation court. Any beneficial interest  
13 in the trust principal shall be only for the benefit of the past or  
14 present employees of the self-insurer and any persons to whom the self-  
15 insurer has agreed to pay benefits under subdivision (11) of section  
16 48-115 and section 48-115.02. Any limitation on the termination of a  
17 trust and all other restrictions on the ownership or transfer of  
18 beneficial interest in the trust assets contained in such agreement or  
19 document creating the trust shall be enforceable, except that any  
20 limitation or restriction shall be enforceable only if authorized and  
21 approved by the compensation court and specifically delineated in the  
22 agreement or document. The trustee of any trust created to satisfy the  
23 requirements of this section may invest the trust assets in the same  
24 manner authorized under subdivisions (1)(a) through (i) of section  
25 30-3209 for corporate trustees holding retirement or pension funds for  
26 the benefit of employees or former employees of cities, villages, school  
27 districts, or governmental or political subdivisions, except that the  
28 trustee shall not invest trust assets into stocks, bonds, or other  
29 obligations of the trustor. If, as a result of such investments, the  
30 value of the trust assets is reduced below the acceptable trust amount  
31 required by the compensation court, then the trustor shall deposit

1 additional trust assets to account for the shortfall.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska Workers'  
3 Compensation Act, a three-judge panel of the compensation court may,  
4 after notice and hearing, revoke approval as a self-insurer if it finds  
5 that the financial condition of the self-insurer or the failure of the  
6 self-insurer to comply with an obligation under the act poses a serious  
7 threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. The Attorney General,  
8 when requested by the administrator of the compensation court, may file a  
9 motion pursuant to section 48-162.03 for an order directing a self-  
10 insurer to appear before a three-judge panel of the compensation court  
11 and show cause as to why the panel should not revoke approval as a self-  
12 insurer pursuant to this subdivision. The Attorney General shall be  
13 considered a party for purposes of such motion. The Attorney General may  
14 appear before the three-judge panel and present evidence that the  
15 financial condition of the self-insurer or the failure of the self-  
16 insurer to comply with an obligation under the act poses a serious threat  
17 to the public health, safety, or welfare. The presiding judge shall rule  
18 on a motion of the Attorney General pursuant to this subdivision and, if  
19 applicable, shall appoint judges of the compensation court to serve on  
20 the three-judge panel. The presiding judge shall not serve on such panel.  
21 Appeal from a revocation pursuant to this subdivision shall be in  
22 accordance with section 48-185. No such appeal shall operate as a  
23 supersedeas unless the self-insurer executes to the compensation court a  
24 bond with one or more sureties authorized to do business within the State  
25 of Nebraska in an amount determined by the three-judge panel to be  
26 sufficient to satisfy the obligations of the self-insurer under the act;

27 (2) An approved self-insurer shall furnish to the State Treasurer an  
28 annual amount equal to two and one-half percent of the prospective loss  
29 costs for like employment but in no event less than twenty-five dollars.  
30 Prospective loss costs is defined in section 48-151. The compensation  
31 court is the sole judge as to the prospective loss costs that shall be

1 used. All money which a self-insurer is required to pay to the State  
2 Treasurer, under this subdivision, shall be computed and tabulated under  
3 oath as of January 1 and paid to the State Treasurer immediately  
4 thereafter. The compensation court or designee of the compensation court  
5 may audit the payroll of a self-insurer at the compensation court's  
6 discretion. All money paid by a self-insurer under this subdivision shall  
7 be credited to the Compensation Court Cash Fund, except that beginning  
8 July 1, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2029, forty percent of all  
9 money paid by a self-insurer under this subdivision shall be credited to  
10 the General Fund and the remainder shall be credited to the Compensation  
11 Court Cash Fund;

12 (3) Every employer who fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with  
13 the conditions set forth in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section shall  
14 be required to respond in damages to an employee for personal injuries,  
15 or when personal injuries result in the death of an employee, then to his  
16 or her dependents; and

17 (4) Any security, indemnity, trust, or bond provided by a self-  
18 insurer pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section shall be deemed a  
19 surety for the purposes of the payment of valid claims of the self-  
20 insurer's employees and the persons to whom the self-insurer has agreed  
21 to pay benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act pursuant to  
22 subdivision (11) of section 48-115 and section 48-115.02 as generally  
23 provided in the act.

24 **Sec. 141.** Section 48-1,116, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
25 amended to read:

26 48-1,116 The Compensation Court Cash Fund is hereby created. The  
27 fund shall be used to aid in providing for the expense of administering  
28 the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and the payment of the salaries  
29 and expenses of the personnel of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation  
30 Court.

31 All fees received pursuant to sections 48-120, 48-120.02, 48-138,

1 48-139, 48-145.04, and 48-165 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer  
2 for credit to the Compensation Court Cash Fund. The fund shall also  
3 consist of amounts credited to the fund pursuant to sections 48-1,113,  
4 48-1,114, and 77-912. The State Treasurer may receive and credit to the  
5 fund any money which may at any time be contributed to the state or the  
6 fund by the federal government or any agency thereof to which the state  
7 may be or become entitled under any act of Congress or otherwise by  
8 reason of any payment made from the fund.

9 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the  
10 direction of the Legislature until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2026. Any money in the  
11 Compensation Court Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested  
12 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

14 **Sec. 142.** Section 48-621, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2024, is amended to read:

16 48-621 (1) The administrative fund shall consist of the Employment  
17 Security Administration Fund and the Employment Security Special  
18 Contingent Fund. Each fund shall be maintained as a separate and distinct  
19 account in all respects, as follows:

20 (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to  
21 be known as the Employment Security Administration Fund. All money  
22 credited to this fund is hereby appropriated and made available to the  
23 Commissioner of Labor. All money in this fund shall be expended solely  
24 for the purposes and in the amounts found necessary as defined by the  
25 specific federal programs, state statutes, and contract obligations for  
26 the proper and efficient administration of all programs of the Department  
27 of Labor. The fund shall consist of all money appropriated by this state  
28 and all money received from the United States of America or any agency  
29 thereof, including the Department of Labor and the Railroad Retirement  
30 Board, or from any other source for such purpose. Money received from any  
31 agency of the United States or any other state as compensation for

1 services or facilities supplied to such agency, any amounts received  
2 pursuant to any surety bond or insurance policy for losses sustained by  
3 the Employment Security Administration Fund or by reason of damage to  
4 equipment or supplies purchased from money in such fund, and any proceeds  
5 realized from the sale or disposition of any equipment or supplies which  
6 may no longer be necessary for the proper administration of such programs  
7 shall also be credited to this fund. All money in the Employment Security  
8 Administration Fund shall be deposited, administered, and disbursed in  
9 the same manner and under the same conditions and requirements as  
10 provided by law for other special funds in the state treasury. Any  
11 balances in this fund, except balances of money therein appropriated from  
12 the General Fund of this state, shall not lapse at any time. Fund  
13 balances shall be continuously available to the commissioner for  
14 expenditure consistent with the Employment Security Law. Any money in the  
15 Employment Security Administration Fund available for investment shall be  
16 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
17 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act; and

18 (b) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to  
19 be known as the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund. Transfers  
20 may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the  
21 Legislature. Any money in the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund  
22 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
23 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
24 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment  
25 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the  
26 General Fund. All money collected under section 48-655 as interest on  
27 delinquent contributions, less refunds, shall be credited to the  
28 Employment Security Special Contingent Fund from the clearing account of  
29 the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of each calendar quarter.  
30 Such money shall not be expended or available for expenditure in any  
31 manner to permit substitution for, or a corresponding reduction in,

1 federal funds which, in the absence of such money, would be available to  
2 finance expenditures for the administration of the unemployment insurance  
3 law. However, nothing in this section shall prevent the money in the  
4 Employment Security Special Contingent Fund from being used as a  
5 revolving fund to cover necessary and proper expenditures under the law  
6 for which federal, state, or contractual funds are owed but have not yet  
7 been received. Upon receipt of such funds, covered expenditures shall be  
8 charged against such funds. Money in the Employment Security Special  
9 Contingent Fund may only be used by the Commissioner of Labor as follows:

10 (i) To replace within a reasonable time any money received by this  
11 state pursuant to section 302 of the federal Social Security Act, as  
12 amended, and required to be paid under section 48-622; and

13 (ii) To meet special extraordinary and contingent expenses which are  
14 deemed essential for good administration but which are not provided in  
15 grants from the Secretary of Labor of the United States. No expenditures  
16 shall be made from this fund for this purpose except on written  
17 authorization by the Governor at the request of the Commissioner of  
18 Labor. ~~;~~ and

19 ~~(iii) To be transferred to the Job Training Cash Fund.~~

20 (2)(a) Money credited to the account of this state in the  
21 Unemployment Trust Fund by the United States Secretary of the Treasury  
22 pursuant to section 903 of the Social Security Act may not be  
23 requisitioned from this state's account or used except:

24 (i) For the payment of benefits pursuant to section 48-619; and

25 (ii) For the payment of expenses incurred for the administration of  
26 the Employment Security Law and public employment offices. Money  
27 requisitioned or used for this purpose must be pursuant to a specific  
28 appropriation by the Legislature. Any such appropriation law shall  
29 specify the amount and purposes for which the money is appropriated and  
30 must be enacted before expenses may be incurred and money may be  
31 requisitioned. Such appropriation is subject to the following conditions:

1 (A) Money may be obligated for a limited period ending not more than  
2 two years after the effective date of the appropriation law; and

3 (B) An obligated amount shall not exceed the aggregate amounts  
4 transferred to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of the  
5 Social Security Act less the aggregate of amounts used by this state  
6 pursuant to the Employment Security Law and amounts charged against the  
7 amounts transferred to the account of this state.

8 (b) For purposes of subdivision (2)(a)(ii)(B) of this section,  
9 amounts appropriated for administrative purposes shall be charged against  
10 transferred amounts when the obligation is entered into.

11 (c) The appropriation, obligation, and expenditure or other  
12 disposition of money appropriated under this subsection shall be  
13 accounted for in accordance with standards established by the United  
14 States Secretary of Labor.

15 (d) Money appropriated as provided in this subsection for the  
16 payment of administration expenses shall be requisitioned as needed for  
17 the payment of obligations incurred under such appropriation. Upon  
18 requisition, administration expenses shall be credited to the Employment  
19 Security Administration Fund from which such payments shall be made.  
20 Money so credited shall, until expended, remain a part of the Employment  
21 Security Administration Fund. If not immediately expended, credited money  
22 shall be returned promptly to the account of this state in the  
23 Unemployment Trust Fund.

24 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (2)(a) of this section, money  
25 credited with respect to federal fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001 shall  
26 be used solely for the administration of the unemployment compensation  
27 program and are not subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

28 **Sec. 143.** Section 48-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
29 amended to read:

30 48-3004 (1) To earn the job training reimbursements set forth in the  
31 Teleworker Job Creation Act, an employer shall file an application for an

1 agreement with the director. An application may be filed at any time on  
2 or after April 8, 2010.

3 (2) The application shall contain:

4 (a) A written statement describing the expected employment of  
5 qualifying employees in this state;

6 (b) Sufficient documents, plans, and specifications as required by  
7 the director to support the plan and to define a project; and

8 (c) A copy of the letter submitted to the director seeking approval  
9 of the employer's qualified training program.

10 (3) The application and all supporting information shall be  
11 confidential except, for each project:

12 (a) The name of the employer;

13 (b) The amount of the job training reimbursement;

14 (c) The number of persons trained, with such number divided into  
15 three categories: The number who reside in rural areas; the number who  
16 reside in poverty areas; and the number who reside in all other parts of  
17 Nebraska, based on the rural areas and poverty areas described in section  
18 48-3006; and

19 (d) The amount of total wages and other payments subject to  
20 withholding, as defined in section 77-2753, paid by the employer to all  
21 teleworkers who reside in Nebraska, with such residence as determined by  
22 the statement of the qualifying employee on his or her employment  
23 application, within three hundred sixty-five days prior to the date of  
24 application, for the year of the project, and for the following twelve  
25 months.

26 The employer shall be required to provide this information to the  
27 director upon written request by the director.

28 (4)(a) The director shall approve the application and authorize the  
29 total amount of job training reimbursements expected to be earned as a  
30 result of the project if he or she is satisfied that (i) the plan in the  
31 application defines a project that meets the eligibility requirements

1 established within the Teleworker Job Creation Act and (ii) such  
2 requirements will be reached within three hundred sixty-five calendar  
3 days after the application filing date. ~~The director shall use the~~  
4 ~~subaccount created under subsection (3) of section 81-1201.21 to provide~~  
5 ~~reimbursements allowed by the act for the training of teleworkers.~~

6 (b) The director shall not approve further applications once the  
7 director has approved seven project applications filed before the end of  
8 fiscal year 2010-11 and the expected job training reimbursements from the  
9 approved projects total one million fifty thousand dollars in fiscal year  
10 2010-11. Applications for an agreement shall for purposes of this limit  
11 be approved in the order in which they are received by the director.

12 (c) An employer and the director may enter into agreements for more  
13 than one project, up to a total of five approved project applications  
14 filed before the end of fiscal year 2010-11. The projects may be either  
15 sequential or concurrent. No new qualifying employees shall be included  
16 in more than one project for meeting the project requirements or the  
17 creation of job training reimbursements. When projects overlap and the  
18 plans do not clearly specify, the employer shall specify to which project  
19 the employment belongs. The employer has until it submits its request for  
20 reimbursement to the director to designate to which project a qualifying  
21 employee belongs. The employer may not receive job training  
22 reimbursements for a qualifying employee until the employer designates to  
23 which project that qualifying employee belongs. Such designation shall be  
24 made on such form to be filed with the director as the director shall  
25 direct.

26 (5) After approval, the employer and the director shall enter into a  
27 written agreement. The employer shall agree to complete the project, and  
28 the director, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall designate the  
29 approved plans of the employer as a project and, in consideration of the  
30 employer's agreement, agree to allow the employer to receive the job  
31 training reimbursements contained in the Teleworker Job Creation Act up

1 to the total amount of job training reimbursements that were authorized  
2 by the director. The application and all supporting documentation, to the  
3 extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. The  
4 agreement shall state:

5 (a) The number of qualifying employees required by the act for the  
6 project;

7 (b) The time period under the act in which the required level must  
8 be met;

9 (c) The documentation the employer will need to supply when  
10 requesting the job training reimbursements under the act;

11 (d) The date the application was filed; and

12 (e) The maximum amount of job training reimbursements authorized.

13 **Sec. 144.** Section 48-3008, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15 48-3008 The Department of Economic Development shall, prior to  
16 making the job training reimbursement, audit the employer for compliance  
17 with the Teleworker Job Creation Act. The department may utilize the  
18 Administrative Cash Fund subaccount created under subsection (3) of  
19 section 81-1201.21 to support the costs of audits and administration of  
20 the Teleworker Job Creation Act.

21 **Sec. 145.** Section 53-117.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
22 2024, is amended to read:

23 53-117.06 Any money collected by the commission pursuant to section  
24 53-117.05, 53-165.01, or 53-167.02 shall be credited to the Nebraska  
25 Liquor Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund, which fund is  
26 hereby created. The purpose of the fund shall be to cover any  
27 administrative costs, including salary and benefits, incurred by the  
28 commission in producing or distributing the material referred to in such  
29 sections, to provide for information technology costs of the commission,  
30 and to defray the costs associated with electronic regulatory  
31 transactions, industry education events, enforcement training, and

1 equipment for regulatory work. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
2 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
3 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund  
4 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
5 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
6 State Funds Investment Act.

7 **Sec. 146.** Section 54-857, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 54-857 All money received pursuant to the Commercial Feed Act shall  
10 be remitted by the director to the State Treasurer for credit to the  
11 Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund which is hereby created. Such  
12 fund shall be used by the department to aid in defraying the expenses of  
13 administering the act, any other animal health programs administered by  
14 the department, and ~~to aid in defraying the expenses related to a~~  
15 cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture  
16 Market News reporting program. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
17 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
18 Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund available for investment shall  
19 be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska  
20 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

21 **Sec. 147.** Section 55-131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 55-131 (1) The Military Department Cash Fund is created. The fund  
24 shall be administered by the Adjutant General. The fund shall consist of  
25 transfers authorized by the Legislature and all nonfederal revenue  
26 received by the National Guard pursuant to this section.

27 (2) The Adjutant General is hereby authorized to accept by devise,  
28 gift, or otherwise and hold, as trustee, for the benefit and use of the  
29 National Guard or any part thereof any property, real or personal; to  
30 invest and reinvest the property; to collect, receive, and recover the  
31 rents, incomes, and issues from the property; and to expend them as

1 provided by the terms of the devise or gift, or if not so provided, to  
2 expend them for the benefit and use of the National Guard as he or she in  
3 his or her discretion shall determine, subject to the approval of the  
4 Governor. Except as otherwise provided by law, all other money received  
5 by the National Guard and derived from any other source shall be remitted  
6 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Military Department Cash Fund.

7 (3) The Military Department Cash Fund may be used for expenses  
8 related to the support of any military installation located in Nebraska.  
9 For purposes of this section, military installation means a base, camp,  
10 post, station, yard, center, armory, or other activity under the  
11 jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the Nebraska  
12 Military Department. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General  
13 Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Military  
14 Department Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
15 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
16 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

17 **Sec. 148.** Section 55-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
18 amended to read:

19 55-901 (1) The Military Installation Development and Support Fund is  
20 created. The fund shall be used to contribute to construction,  
21 development, or support for any military installation, located in  
22 Nebraska, for purposes of improving mission retention and recruitment;  
23 supporting the morale, health, and mental wellness of military members  
24 and families; and growing the economic impact of military installations  
25 in Nebraska. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall administer the  
26 fund. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the Legislature  
27 and any gifts, grants, or bequests from any source, including federal,  
28 state, public, and private sources, for such purposes. Transfers may be  
29 made from the fund to the Military Department Cash Fund and the Site and  
30 Building Development Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money  
31 in the Military Installation Development and Support Fund available for

1 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
2 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
3 Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from  
4 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

5 (2) The Military Installation Development and Support Fund may be  
6 used for any project that directly supports any military installation  
7 located in Nebraska.

8 (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall require a match of  
9 public or private funding in an amount equal to or greater than one-half  
10 of the total cost of any project described in subsection (2) of this  
11 section prior to authorizing an expenditure from the fund.

12 (4) For purposes of this section, military installation means a  
13 base, camp, post, station, yard, center, armory, or other activity under  
14 the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the  
15 Nebraska Military Department.

16 **Sec. 149.** Section 58-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
17 2024, is amended to read:

18 58-703 The Affordable Housing Trust Fund is created. The fund shall  
19 receive money pursuant to section 76-903 and may include revenue from  
20 sources recommended by the housing advisory committee established in  
21 section 58-704, appropriations from the Legislature, transfers authorized  
22 by the Legislature, grants, private contributions, repayment of loans,  
23 and all other sources. The Department of Economic Development as part of  
24 its comprehensive housing affordability strategy shall administer the  
25 Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

26 Transfers may be made from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the  
27 General Fund, the Behavioral Health Services Fund, ~~the Lead-Based Paint~~  
28 ~~Hazard Control Cash Fund,~~ the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment  
29 Fund, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund, and the Site and  
30 Building Development Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

31 **Sec. 150.** Section 60-6,211.05, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

1 amended to read:

2 60-6,211.05 (1) If an order is granted under section 60-6,196 or  
3 60-6,197 and sections 60-6,197.02 and 60-6,197.03, the court may order  
4 that the defendant install an ignition interlock device of a type  
5 approved by the Director of Motor Vehicles on each motor vehicle operated  
6 by the defendant during the period of revocation. Upon sufficient  
7 evidence of installation, the defendant may apply to the director for an  
8 ignition interlock permit pursuant to section 60-4,118.06. The device  
9 shall, without tampering or the intervention of another person, prevent  
10 the defendant from operating the motor vehicle when the defendant has an  
11 alcohol concentration greater than three-hundredths of one gram or more  
12 by weight of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of his or her blood or  
13 three-hundredths of one gram or more by weight of alcohol per two hundred  
14 ten liters of his or her breath. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall  
15 issue an ignition interlock permit to the defendant under section  
16 60-4,118.06 only upon sufficient proof that a defendant has installed an  
17 ignition interlock device on any motor vehicle that the defendant will  
18 operate during his or her release.

19 (2) If the court orders installation of an ignition interlock device  
20 and issuance of an ignition interlock permit pursuant to subsection (1)  
21 of this section, the court may also order the use of a continuous alcohol  
22 monitoring device and abstention from alcohol use at all times. The  
23 device shall, without tampering or the intervention of another person,  
24 test and record the alcohol consumption level of the defendant on a  
25 periodic basis and transmit such information to probation authorities.

26 (3)(a) Prior to January 1, 2026, any order issued by the court  
27 pursuant to this section shall not take effect until the defendant is  
28 eligible to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (8) of section  
29 60-498.01. A person shall be eligible to be issued an ignition interlock  
30 permit allowing operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition  
31 interlock device if he or she is not subject to any other suspension,

1 cancellation, required no-driving period, or period of revocation and has  
2 successfully completed the ignition interlock permit application process.  
3 The Department of Motor Vehicles shall review its records and the driving  
4 record abstract of any person who applies for an ignition interlock  
5 permit allowing operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition  
6 interlock device to determine (i) the applicant's eligibility for an  
7 ignition interlock permit, (ii) the applicant's previous convictions  
8 under section 60-6,196, 60-6,197, or 60-6,197.06 or any previous  
9 administrative license revocation, if any, and (iii) if the applicant is  
10 subject to any required no-drive periods before the ignition interlock  
11 permit may be issued.

12 (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, any order issued by the court, or  
13 issued pursuant to a court order or administrative license revocation  
14 order from another jurisdiction that substantially complies with this  
15 section and section 60-6,197.03, shall not take effect until the  
16 defendant is eligible to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection  
17 (8) of section 60-498.01. A person shall be eligible to be issued an  
18 ignition interlock permit allowing operation of a motor vehicle equipped  
19 with an ignition interlock device if he or she is not subject to any  
20 other suspension, cancellation, required no-driving period, or period of  
21 revocation and has successfully completed the ignition interlock permit  
22 application process. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall, before the  
23 ignition interlock permit may be issued, review its records and the  
24 driving record abstract of any person who applies for an ignition  
25 interlock permit allowing operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an  
26 ignition interlock device to determine (i) the applicant's eligibility  
27 for an ignition interlock permit, (ii) the applicant's previous  
28 convictions under section 60-6,196, 60-6,197, or 60-6,197.06 or any  
29 previous administrative license revocation, if any, and (iii) if the  
30 applicant is subject to any required no-drive periods.

31 (4)(a) If the court orders an ignition interlock device or the Board

1 of Pardons orders an ignition interlock device under section 83-1,127.02,  
2 the court or the Board of Pardons shall order the defendant to apply for  
3 an ignition interlock permit as provided in section 60-4,118.06 which  
4 indicates that the defendant is only allowed to operate a motor vehicle  
5 equipped with an ignition interlock device.

6 (b) Such court order shall remain in effect for a period of time as  
7 determined by the court not to exceed the maximum term of revocation  
8 which the court could have imposed according to the nature of the  
9 violation and shall allow operation by the defendant of only an ignition-  
10 interlock-equipped motor vehicle.

11 (c) Such Board of Pardons order shall remain in effect for a period  
12 of time not to exceed any period of revocation the applicant is subject  
13 to at the time the application for a reprieve is made.

14 (5) Any person restricted to operating a motor vehicle equipped with  
15 an ignition interlock device, pursuant to a Board of Pardons order, who  
16 operates upon the highways of this state a motor vehicle without such  
17 device or if the device has been disabled, bypassed, or altered in any  
18 way, shall be punished as provided in subsection (3) of section  
19 83-1,127.02.

20 (6) If a person ordered to use a continuous alcohol monitoring  
21 device and abstain from alcohol use pursuant to a court order as provided  
22 in subsection (2) of this section violates the provisions of such court  
23 order by removing, tampering with, or otherwise bypassing the continuous  
24 alcohol monitoring device or by consuming alcohol while required to use  
25 such device, he or she shall have his or her ignition interlock permit  
26 revoked and be unable to apply for reinstatement for the duration of the  
27 revocation period imposed by the court.

28 (7) The director shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
29 regarding the approval of ignition interlock devices, the means of  
30 installing ignition interlock devices, and the means of administering the  
31 ignition interlock permit program.

1 (8)(a) The costs incurred in order to comply with the ignition  
2 interlock requirements of this section shall be paid directly to the  
3 ignition interlock provider by the person complying with an order for an  
4 ignition interlock permit and installation of an ignition interlock  
5 device.

6 (b) If the Department of Motor Vehicles has determined the person to  
7 be indigent and incapable of paying for the cost of installation,  
8 removal, or maintenance of the ignition interlock device in accordance  
9 with this section, such costs shall be paid out of the Department of  
10 Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund if such funds are available,  
11 according to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the  
12 department. Such costs shall also be paid out of the Department of Motor  
13 Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund if such funds are available and if the  
14 court or the Board of Pardons, whichever is applicable, has determined  
15 the person to be indigent and incapable of paying for the cost of  
16 installation, removal, or maintenance of the ignition interlock device in  
17 accordance with this section. The Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition  
18 Interlock Fund is created. Money in the Department of Motor Vehicles  
19 Ignition Interlock Fund may be used for transfers to the General Fund at  
20 the direction of the Legislature. ~~On October 1, 2017, or as soon~~  
21 ~~thereafter as administratively possible, the State Treasurer shall~~  
22 ~~transfer twenty-five thousand dollars from the Department of Motor~~  
23 ~~Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund to the Violence Prevention Cash Fund. On~~  
24 ~~October 1, 2018, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, the~~  
25 ~~State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-five thousand dollars from the~~  
26 ~~Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund to the Violence~~  
27 ~~Prevention Cash Fund.~~ Any money in the Department of Motor Vehicles  
28 Ignition Interlock Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
29 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
30 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

31 (9)(a)(i) An ignition interlock service facility shall notify the

1 appropriate district probation office or the appropriate court, as  
2 applicable, of any evidence of tampering with or circumvention of an  
3 ignition interlock device, or any attempts to do so, when the facility  
4 becomes aware of such evidence. Failure of the facility to provide  
5 notification as provided in this subdivision is a Class V misdemeanor.

6 (ii) An ignition interlock service facility shall notify the  
7 Department of Motor Vehicles, if the ignition interlock permit is issued  
8 pursuant to sections 60-498.01 to 60-498.04, of any evidence of tampering  
9 with or circumvention of an ignition interlock device, or any attempts to  
10 do so, when the facility becomes aware of such evidence. Failure of the  
11 facility to provide notification as provided in this subdivision is a  
12 Class V misdemeanor.

13 (b) If a district probation office receives evidence of tampering  
14 with or circumvention of an ignition interlock device, or any attempts to  
15 do so, from an ignition interlock service facility, the district  
16 probation office shall notify the appropriate court of such violation.  
17 The court shall immediately schedule an evidentiary hearing to be held  
18 within fourteen days after receiving such evidence, either from the  
19 district probation office or an ignition interlock service facility, and  
20 the court shall cause notice of the hearing to be given to the person  
21 operating a motor vehicle pursuant to an order under subsection (1) of  
22 this section. If the person who is the subject of such evidence does not  
23 appear at the hearing and show cause why the order made pursuant to  
24 subsection (1) of this section should remain in effect, the court shall  
25 rescind the original order. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to an  
26 order made by the Board of Pardons pursuant to section 83-1,127.02.

27 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the issuance of an  
28 ignition interlock permit by the Department of Motor Vehicles under  
29 section 60-498.01 or an order for the installation of an ignition  
30 interlock device and ignition interlock permit made pursuant to  
31 subsection (1) of this section as part of a conviction, as well as the

1 administration of such court order by the Office of Probation  
2 Administration for the installation, maintenance, and removal of such  
3 device, as applicable, shall not be construed to create an order of  
4 probation when an order of probation has not been issued.

5 **Sec. 151.** Section 61-222, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
6 amended to read:

7 61-222 The Water Sustainability Fund is created in the Department of  
8 Water, Energy, and Environment. The fund shall be used in accordance with  
9 the provisions established in sections 2-1506 to 2-1513 and for costs  
10 directly related to the administration of the fund. The Legislature shall  
11 not appropriate or transfer money from the Water Sustainability Fund for  
12 any other purpose, except that transfers may be made from the Water  
13 Sustainability Fund to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment  
14 Cash Fund and as a one-time transfer to the General Fund as described in  
15 this section.

16 The Water Sustainability Fund shall consist of money transferred to  
17 the fund by the Legislature, other funds as appropriated by the  
18 Legislature, and money donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions  
19 from public or private entities. Funds made available by any department  
20 or agency of the United States may also be credited to the fund if so  
21 directed by such department or agency. Any money in the fund available  
22 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant  
23 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
24 Investment Act. ~~Any Prior to October 1, 2024, investment earnings from~~  
25 ~~investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Beginning~~  
26 ~~October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the~~  
27 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

28 It is the intent of the Legislature that twenty-one million dollars  
29 be transferred from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund in  
30 fiscal year 2014-15 and that eleven million dollars be transferred from  
31 the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund each fiscal year

1 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16.

2 The Department of Administrative Services shall establish a  
3 subaccount within the Water Sustainability Fund for the accounting of any  
4 money transferred to the fund from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.  
5 Any money transferred from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the  
6 Water Sustainability Fund shall be expended in accordance with section  
7 81-15,168 and shall not be used for purposes of subsection (2) of section  
8 2-1507.

9 **Sec. 152.** Section 61-305, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
10 amended to read:

11 61-305 (1) The Perkins County Canal Project Fund is created. The  
12 fund shall be administered by the Department of Water, Energy, and  
13 Environment. The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money  
14 transferred by the Legislature and such grants, loans, donations, gifts,  
15 bequests, or other money received from any federal or state agency or  
16 public or private source for use by the department for the canal project.  
17 Any fees collected for water delivery may be credited to the fund.  
18 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund and the State  
19 Settlement Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in  
20 the Perkins County Canal Project Fund available for investment shall be  
21 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
22 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Prior to July  
23 1, 2025, any investment earnings from investment of money in the Perkins  
24 County Canal Project Fund shall be credited to such fund, except that for  
25 fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, such investment earnings shall be  
26 credited as provided in section 84-622. Beginning July 1, 2025, any  
27 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
28 credited to the General Fund.

29 (2)(a) The department shall use the Perkins County Canal Project  
30 Fund to identify the optimal route and purchase land for and develop,  
31 construct, manage, and operate the Perkins County Canal as outlined by

1 the South Platte River Compact and to contract with an independent firm  
2 for the purposes of completing a study of such canal. The study shall  
3 include, but may not be limited to, the following:

4 (i) Costs of completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs as  
5 outlined in the South Platte River Compact;

6 (ii) A timeline for completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs  
7 as outlined in the South Platte River Compact;

8 (iii) A cost-effectiveness study examining alternatives, including  
9 alternatives that may reduce environmental or financial impacts; and

10 (iv) The impacts of the canal on drinking water supplies for the  
11 cities of Lincoln and Omaha.

12 (b) The department shall provide the findings of such study  
13 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and present the findings  
14 at a public hearing held by the Appropriations Committee of the  
15 Legislature on or before December 31, 2022.

16 **Sec. 153.** Section 66-733, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 66-733 (1) All motor fuel producers, suppliers, distributors,  
19 wholesalers, and importers licensed under section 3-149 or 66-484 and all  
20 retailers licensed under section 66-6,106 shall jointly furnish a cash  
21 bond to the state to secure the payment of all fuel taxes.

22 (2) The cash bond shall be held by the State Treasurer in a motor  
23 fuel trust fund, which fund is hereby created, for the benefit of  
24 producers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, importers, and  
25 retailers. No producer, supplier, distributor, wholesaler, importer, or  
26 retailer shall have any claim or rights against the fund as a separate  
27 person. Transfers may be made from the motor fuel trust fund to the  
28 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the diesel  
29 fuel importers trust fund and the motor vehicle fuel importers trust fund  
30 on March 30, 1995, shall be transferred to the motor fuel trust fund on  
31 such date.

1           (3) Any money ~~All funds~~ in the trust fund available for investment  
2 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
3 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
4 Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, any investment earnings from investment of  
5 money in the trust fund shall be credited to the General Fund and may be  
6 ~~pooled with other funds for the purposes of section 72-1267.~~

7           **Sec. 154.** Section 66-734, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9           66-734 (1) The contribution for the cash bond required in section  
10 66-733 shall be collected by the department each tax period with the tax  
11 return for all such periods beginning on and after September 30, 1985.  
12 The amount due shall be deemed to be tax for the purpose of collection or  
13 refund.

14           (2) The amount collected each tax period from the motor fuel  
15 producers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, importers, and retailers  
16 shall be the portion of the commission allowed which equals one-fourth of  
17 one percent of the total tax due.

18           (3) The contributions from the motor fuel producers, suppliers,  
19 distributors, wholesalers, importers, and retailers shall continue to be  
20 collected until the amount in the trust fund ~~, including interest earned,~~  
21 is equal to one percent of the total motor fuel tax collected during the  
22 preceding year. The contributions shall resume whenever the amount is  
23 less than one-half of one percent of the motor fuel tax collected during  
24 the preceding year.

25           (4) The department shall notify the producers, suppliers,  
26 distributors, wholesalers, importers, and retailers whenever it is  
27 necessary for the contributions to resume. The contributions shall begin  
28 with the first tax return that is due at least thirty days after notice  
29 is provided by the department.

30           **Sec. 155.** Section 66-735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
31 amended to read:

1           66-735 (1) Money in the trust fund created pursuant to section  
2 66-733 shall be used solely for the purpose of preventing a loss to the  
3 state for fuel taxes that are not paid, except that money in the fund may  
4 be transferred to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

5           (2) Whenever the department determines that fuel tax has been  
6 delinquent for ninety days, the department ~~it~~ shall certify the  
7 delinquent amount of tax and the interest due thereon to the State  
8 Treasurer. The certification shall include the specific fund into which  
9 the tax would have been deposited if received.

10           (3) Upon receipt of the certification, the State Treasurer shall  
11 transfer the amount to the fund identified.

12           (4) Such transfer shall not affect the liability of the producer,  
13 supplier, distributor, wholesaler, importer, or retailer to the state.

14           **Sec. 156.** Section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2024, is amended to read:

16           68-1206 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
17 administer the program of social services in this state. The department  
18 may contract with other social agencies for the purchase of social  
19 services at rates not to exceed those prevailing in the state or the cost  
20 at which the department could provide those services. The statutory  
21 maximum payments for the separate program of aid to dependent children  
22 shall apply only to public assistance grants and shall not apply to  
23 payments for social services.

24           (2)(a) As part of the provision of social services authorized by  
25 section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the federal child  
26 care assistance program under 42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq., as such sections  
27 existed on January 1, ~~2023~~ 2025, and provide child care assistance to  
28 families with incomes up to ~~(i)~~ one hundred eighty-five percent of the  
29 federal poverty level ~~prior to October 1, 2026, or (ii) one hundred~~  
30 ~~thirty percent of the federal poverty level on and after October 1, 2026.~~

31           (b)(i) As part of the provision of social services authorized by

1 this section and section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the  
2 federal Child Care Subsidy program. A child care provider seeking to  
3 participate in the federal Child Care Subsidy program shall comply with  
4 the criminal history record information check requirements of the Child  
5 Care Licensing Act. In determining ongoing eligibility for this program,  
6 ten percent of a household's gross earned income shall be disregarded  
7 after twelve continuous months on the program and at each subsequent  
8 redetermination. In determining ongoing eligibility, if a family's income  
9 exceeds one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level  
10 ~~prior to October 1, 2026, or one hundred thirty percent of the federal~~  
11 ~~poverty level on and after October 1, 2026,~~ the family shall receive  
12 transitional child care assistance through the remainder of the family's  
13 eligibility period or until the family's income exceeds eighty-five  
14 percent of the state median income for a family of the same size as  
15 reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever occurs  
16 first. When the family's eligibility period ends, the family shall  
17 continue to be eligible for transitional child care assistance if the  
18 family's income is below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level  
19 ~~prior to October 1, 2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the~~  
20 ~~federal poverty level on and after October 1, 2026.~~ The family shall  
21 receive transitional child care assistance through the remainder of the  
22 transitional eligibility period or until the family's income exceeds  
23 eighty-five percent of the state median income for a family of the same  
24 size as reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever  
25 occurs first. The amount of such child care assistance shall be based on  
26 a cost-shared plan between the recipient family and the state and shall  
27 be based on a sliding-scale methodology. A recipient family may be  
28 required to contribute a percentage of such family's gross income for  
29 child care that is no more than the cost-sharing rates in the  
30 transitional child care assistance program as of January 1, 2015, for  
31 those no longer eligible for cash assistance as provided in section

1 68-1724.

2 (ii) A licensed child care program that employs a member of an  
3 eligible household shall make reasonable accommodations so that the  
4 eligible applicant or adult household member is not a primary caregiver  
5 to such applicant's or adult household member's child. If reasonable  
6 accommodation cannot be made, the department shall allow the applicant or  
7 adult household member to receive child care assistance for the  
8 applicant's or adult household member's child including when the  
9 applicant or adult household member is the primary caregiver for such  
10 child.

11 (iii) A licensed child care provider eligible for the child care  
12 subsidy may enroll the household member's child in a child care program  
13 other than the household member's child care program to receive child  
14 care assistance.

15 (iv) Subdivisions (2)(b)(ii) and (2)(b)(iii) of this section shall  
16 become operative on July 1, 2025. The department shall promulgate rules  
17 and regulations consistent with these subdivisions.

18 (c) Beginning ~~For the period beginning~~ July 1, 2021, through  
19 ~~September 30, 2026,~~ funds provided to the State of Nebraska pursuant to  
20 the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 9857 et  
21 seq., as such act and sections existed on January 1, 2025 ~~2023~~, shall be  
22 used to pay the costs to the state resulting from the income eligibility  
23 changes made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021,  
24 LB485. If the available amount of such funds is insufficient to pay such  
25 costs, then funds provided to the state for the Temporary Assistance for  
26 Needy Families program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq. may also be  
27 used. No General Funds shall be used to pay the costs to the state, other  
28 than administration costs, resulting from the income eligibility changes  
29 made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021, LB485 ~~7~~  
30 ~~for the period beginning July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026.~~

31 (d) The Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate

1 with a private nonprofit organization with expertise in early childhood  
2 care and education for an independent evaluation of the income  
3 eligibility changes made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section  
4 by Laws 2021, LB485, if private funding is made available for such  
5 purpose. The evaluation shall be completed by July 1, 2024, and shall be  
6 submitted electronically to the department and to the Health and Human  
7 Services Committee of the Legislature.

8 (3) In determining the rate or rates to be paid by the department  
9 for child care as defined in section 43-2605, the department shall adopt  
10 a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a fixed-rate schedule for an area  
11 of the state applicable to each child care program category of provider  
12 as defined in section 71-1910 which may claim reimbursement for services  
13 provided by the federal Child Care Subsidy program, except that the  
14 department shall not pay a rate higher than that charged by an individual  
15 provider to that provider's private clients. The schedule may provide  
16 separate rates for care for infants, for children with special needs,  
17 including disabilities or technological dependence, or for other  
18 individual categories of children. The schedule may also provide tiered  
19 rates based upon a quality scale rating of step three or higher under the  
20 Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. The schedule shall be effective on  
21 October 1 of every year and shall be revised annually by the department.

22 **Sec. 157.** Section 68-1604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
23 amended to read:

24 68-1604 The Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund is hereby  
25 created. The fund shall include the proceeds raised from the documentary  
26 stamp tax and remitted for such fund pursuant to section 76-903 and  
27 transfers authorized by the Legislature. Money remitted to such fund  
28 shall be used by the department (1) for grants to eligible shelter  
29 providers as set out in section 68-1605 for the purpose of assisting in  
30 the alleviation of homelessness, to provide temporary and permanent  
31 shelters for homeless persons, to encourage the development of projects

1 which link housing assistance to programs promoting the concept of self-  
2 sufficiency, and to address the needs of the migrant farmworker and (2)  
3 to aid in defraying the expenses of administering the Homeless Shelter  
4 Assistance Trust Fund Act, which shall not exceed seventy-five thousand  
5 dollars in any fiscal year. Transfers may be made from the Homeless  
6 Shelter Assistance Trust Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the  
7 Legislature.

8 Any money in the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund fund  
9 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
10 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
11 State Funds Investment Act.

12 **Sec. 158.** Section 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
13 2024, is amended to read:

14 68-1724 (1) Cash assistance shall be provided for a period or  
15 periods of time not to exceed a total of sixty months for recipient  
16 families with children subject to the following:

17 (a) If the state fails to meet the specific terms of the self-  
18 sufficiency contract developed under section 68-1719, the sixty-month  
19 time limit established in this section shall be extended;

20 (b) The sixty-month time period for cash assistance shall begin  
21 within the first month of eligibility;

22 (c) When no longer eligible to receive cash assistance, assistance  
23 shall be available to reimburse work-related child care expenses even if  
24 the recipient family has not achieved economic self-sufficiency. The  
25 amount of such assistance shall be based on a cost-shared plan between  
26 the recipient family and the state which shall provide assistance up to  
27 two hundred percent of the federal poverty level ~~prior to October 1,~~  
28 ~~2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level on~~  
29 ~~and after October 1, 2026.~~ A recipient family may be required to  
30 contribute up to twenty percent of such family's gross income for child  
31 care. It is the intent of the Legislature that transitional health care

1 coverage be made available on a sliding-scale basis to individuals and  
2 families with incomes up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the  
3 federal poverty level if other health care coverage is not available; and

4 (d) The self-sufficiency contract shall be revised and cash  
5 assistance extended when there is no job available for adult members of  
6 the recipient family. It is the intent of the Legislature that available  
7 job shall mean a job which results in an income of at least equal to the  
8 amount of cash assistance that would have been available if receiving  
9 assistance minus unearned income available to the recipient family.

10 The department shall develop policy guidelines to allow for cash  
11 assistance to persons who have received the maximum cash assistance  
12 provided by this section and who face extreme hardship without additional  
13 assistance. For purposes of this section, extreme hardship means a  
14 recipient family does not have adequate cash resources to meet the costs  
15 of the basic needs of food, clothing, and housing without continuing  
16 assistance or the child or children are at risk of losing care by and  
17 residence with their parent or parents.

18 (2) Cash assistance conditions under the Welfare Reform Act shall be  
19 as follows:

20 (a) Adults in recipient families shall mean individuals at least  
21 nineteen years of age living with and related to a child eighteen years  
22 of age or younger and shall include parents, siblings, uncles, aunts,  
23 cousins, or grandparents, whether the relationship is biological,  
24 adoptive, or step;

25 (b) The payment standard shall be based upon family size;

26 (c) The adults in the recipient family shall ensure that the minor  
27 children regularly attend school. Education is a valuable personal  
28 resource. The cash assistance provided to the recipient family may be  
29 reduced when the parent or parents have failed to take reasonable action  
30 to encourage the minor children of the recipient family ages sixteen and  
31 under to regularly attend school. No reduction of assistance shall be

1 such as may result in extreme hardship. It is the intent of the  
2 Legislature that a process be developed to insure communication between  
3 the case manager, the parent or parents, and the school to address issues  
4 relating to school attendance;

5 (d) Two-parent families which would otherwise be eligible under  
6 section 43-504 or a federally approved waiver shall receive cash  
7 assistance under this section;

8 (e) For minor parents, the assistance payment shall be based on the  
9 minor parent's income. If the minor parent lives with at least one  
10 parent, the family's income shall be considered in determining  
11 eligibility and cash assistance payment levels for the minor parent. If  
12 the minor parent lives independently, support shall be pursued from the  
13 parents of the minor parent. If the absent parent of the minor's child is  
14 a minor, support from his or her parents shall be pursued. Support from  
15 parents as allowed under this subdivision shall not be pursued when the  
16 family income is less than three hundred percent of the federal poverty  
17 guidelines; and

18 (f) For adults who are not biological or adoptive parents or  
19 stepparents of the child or children in the family, if assistance is  
20 requested for the entire family, including the adults, a self-sufficiency  
21 contract shall be entered into as provided in section 68-1719. If  
22 assistance is requested for only the child or children in such a family,  
23 such children shall be eligible after consideration of the family's  
24 income and if (i) the family cooperates in pursuing child support and  
25 (ii) the minor children of the family regularly attend school.

26 **Sec. 159.** Section 71-17,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
27 is amended to read:

28 71-17,108 Sections 71-17,108 to 71-17,114 ~~71-17,116~~ shall be known  
29 and may be cited as the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Act.

30 **Sec. 160.** Section 71-2490, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
31 2024, is amended to read:

1           71-2490 (1) The Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund is created. The  
2 fund shall include all recoveries received on behalf of the state by the  
3 Department of Justice pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act or the  
4 Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act related to the advertising of  
5 opioids. The fund shall include any money, payments, or other things of  
6 value in the nature of civil damages or other payment, except criminal  
7 penalties, whether such recovery is by way of verdict, judgment,  
8 compromise, or settlement in or out of court, of any case or controversy  
9 pursuant to such acts. The Department of Justice shall remit any such  
10 revenue to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Opioid Recovery  
11 Trust Fund.

12           (2) Any funds appropriated, expended, or distributed from the  
13 Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund shall be spent in accordance with the  
14 terms of any verdict, judgment, compromise, or settlement in or out of  
15 court, of any case or controversy brought by the Attorney General  
16 pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act or the Uniform Deceptive Trade  
17 Practices Act.

18           (3) The Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund shall exclude funds held  
19 in a trust capacity where specific benefits accrue to specific  
20 individuals, organizations, political subdivisions, or governments. Such  
21 excluded funds shall be deposited in the State Settlement Trust Fund  
22 pursuant to section 59-1608.05.

23           (4)(a) Any money transferred from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust  
24 Fund shall be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the  
25 litigation or settlement from which the money was received.

26           (b) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following amounts from  
27 the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but  
28 before July 15, 2024, and on or after July 1 but before July 15 of each  
29 year thereafter:

30           (i) One million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the  
31 Training Division Cash Fund to connect first responders to behavioral

1 health services, supports, and training and for a statewide wellness  
2 learning plan that includes anonymous assessments, education, and  
3 awareness to promote resiliency development;

4 (ii) Four hundred thousand dollars to the Health and Human Services  
5 Cash Fund for staff to carry out the Overdose Fatality Review Teams Act;

6 (iii) Three million dollars to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment  
7 Cash Fund for purposes of the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act; and

8 (iv) An amount determined by the Legislature to the Opioid Treatment  
9 Infrastructure Cash Fund.

10 (c) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following amounts from  
11 the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund to the Probation Program Cash  
12 Fund: On or after May 1, 2026, but before May 15, 2026, six million five  
13 hundred thousand dollars, and on or after July 1, 2026, but before July  
14 15, 2026, six million five hundred thousand dollars. Such funds shall  
15 only be used for problem solving courts pursuant to section 24-1302.

16 (d) ~~(e)~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that, of the total  
17 settlement funds received by the State of Nebraska and transferred from  
18 the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund to the Opioid Prevention and  
19 Treatment Cash Fund and to the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund,  
20 twenty-five percent of such funds are transferred to the Opioid  
21 Prevention and Treatment Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of such funds  
22 are transferred to the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund.

23 (5) Any money in the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund available  
24 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant  
25 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
26 Investment Act.

27 **Sec. 161.** Section 71-3001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29 71-3001 Sections 71-3001 to 71-3006 ~~71-3007~~ shall be known and may  
30 be cited as the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act.

31 **Sec. 162.** Section 71-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 71-3004 (1) The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of  
3 Health and Human Services ~~may shall~~ establish a mental health first aid  
4 training program, using contracts through the behavioral health regions,  
5 to help the public identify and understand the signs of a mental illness  
6 or substance abuse problem or a mental health crisis and to provide the  
7 public with skills to help a person who is developing or experiencing a  
8 mental health or substance abuse problem or a mental health crisis and to  
9 de-escalate crisis situations if needed. The training program shall  
10 provide an interactive mental health first aid training course  
11 administered by the state's regional behavioral health authorities.  
12 Instructors in the training program shall be certified by a national  
13 authority for Mental Health First Aid USA or a similar organization. The  
14 training program shall work cooperatively with local entities to provide  
15 training for individuals to become instructors.

16 (2) The mental health first aid training program shall be designed  
17 to train individuals to accomplish the following objectives as deemed  
18 appropriate considering the trainee's age:

19 (a) Help the public identify, understand, and respond to the signs  
20 of mental illness and substance abuse;

21 (b) Emphasize the need to reduce the stigma of mental illness; and

22 (c) Assist a person who is believed to be developing or has  
23 developed a mental health or substance abuse problem or who is believed  
24 to be experiencing a mental health crisis.

25 **Sec. 163.** Section 71-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27 71-3006 The behavioral health regions ~~may shall~~ offer services to  
28 and work with agencies and organizations, including, but not limited to,  
29 schools, universities, colleges, the State Department of Education, the  
30 Department of Veterans' Affairs, law enforcement agencies, and local  
31 health departments, to develop a program that offers grants to implement

1 the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act in ways that are  
2 representative and inclusive with respect to the economic and cultural  
3 diversity of this state.

4 **Sec. 164.** Section 71-3525, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 71-3525 Until January 1, 2005, a fee of two thousand dollars shall  
7 be assessed on each cask of high-level radioactive waste or transuranic  
8 waste shipped in or through the state, whether shipped by motor carrier  
9 or rail. On and after January 1, 2005, the department shall establish and  
10 assess fees on all high-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste  
11 shipped by any means in or through the state. Such fees shall be  
12 equitable and, except as otherwise provided in section 71-3526, shall be  
13 used for purposes related to (1) shipping of high-level radioactive waste  
14 and transuranic waste, including, but not limited to, inspections,  
15 escorts, and security for waste shipment, planning, and maintenance, (2)  
16 coordination of emergency response capability, (3) education and  
17 training, (4) purchase of necessary equipment, and (5) administrative  
18 costs attributable to the state agencies which are incurred as related to  
19 the shipping of high-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste. Fees  
20 assessed pursuant to this section shall be paid in advance of shipment by  
21 the shipper. Fees collected by the department under this section shall be  
22 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Radiation  
23 Transportation Emergency Response Cash Fund.

24 **Sec. 165.** Section 71-3526, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 71-3526 The Radiation Transportation Emergency Response Cash Fund is  
27 created. The fund shall consist of fees credited pursuant to section  
28 71-3525. The fund shall be used for the purposes stated in such section,  
29 except that transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at  
30 the direction of the Legislature. The Director-State Engineer, the  
31 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, the chief executive

1 officer of the department, the Adjutant General as director of the  
2 Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, and the executive director of the  
3 Public Service Commission, or their designees, shall meet at least  
4 annually to recommend changes in the fees charged and allocation of the  
5 fees collected among participating agencies based upon their respective  
6 costs in carrying out such section. Any money in the Radiation  
7 Transportation Emergency Response Cash Fund fund available for investment  
8 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
9 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
10 Act.

11 **Sec. 166.** Section 71-5318, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 71-5318 (1) The Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund is created. The  
14 fund shall be held as a trust fund for the purposes and uses described in  
15 the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act.

16 The fund shall consist of federal capitalization grants, state  
17 matching appropriations, proceeds of state match bond issues credited to  
18 the fund, repayments of principal and interest on loans, transfers made  
19 pursuant to section 71-5327, and other money designated for the fund. The  
20 director may make loans from the fund pursuant to the Drinking Water  
21 State Revolving Fund Act and may conduct activities related to financial  
22 administration of the fund, administration or provision of technical  
23 assistance through public water system source water assessment programs,  
24 and implementation of a source water petition program under the Safe  
25 Drinking Water Act. The state investment officer shall invest any money  
26 in the fund available for investment pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
27 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act, except that  
28 any bond proceeds in the fund shall be invested in accordance with the  
29 terms of the documents under which the bonds are issued. The state  
30 investment officer may direct that the bond proceeds shall be deposited  
31 with the bond trustee for investment. Investment earnings shall be

1 credited to the fund.

2 The department may create or direct the creation of accounts within  
3 the fund as the department determines to be appropriate and useful in  
4 administering the fund and in providing for the security, investment, and  
5 repayment of bonds.

6 The fund and the assets thereof may be used, to the extent permitted  
7 by the Safe Drinking Water Act and the regulations adopted and  
8 promulgated pursuant to such act, to (a) pay or to secure the payment of  
9 bonds and the interest thereon, except that amounts deposited into the  
10 fund from state appropriations and the earnings on such appropriations  
11 may not be used to pay or to secure the payment of bonds or the interest  
12 thereon, and (b) buy or refinance the debt obligation of any municipality  
13 for a public water supply system if the debt was incurred and  
14 construction began after July 1, 1993.

15 The director may transfer any money in the Drinking Water Facilities  
16 Loan Fund to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund  
17 to meet the purposes of section 71-5327. The director shall identify any  
18 such transfer in the intended use plan presented to the council for  
19 annual review and adoption pursuant to section 71-5321.

20 (2) The Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund is created. The  
21 fund shall be held as a trust for the purposes and uses described in the  
22 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act.

23 The fund shall consist of federal capitalization grants, state  
24 matching appropriations, proceeds of state match bond issues credited to  
25 the fund, repayments of principal and interest on loans, and other money  
26 designated for the fund. The director may make loans from the fund  
27 pursuant to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act and may conduct  
28 activities other than the making of loans permitted under section 1452(k)  
29 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The state investment officer shall invest  
30 any money in the fund available for investment pursuant to the Nebraska  
31 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act, except

1 that any bond proceeds in the fund shall be invested in accordance with  
2 the terms of the documents under which the bonds are issued. The state  
3 investment officer may direct that the bond proceeds shall be deposited  
4 with the bond trustee for investment. Investment earnings shall be  
5 credited to the fund.

6 The department may create or direct the creation of accounts within  
7 the fund as the department determines to be appropriate and useful in  
8 administering the fund and in providing for security, investment, and  
9 repayment of bonds.

10 The fund and assets thereof may be used, to the extent permitted by  
11 the Safe Drinking Water Act and the regulations adopted and promulgated  
12 pursuant to such act, to pay or secure the payment of bonds and the  
13 interest thereon, except that amounts credited to the fund from state  
14 appropriations and the earnings on such appropriations may not be used to  
15 pay or to secure the payment of bonds or the interest thereon.

16 The director may transfer any money in the Land Acquisition and  
17 Source Water Loan Fund to the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund.

18 (3) There is hereby created the Drinking Water Administration Fund.  
19 Any funds available for administering loans or fees collected pursuant to  
20 the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act shall be remitted to the  
21 State Treasurer for credit to such fund. The fund shall be administered  
22 by the department for the purposes of the act. The state investment  
23 officer shall invest any money in the fund available for investment  
24 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State  
25 Funds Investment Act. Prior to July 1, 2026, investment ~~Investment~~  
26 earnings shall be credited to the fund. Beginning July 1, 2026, any  
27 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
28 credited to the General Fund.

29 The Drinking Water Administration Fund ~~fund~~ and assets thereof may  
30 be used, to the extent permitted by the Safe Drinking Water Act and the  
31 regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such act, to fund

1 subdivisions (9), (11), and (12) of section 71-5322. The annual  
2 obligation of the state pursuant to subdivisions (9) and (12) of section  
3 71-5322 shall not exceed sixty-five percent of the revenue from  
4 administrative fees collected pursuant to section 71-5321 in the prior  
5 fiscal year.

6 The director may transfer any money in the Drinking Water  
7 Administration Fund to the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund to meet  
8 the state matching appropriation requirements of any applicable federal  
9 capitalization grants or to meet the purposes of subdivision (9) of  
10 section 71-5322.

11 **Sec. 167.** Section 71-7104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 71-7104 There is hereby created the Critical Incident Stress  
14 Management Program. The focus of the program shall be to minimize the  
15 harmful effects of critical incident stress for emergency service  
16 personnel, with a high priority on confidentiality and respect for the  
17 individuals involved. The program shall:

18 (1) Provide a stress management session to emergency service  
19 personnel who appropriately request such assistance in an effort to  
20 address critical incident stress;

21 (2) Assist in providing the emotional and educational support  
22 necessary to ensure optimal functioning of emergency service personnel;

23 (3) Conduct preincident educational programs to acquaint emergency  
24 service personnel with stress management techniques;

25 (4) Promote interagency cooperation; and

26 (5) Provide an organized statewide response to the emotional needs  
27 of emergency service personnel impacted by critical incidents. ÷

28 ~~(6) Develop guidelines for resilience training for first responders~~  
29 ~~under section 48-101.01;~~

30 ~~(7) Set reimbursement rates for mental health examinations and~~  
31 ~~resilience training under section 48-101.01; and~~

1       ~~(8) Set an annual limit on the hours or quantity of resilience~~  
2 ~~training for which reimbursement is required under section 48-101.01.~~

3       **Sec. 168.** Section 71-7608, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
4 amended to read:

5       71-7608 (1) The Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund is created.  
6 The fund shall include any settlement payments or other revenue received  
7 by the State of Nebraska in connection with any tobacco-related  
8 litigation to which the State of Nebraska is a party. The Department of  
9 Health and Human Services shall remit such revenue to the State Treasurer  
10 for credit to the fund.

11       (2) Subject to the terms and conditions of such litigation, money  
12 from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund shall be transferred to  
13 the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund as provided in section 71-7611 or,  
14 until June 30, 2027, to the General Fund and the Nebraska  
15 Transformational Project Fund.

16       (3) Any money in the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund  
17 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
18 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
19 State Funds Investment Act.

20       **Sec. 169.** Section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
21 amended to read:

22       71-7611 (1) The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is created. The State  
23 Treasurer shall transfer (a) sixty million three hundred thousand dollars  
24 on or before July 15, 2014, (b) sixty million three hundred fifty  
25 thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2015, (c) sixty million three  
26 hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2016, (d) sixty  
27 million seven hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2017, (e)  
28 five hundred thousand dollars on or before May 15, 2018, (f) sixty-one  
29 million six hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2018, (g)  
30 sixty-two million dollars on or before July 15, 2019, (h) sixty-one  
31 million four hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2020,

1 (i) sixty-six million two hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15,  
2 2022, (j) fifty-six million seven hundred thousand dollars on or before  
3 July 15, 2023, (k) fifty-four million dollars on or before July 15, 2024,  
4 (l) fifty-nine million one hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before  
5 July 1, 2025, and (m) ~~sixty-six~~ sixty million ~~one hundred fifty thousand~~  
6 dollars on or before every July 15 thereafter from the Nebraska Medicaid  
7 Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust  
8 Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, except that such amount shall  
9 be reduced by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska  
10 Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The state  
11 investment officer shall advise the State Treasurer on the amounts to be  
12 transferred first from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund  
13 until the fund balance is depleted and from the Nebraska Tobacco  
14 Settlement Trust Fund thereafter in order to sustain such transfers in  
15 perpetuity. The state investment officer shall report electronically to  
16 the Legislature on or before October 1 of every even-numbered year on the  
17 sustainability of such transfers. The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund  
18 shall also include money received pursuant to section 77-2602. Except as  
19 otherwise provided by law, no more than the amounts specified in this  
20 subsection may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health  
21 Care Cash Fund in any fiscal year.

22 ~~It Except as otherwise provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this~~  
23 ~~section, it~~ is the intent of the Legislature that no additional programs  
24 are funded through the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund until funding for  
25 all programs with an appropriation from the fund during FY2012-13 are  
26 restored to their FY2012-13 levels.

27 (2) Any money in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund available for  
28 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
29 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
30 Investment Act.

31 (3) The University of Nebraska and postsecondary educational

1 institutions having colleges of medicine in Nebraska and their affiliated  
2 research hospitals in Nebraska, as a condition of receiving any funds  
3 appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund,  
4 shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sexual  
5 orientation.

6 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen million dollars from  
7 the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before  
8 June 30, 2023, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for  
9 the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pancreatic cancer research  
10 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Transfers from the Nebraska  
11 Health Care Cash Fund in this subsection shall be contingent upon receipt  
12 of any matching funds from private or other sources, up to fifteen  
13 million dollars, certified by the budget administrator of the budget  
14 division of the Department of Administrative Services. Upon receipt of  
15 any matching funds certified by the budget administrator, the State  
16 Treasurer shall transfer an equal amount of funds to the Board of Regents  
17 of the University of Nebraska.

18 **Sec. 170.** Section 72-1001, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
19 amended to read:

20 72-1001 The Nebraska Capital Construction Fund is created. The fund  
21 shall consist of revenue and transfers credited to the fund as authorized  
22 by law. Money shall be appropriated from the fund to state agencies for  
23 making payments on projects as determined by the Legislature, including,  
24 but not limited to, purchases of land, structural improvements to land,  
25 acquisition of buildings, construction of buildings, including  
26 architectural and engineering costs, replacement of or major repairs to  
27 structural improvements to land or buildings, additions to existing  
28 structures, remodeling of buildings, and acquisition of equipment and  
29 furnishings of new or remodeled buildings. The fund shall be administered  
30 by the State Treasurer as a multiple-agency-use fund and appropriated to  
31 state agencies as determined by the Legislature. Transfers may be made

1 from the fund to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund at the direction of  
2 the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund  
3 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
4 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
5 State Funds Investment Act. ~~Prior to July 1, 2025, any investment~~  
6 ~~earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska Capital Construction~~  
7 ~~Fund shall be credited to such fund, except that for fiscal years 2023-24~~  
8 ~~and 2024-25, any investment earnings from investment of money in the~~  
9 ~~Nebraska Capital Construction Fund from transfers credited to such fund~~  
10 ~~that are designated for the construction of a new state prison shall be~~  
11 ~~credited as provided in section 84-622. Beginning July 1, 2025, through~~  
12 ~~June 30, 2027, any investment earnings from investment of money in the~~  
13 ~~Nebraska Capital Construction Fund shall be credited to the General Fund.~~  
14 ~~Beginning July 1, 2027, any investment earnings from investment of money~~  
15 ~~in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund shall be credited to the fund.~~

16 **Sec. 171.** Section 74-1317, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
17 2024, is amended to read:

18 74-1317 In order to promote public safety at the intersection of  
19 railroad lines and all classes of highways, there is hereby created a  
20 special fund known as the Grade Crossing Protection Fund which shall be  
21 established in the state treasury to be used in furnishing financial  
22 assistance in the improvement of the safety of railroad grade crossings  
23 in this state, including the elimination of such crossings, the  
24 construction, substantial modification, or improvement of and the  
25 maintenance of automatic crossing protection at such grade crossings, and  
26 the construction and maintenance of overpasses and underpasses at  
27 railroad crossings, except that transfers may be made from the fund to  
28 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
29 Grade Crossing Protection Fund fund available for investment shall be  
30 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
31 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning

1 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
2 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

3 **Sec. 172.** Section 77-27,144, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
4 amended to read:

5 77-27,144 (1) The Tax Commissioner shall collect the tax imposed by  
6 any incorporated municipality concurrently with collection of a state tax  
7 in the same manner as the state tax is collected. The Tax Commissioner  
8 shall remit monthly the proceeds of the tax to the incorporated  
9 municipalities levying the tax, after deducting the amount of refunds  
10 made and one and five hundredths ~~three~~ percent of the remainder to be  
11 credited to the Municipal Equalization Fund and one and ninety-five  
12 hundredths percent to the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund.

13 (2)(a) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to section 77-4105,  
14 77-4106, 77-5725, or 77-5726 and owed by a city of the first class, city  
15 of the second class, or village shall be delayed for one year after the  
16 refund has been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall  
17 notify the municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five  
18 hundred dollars of the pending refund, the amount of the refund, and the  
19 month in which the deduction will be made or begin, except that if the  
20 amount of a refund claimed under section 77-4105, 77-4106, 77-5725, or  
21 77-5726 exceeds twenty-five percent of the municipality's total sales and  
22 use tax receipts, net of any refunds or sales tax collection fees, for  
23 the municipality's prior fiscal year, the department shall deduct the  
24 refund over the period of one year in equal monthly amounts beginning  
25 after the one-year notification period required by this subdivision.

26 (b) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to section 77-4105,  
27 77-4106, 77-5725, or 77-5726 and owed by a city of the metropolitan class  
28 or city of the primary class shall be made as follows:

29 (i) During calendar year 2023, such deductions shall be made in  
30 accordance with subsection (1) of this section; and

31 (ii) During calendar year 2024 and each calendar year thereafter,

1 such deductions shall be made based on estimated amounts as described in  
2 this subdivision. On or before March 1, 2023, and on or before March 1 of  
3 each year thereafter, the Department of Revenue shall notify each city of  
4 the metropolitan class and city of the primary class of the total amount  
5 of such refunds that are estimated to be paid during the following  
6 calendar year. Such estimated amount shall be used to establish the total  
7 amount to be deducted in the following calendar year. The department  
8 shall deduct such amount over the following calendar year in twelve equal  
9 monthly amounts. Beginning with the notification sent in calendar year  
10 2025, the notification shall include any adjustment needed for the prior  
11 calendar year to account for any difference between the estimated amount  
12 deducted in such prior calendar year and the actual amount of refunds  
13 paid in such year.

14 (3) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to the Imagine Nebraska  
15 Act shall be delayed as provided in this subsection after the refund has  
16 been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall notify each  
17 municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five hundred  
18 dollars of the pending refund and the amount of the refund claimed under  
19 the Imagine Nebraska Act. The notification shall be made by March 1 of  
20 each year beginning in 2021 and shall be used to establish the refund  
21 amount for the following calendar year. The notification shall include  
22 any excess or underpayment from the prior calendar year. The department  
23 shall deduct the refund over a period of one year in equal monthly  
24 amounts beginning in January following the notification. This subsection  
25 applies to total annual refunds exceeding one million dollars or twenty-  
26 five percent of the municipality's total sales and use tax receipts for  
27 the prior fiscal year, whichever is the lesser amount.

28 (4) Deductions for a refund made pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment  
29 Act shall be delayed as provided in this subsection after the refund has  
30 been made to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue shall notify each  
31 municipality liable for a refund exceeding one thousand five hundred

1 dollars of the pending refund and the amount of the refund claimed under  
2 the Urban Redevelopment Act. The notification shall be made by March 1 of  
3 each year beginning in 2022 and shall be used to establish the refund  
4 amount for the following calendar year. The notification shall include  
5 any excess or underpayment from the prior calendar year. The department  
6 shall deduct the refund over a period of one year in equal monthly  
7 amounts beginning in January following the notification. This subsection  
8 applies to total annual refunds exceeding one million dollars or twenty-  
9 five percent of the municipality's total sales and use tax receipts for  
10 the prior fiscal year, whichever is the lesser amount.

11 (5) The Tax Commissioner shall keep full and accurate records of all  
12 money received and distributed under the provisions of the Local Option  
13 Revenue Act. The municipality may request the names and addresses of the  
14 retailers which have collected the tax as provided in subsection (13) of  
15 section 77-2711 and may certify an individual to request and review  
16 confidential sales and use tax returns and sales and use tax return  
17 information as provided in subsection (14) of section 77-2711.

18 (6) When proceeds of a tax levy are received but the identity of the  
19 incorporated municipality which levied the tax is unknown and is not  
20 identified within six months after receipt, the amount shall be credited  
21 to the Municipal Equalization Fund.

22 (7)(a) Every qualifying business that has filed an application to  
23 receive tax incentives under the Employment and Investment Growth Act,  
24 the Nebraska Advantage Act, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, or the Urban  
25 Redevelopment Act shall, with respect to such acts, provide annually to  
26 each municipality, in aggregate data, the maximum amount the qualifying  
27 business is eligible to receive in the current year in refunds of local  
28 sales and use taxes of the municipality and exemptions for the previous  
29 year, and the estimate of annual refunds of local sales and use taxes of  
30 the municipality and exemptions such business intends to claim in each  
31 future year. The qualifying business shall provide this information to

1 the municipality on or before June 30 of each year. Such information  
2 shall be kept confidential by the municipality unless publicly disclosed  
3 previously by the taxpayer or by the State of Nebraska.

4 (b) The municipality may request from the Department of Revenue a  
5 list of the qualifying businesses which have filed an application to  
6 receive tax incentives under the Employment and Investment Growth Act,  
7 the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Imagine Nebraska Act, or the Urban  
8 Redevelopment Act. The request may be made annually and shall be  
9 submitted to the Department of Revenue on or before June 30 of each year.

10 (c) For purposes of this subsection, municipality means a  
11 municipality that has adopted the local option sales and use tax under  
12 the Local Option Revenue Act and to which the qualifying business has  
13 paid such sales and use tax.

14 (d) Any amounts held by a municipality to make sales and use tax  
15 refunds under the Employment and Investment Growth Act, the Nebraska  
16 Advantage Act, the Imagine Nebraska Act, and the Urban Redevelopment Act  
17 shall not count toward any budgeted restricted funds limitation as  
18 provided in section 13-519 or toward any cash reserve limitation as  
19 provided in section 13-504 and shall be excluded from the limitations of  
20 the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act.

21 **Sec. 173.** Section 77-4025, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
22 amended to read:

23 77-4025 (1) There is hereby created a cash fund in the Department of  
24 Revenue to be known as the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund. All  
25 revenue collected or received by the Tax Commissioner from the license  
26 fees, certification fees, and taxes imposed by the Tobacco Products Tax  
27 Act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Tobacco  
28 Products Administration Cash Fund, except that all such revenue relating  
29 to electronic nicotine delivery systems shall be remitted to the State  
30 Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.

31 (2) All costs required for administration of the Tobacco Products

1 Tax Act shall be paid from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund.  
2 Credits and refunds allowed under the act shall be paid from the Tobacco  
3 Products Administration Cash Fund. Any receipts, after credits and  
4 refunds, in excess of the amounts sufficient to cover the costs of  
5 administration may be transferred to the General Fund or the Department  
6 of Revenue Enforcement Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

7 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer eleven ~~nine~~ million five  
8 hundred thousand dollars from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash  
9 Fund to the Department of Revenue Enforcement ~~General~~ Fund on or after  
10 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
11 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
12 the Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall  
13 transfer twelve ~~nine~~ million five hundred thousand dollars from the  
14 Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue  
15 Enforcement ~~General~~ Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but on or before June  
16 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
17 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
18 Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer twelve ~~nine~~ million five  
19 hundred thousand dollars from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash  
20 Fund to the Department of Revenue Enforcement ~~General~~ Fund on or after  
21 July 1, 2027, but on or before June 30, 2028, on such dates and in such  
22 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
23 the Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall  
24 transfer nine million five hundred thousand dollars from the Tobacco  
25 Products Administration Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue  
26 Enforcement ~~General~~ Fund on or after July 1, 2028, but on or before June  
27 30, 2029, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
28 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
29 Services.

30 (4) Any money in the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund  
31 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment

1 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
2 State Funds Investment Act.

3 **Sec. 174.** Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under  
6 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.  
7 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
8 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature  
9 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years after tax year 2008  
10 using available revenue. For tax year 2017, the amount of relief granted  
11 under the act shall be two hundred twenty-four million dollars. For tax  
12 year 2020 through tax year 2022, the minimum amount of relief granted  
13 under the act shall be two hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax  
14 year 2023, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be  
15 three hundred sixty million dollars. For tax year 2024, the minimum  
16 amount of relief granted under the act shall be three hundred ninety-five  
17 million dollars. For tax year 2025, the minimum amount of relief granted  
18 under the act shall be four hundred thirty million dollars. For tax year  
19 2026, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be four  
20 hundred forty-five million dollars. For tax year 2027, the minimum amount  
21 of relief granted under the act shall be four hundred sixty million  
22 dollars. For tax year 2028, the minimum amount of relief granted under  
23 the act shall be four hundred seventy-five million dollars. For tax year  
24 2029, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the  
25 minimum amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal  
26 to the percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all  
27 real property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
28 determined by the Department of Revenue, plus an additional seventy-five  
29 million dollars. For tax year 2030 and each tax year thereafter, the  
30 minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be the minimum  
31 amount from the prior tax year plus a percentage increase equal to the

1 percentage increase, if any, in the total assessed value of all real  
2 property in the state from the prior year to the current year, as  
3 determined by the Department of Revenue. If money is transferred or  
4 credited to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund pursuant to any other state  
5 law, such amount shall be added to the minimum amount required under this  
6 subsection when determining the total amount of relief granted under the  
7 act. The relief shall be in the form of a property tax credit which  
8 appears on the property tax statement.

9 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount  
10 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the  
11 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section  
12 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total  
13 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the  
14 property tax credit for the property.

15 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the  
16 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount  
17 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the  
18 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total  
19 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be  
20 the property tax credit for the property.

21 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption  
22 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for  
23 the relief provided in the act to the extent of any remaining liability  
24 after calculation of the relief provided by the homestead exemption. If  
25 the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is  
26 less than zero, the amount of the credit which cannot be used by the  
27 taxpayer shall be returned to the Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of  
28 the year the amount disbursed to the county was disbursed. The Property  
29 Tax Administrator shall immediately credit any funds returned under this  
30 subsection to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any  
31 funds under this subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically

1 file a report with the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed  
2 by the Tax Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to  
3 each taxing unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any  
4 collection fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of  
5 unused credits returned.

6 (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to  
7 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement  
8 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio  
9 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property  
10 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
11 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
12 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
13 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
14 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
15 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the  
16 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing  
17 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the  
18 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such  
19 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing  
20 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

21 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each  
22 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined  
23 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the  
24 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation  
25 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator  
26 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each  
27 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each  
28 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal  
29 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before  
30 April 1, except that in 2026, the second payment may occur as soon as  
31 administratively possible after April 1. After retaining one percent of

1 the receipts for costs, the county treasurer shall allocate the remaining  
2 receipts to each taxing unit based on its share of the credits granted to  
3 all taxpayers in the taxing unit.

4 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means  
5 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and  
6 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
7 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special  
8 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for  
9 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special  
10 valuation.

11 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the  
12 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August  
13 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.

14 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the  
15 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.

16 **Sec. 175.** Section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
17 amended to read:

18 77-4602 (1) Within fifteen days after the end of each month, the Tax  
19 Commissioner shall provide a public statement of actual General Fund net  
20 receipts, a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly  
21 estimated net receipts from the most recent forecast provided by the  
22 Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board pursuant to section  
23 77-27,158, and a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly  
24 actual net receipts for the same month of the previous fiscal year.

25 (2) Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year, the  
26 public statement shall also include (a) a summary of actual General Fund  
27 net receipts and estimated General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year  
28 as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603 and (b) a  
29 comparison of the actual General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year to  
30 the actual General Fund net receipts for the previous fiscal year.

31 (3) If the actual General Fund net receipts for fiscal year 2025-26

1 as reported in subsection (2) of this section exceed estimated receipts  
2 for the fiscal year, the Tax Commissioner shall immediately certify to  
3 the director such excess amount. The State Treasurer shall immediately  
4 transfer an amount equal to such excess amount from the General Fund to  
5 the Cash Reserve Fund upon certification by the director of such excess  
6 amount.

7 (4)(a) ~~(3)(a)~~ Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year  
8 2026-27 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall  
9 determine:

10 (i) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed  
11 fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal  
12 year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603; and

13 (ii) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently  
14 completed fiscal year minus one hundred three percent of actual General  
15 Fund net receipts for the prior fiscal year.

16 (b) If the amount calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(i) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ of  
17 this section is a positive number and the amount calculated in  
18 subdivision (4)(a)(ii) ~~(3)(a)(ii)~~ of this section is a negative number,  
19 the Tax Commissioner shall certify the amount calculated in subdivision  
20 (4)(a)(i) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ of this section to the State Treasurer. The State  
21 Treasurer shall transfer such certified amount to the Cash Reserve Fund.

22 (c) If the amounts calculated in subdivisions (4)(a)(i) and (4)(a)  
23 (ii) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ and ~~(3)(a)(ii)~~ of this section are both positive numbers  
24 and the amount calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(i) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ of this  
25 section exceeds the amount calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(ii) ~~(3)(a)~~  
26 ~~(ii)~~ of this section, the Tax Commissioner shall certify the amounts  
27 calculated in subdivisions (4)(a)(i) and (4)(a)(ii) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ and ~~(3)(a)~~  
28 ~~(ii)~~ of this section to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall  
29 transfer the difference between the two certified numbers to the Cash  
30 Reserve Fund. The State Treasurer shall transfer the amount certified for  
31 subdivision (4)(a)(ii) ~~(3)(a)(ii)~~ of this section to the School District

1 Property Tax Relief Credit Fund.

2 (d) If the amounts calculated in subdivisions (4)(a)(i) and (4)(a)  
3 (ii) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ and ~~(3)(a)(ii)~~ of this section are both positive numbers  
4 and the amount calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(i) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ of this  
5 section is less than the amount calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(ii) ~~(3)~~  
6 ~~(a)(ii)~~ of this section, the Tax Commissioner shall certify the amount  
7 calculated in subdivision (4)(a)(i) ~~(3)(a)(i)~~ of this section to the  
8 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall transfer such certified amount  
9 to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund.

10 **Sec. 176.** Section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
11 amended to read:

12 77-5601 (1) From August 1, 2004, through October 31, 2004, there  
13 shall be conducted a tax amnesty program with regard to taxes due and  
14 owing that have not been reported to the Department of Revenue. Any  
15 person applying for tax amnesty shall pay all unreported taxes that were  
16 due on or before April 1, 2004. Any person that applies for tax amnesty  
17 and is accepted by the Tax Commissioner shall have any penalties and  
18 interest waived on unreported and delinquent taxes notwithstanding any  
19 other provisions of law to the contrary.

20 (2) To be eligible for the tax amnesty provided by this section, the  
21 person shall apply for amnesty within the amnesty period, file a return  
22 for each taxable period for which the amnesty is requested by December  
23 31, 2004, if no return has been filed, and pay in full all taxes for  
24 which amnesty is sought with the return or within thirty days after the  
25 application if a return was filed prior to the amnesty period. Tax  
26 amnesty shall not be available for any person that is under civil or  
27 criminal audit, investigation, or prosecution for unreported or  
28 delinquent taxes by this state or the United States Government on or  
29 before April 16, 2004.

30 (3) The department shall not seek civil or criminal prosecution  
31 against any person for any taxable period for which amnesty has been

1 granted. The Tax Commissioner shall develop forms for applying for the  
2 tax amnesty program, develop procedures for qualification for tax  
3 amnesty, and conduct a public awareness campaign publicizing the program.

4 (4) If a person elects to participate in the amnesty program, the  
5 election shall constitute an express and irrevocable relinquishment of  
6 all administrative and judicial rights to challenge the imposition of the  
7 tax or its amount. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department  
8 from adjusting a return as a result of any state or federal audit.

9 (5)(a) Except for any local option sales tax collected and returned  
10 to the appropriate municipality and any motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel,  
11 and compressed fuel taxes, which shall be deposited in the Highway Trust  
12 Fund or Highway Allocation Fund as provided by law, no less than eighty  
13 percent of all revenue received pursuant to the tax amnesty program shall  
14 be deposited in the General Fund and ten percent, not to exceed five  
15 hundred thousand dollars, shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue  
16 Enforcement Fund. Any amount that would otherwise be deposited in the  
17 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund that is in excess of the five-  
18 hundred-thousand-dollar limitation shall be deposited in the General  
19 Fund.

20 (b) For fiscal year 2005-06, all proceeds in the Department of  
21 Revenue Enforcement Fund shall be appropriated to the department for  
22 purposes of employing investigators, agents, and auditors and otherwise  
23 increasing personnel for enforcement of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

24 (c) For fiscal years after fiscal year 2005-06, twenty percent of  
25 all proceeds received during the previous calendar year due to the  
26 efforts of auditors and investigators hired pursuant to subdivision (5)  
27 (b) of this section, not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars,  
28 shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for  
29 purposes of employing investigators and auditors or continuing such  
30 employment for purposes of increasing enforcement of the act.

31 (d) Ten percent of all proceeds received during each calendar year

1 due to the contracts entered into pursuant to section 77-367 shall be  
2 deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for purposes of  
3 identifying nonfilers of returns, underreporters, nonpayers of taxes, and  
4 improper or fraudulent payments.

5 (6)(a) The department shall prepare a report by April 1, 2005, and  
6 by February 1 of each year thereafter detailing the results of the tax  
7 amnesty program and the subsequent enforcement efforts. For the report  
8 due April 1, 2005, the report shall include (i) the amount of revenue  
9 obtained as a result of the tax amnesty program broken down by tax  
10 program, (ii) the amount obtained from instate taxpayers and from out-of-  
11 state taxpayers, and (iii) the amount obtained from individual taxpayers  
12 and from business enterprises.

13 (b) For reports due in subsequent years, the report shall include  
14 (i) the number of personnel hired for purposes of subdivision (5)(b) of  
15 this section and their duties, (ii) a description of lists, software,  
16 programming, computer equipment, and other technological methods acquired  
17 and the purposes of each, and (iii) the amount of new revenue obtained as  
18 a result of the new personnel and acquisitions during the prior calendar  
19 year, broken down into the same categories as described in subdivision  
20 (6)(a) of this section.

21 ~~(7)(a) (7)~~ The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund is created.  
22 The money in the fund shall be used by the Department of Revenue for the  
23 administration and enforcement of any activity or function administered  
24 by the Tax Commissioner.

25 (b) Transfers may be made from the Department of Revenue Enforcement  
26 Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The  
27 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund may receive transfers from the  
28 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund at the direction of the  
29 Legislature for the purpose of administering the Sports Arena Facility  
30 Financing Assistance Act. ~~The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund~~  
31 ~~shall include any money credited to the fund (a) under section 77-2703,~~

1 ~~and such money shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the~~  
2 ~~costs incurred to implement Laws 2019, LB237, (b) under the Mechanical~~  
3 ~~Amusement Device Tax Act, and such money shall be used by the department~~  
4 ~~to defray the costs incurred to implement and enforce Laws 2019, LB538,~~  
5 ~~and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated to carry out Laws~~  
6 ~~2019, LB538, (c) under section 77-2906, and such money shall be used by~~  
7 ~~the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to implement Laws~~  
8 ~~2020, LB310, (d) under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, and such money~~  
9 ~~shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred~~  
10 ~~to administer the act, and (e) under section 77-3,124. Any money in the~~  
11 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund available for investment shall be  
12 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
14 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
15 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

16 (8) For purposes of this section, taxes mean any taxes collected by  
17 the department, including, but not limited to state and local sales and  
18 use taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, financial institutions  
19 deposit taxes, motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel, and compressed fuel  
20 taxes, cigarette taxes, transfer taxes, and charitable gaming taxes.

21 **Sec. 177.** Section 77-7305, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
22 amended to read:

23 77-7305 (1) The School District Property Tax Relief Act shall apply  
24 to tax year 2024 and each tax year thereafter. The property tax relief  
25 shall be in the form of property tax credits which appear on property tax  
26 statements. Property tax credits granted under the act shall be credited  
27 against the amount of property taxes owed to school districts. The total  
28 amount of property tax relief granted under the act shall be determined  
29 as follows:

30 (a) For tax year 2024, the minimum amount of relief granted under  
31 the act shall be seven hundred fifty million dollars. For tax year 2025,

1 the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be seven hundred  
2 eighty million dollars. For tax year 2026, the minimum amount of relief  
3 granted under the act shall be eight hundred eight million dollars. For  
4 tax year 2027, the minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall  
5 be eight hundred thirty-eight million dollars. For tax year 2028, the  
6 minimum amount of relief granted under the act shall be eight hundred  
7 seventy million dollars. For tax year 2029, the minimum amount of relief  
8 granted under the act shall be nine hundred two million dollars. For tax  
9 year 2030 and each tax year thereafter, the minimum amount of relief  
10 granted under the act shall be the minimum amount of relief from the  
11 prior year, excluding any additional relief provided pursuant to  
12 subdivision (1)(b) of this section, with such amount then increased by  
13 three percent; and

14 (b) If money is transferred to the School District Property Tax  
15 Relief Credit Fund pursuant to section 77-4602, such amount shall be  
16 added to the minimum amount required under subdivision (1)(a) of this  
17 section when determining the total amount of relief granted under the act  
18 for the tax year in which the transfer occurs. If no such transfer occurs  
19 in a given tax year, the minimum amount required under subdivision (1)(a)  
20 of this section shall be the total amount of relief granted under the act  
21 for such tax year.

22 (2) To determine the amount of the property tax credit for each  
23 parcel, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount disbursed to the  
24 county under subsection (4) of this section by the ratio of the school  
25 district taxes levied in the current year on the parcel to the school  
26 district taxes levied in the current year on all real property in the  
27 county. The amount so determined shall be the property tax credit for  
28 that parcel.

29 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption  
30 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for  
31 the property tax credit provided in this section to the extent of any

1 remaining liability after calculation of the homestead exemption. If the  
2 property tax credit provided in this section results in a property tax  
3 liability on the homestead that is less than zero, the amount of the  
4 credit which cannot be used by the taxpayer shall be returned to the  
5 Property Tax Administrator by July 1 of the year the amount disbursed to  
6 the county was disbursed. The Property Tax Administrator shall  
7 immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the School  
8 District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund. Upon the return of any funds  
9 under this subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a  
10 report with the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the  
11 Tax Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each  
12 school district in the county in the year the funds were returned and the  
13 amount of unused credits returned.

14 (4) The amount disbursed to each county under this section shall be  
15 equal to the amount available for disbursement under subsection (1) of  
16 this section multiplied by the ratio of the school district taxes levied  
17 in the prior year on all real property in the county to the school  
18 district taxes levied in the prior year on all real property in the  
19 state. By September 15, 2024, and by September 15 of each year  
20 thereafter, the Property Tax Administrator shall determine the amount to  
21 be disbursed under this subsection to each county and shall certify such  
22 amounts to the State Treasurer and to each county. The disbursements to  
23 the counties shall occur in two equal payments, the first on or before  
24 January 31 and the second on or before April 1, except that in 2026, the  
25 second payment may occur as soon as administratively possible after April  
26 1.

27 (5) After retaining one percent of the amount received under  
28 subsection (4) of this section for costs, the county treasurer shall  
29 disburse the remaining funds, which are credited against the amount of  
30 property taxes owed to school districts, in the same manner as if such  
31 funds had been received in the form of property tax payments for property

1 taxes owed to school districts, meaning any amounts attributable to  
2 divided taxes pursuant to section 18-2147 of the Community Development  
3 Law shall be remitted to the applicable authority for which such taxes  
4 were divided.

5 (6) The School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund shall be  
6 used for purposes of making the disbursements to counties required under  
7 subsection (4) of this section.

8 **Sec. 178.** Section 79-303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10 79-303 (1) The State Department of Education may provide for a  
11 system of charges for services rendered by the administrative support  
12 programs of the department to all other programs within the department.  
13 Such charges received for administrative support services shall be  
14 credited to the State Department of Education Revolving Fund, which fund  
15 is hereby created. Expenditures shall be made from such fund to finance  
16 the operation of the administrative support programs of the department in  
17 accordance with appropriations made by the Legislature.

18 (2) The Director of Administrative Services, upon receipt of proper  
19 vouchers approved by the Commissioner of Education, shall issue warrants  
20 out of the State Department of Education Revolving Fund. Transfers may be  
21 made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the  
22 Legislature. Any money in the State Department of Education Revolving  
23 Fund ~~fund~~ available for investment shall be invested by the state  
24 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
25 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

26 **Sec. 179.** Section 79-1035.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
27 is amended to read:

28 79-1035.01 The permanent school fund is the fund described in  
29 Article VII, sections 7 and 8, of the Constitution of Nebraska, the  
30 principal of which shall be held and invested in perpetuity by the state  
31 in trust for the support of its common schools. The annual interest,

1 long-term investment net earnings, and other income, but not the original  
2 perpetual principal balance, is subject to use for the support and  
3 maintenance of the common schools in each public school district of the  
4 state as the Legislature provides in accordance with Article VII, section  
5 9, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

6 **Sec. 180.** Section 79-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 79-2607 (1) For purposes of this section:

9 (a) Evidence-based reading instruction means instruction in reading  
10 that is in alignment with scientifically based reading research and does  
11 not include the three-cueing system model of reading instruction; and

12 (b) Three-cueing system model of reading instruction is an approach  
13 to foundational skills instruction that involves the use of three  
14 different types of instructional cues which include semantic, syntactic,  
15 and graphophonic.

16 (2)(a) The State Department of Education shall develop and implement  
17 a professional learning system to help provide sustained professional  
18 learning and training regarding evidence-based reading instruction for  
19 teachers who teach children from four years of age through third grade at  
20 an approved or accredited school and teachers employed by an early  
21 childhood education program approved by the State Board of Education. The  
22 professional learning system shall include information and tips for  
23 teachers related to helping children and families work with local family  
24 literacy centers to strengthen home and family literacy programs and  
25 better instruct children in reading.

26 (b) Approved or accredited elementary schools and early childhood  
27 education programs approved by the State Board of Education shall ensure  
28 that teachers who teach children from four years of age through third  
29 grade are aware of the professional learning system and are adequately  
30 trained regarding evidence-based reading instruction to effectively  
31 instruct students in reading.

1 (3) The State Department of Education shall work with educational  
2 service units to provide regional coaches to approved or accredited  
3 elementary schools to provide assistance and job-embedded training  
4 relating to evidence-based reading instruction to teachers who teach  
5 students in kindergarten through third grade.

6 (4) On or before September 30 of each year, the Commissioner of  
7 Education shall file a report electronically with the Clerk of the  
8 Legislature relating to the status and use of the professional learning  
9 system implemented pursuant to this section.

10 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million  
11 dollars from the Education Future Fund for each fiscal year beginning  
12 with fiscal year 2024-25 through fiscal year 2029-30 ~~2026-27~~ to the State  
13 Department of Education to provide regional coaches and job-embedded  
14 training relating to evidence-based reading instruction pursuant to  
15 subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

16 (6) The State Department of Education may provide technical  
17 assistance as needed to assist school boards in carrying out the Nebraska  
18 Reading Improvement Act.

19 (7) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
20 carry out the act.

21 **Sec. 181.** Section 80-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 80-401 (1) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the  
24 Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund. The Nebraska Investment Council is directed  
25 to purchase bonds or notes issued by the government of the United States  
26 or the State of Nebraska, or any county, school district, or municipality  
27 therein, with a face value of twelve million dollars, as of August 1,  
28 1984, to carry out sections 80-401 to 80-405 and to place them in the  
29 custody and control of the State Treasurer of the State of Nebraska under  
30 the same conditions as other state money.

31 (2) Such fund shall be managed as follows: (a) When necessary to pay

1 a premium for bonds for such fund, the amount of the premium shall be  
2 amortized over the term of the bonds from the interest received on such  
3 bonds; and (b) when bonds for such fund are purchased at a discount, the  
4 amount of the discount shall be used to purchase additional bonds, it  
5 being contemplated that the face amount of the bonds in such fund may in  
6 this manner aggregate in excess of twelve million dollars at some future  
7 time. Transfers may be made from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund to the  
8 Department of Veterans' Affairs Cash Fund ~~Veteran Cemetery Construction~~  
9 ~~Fund~~ at the direction of the Legislature ~~until July 30, 2024~~. The State  
10 ~~Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars from the Nebraska Veterans'~~  
11 ~~Aid Fund to the Veteran Cemetery Construction Fund on July 15, 2023~~. The  
12 ~~State Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars from the Nebraska~~  
13 ~~Veterans' Aid Fund to the Veteran Cemetery Construction Fund on July 15,~~  
14 ~~2024~~.

15 (3) The interest on the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund, except so much  
16 as may be required for amortization of premium bond purchases as  
17 authorized in this section and so much as may be required to pay a pro  
18 rata share of the budget appropriated for the Nebraska Investment Council  
19 pursuant to section 72-1249.02, shall be paid to the Veterans' Aid Income  
20 Fund, which fund is hereby created. The Veterans' Aid Income Fund, when  
21 appropriated by the Legislature, shall be available to the Director of  
22 Veterans' Affairs for aid to needy veterans as authorized by law and for  
23 purposes of section 85-2706.

24 (4) The Nebraska Investment Council shall manage the Nebraska  
25 Veterans' Aid Fund, with investment and reinvestment to be made in the  
26 same type securities authorized for investment of funds by the Nebraska  
27 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

28 (5) The director shall advise the Nebraska Investment Council when  
29 amounts in the Veterans' Aid Income Fund are not immediately required  
30 pursuant to this section. The state investment officer shall invest such  
31 amounts available from the Veterans' Aid Income Fund in the same manner

1 as investments of the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund, and the interest  
2 thereon shall also become a part of the Veterans' Aid Income Fund.

3 **Sec. 182.** Section 81-132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
4 amended to read:

5 81-132 (1)(a) ~~(1)~~ All departments, offices, institutions, and  
6 expending agencies of the state government requesting appropriations for  
7 the next biennium shall file in the office of the Director of  
8 Administrative Services the budget forms furnished them by the director  
9 under ~~the provisions of~~ sections 81-1113 and 81-1113.01. Such budget  
10 forms shall be filed on or before September 15 of each even-numbered  
11 year.

12 (b) The forms shall show their total estimated requirements for the  
13 next biennium for each unit of their organization and activity classified  
14 as to object of expenditure. With such forms, each department, office,  
15 institution, and expending agency shall file a report showing all money  
16 received by such department, office, institution, or expending agency  
17 together with the estimated receipts for the next biennium. Such  
18 estimates shall be accompanied by a statement in writing giving facts and  
19 explanations of reasons for each item of increased appropriation  
20 requested. The report submitted by the Department of Health and Human  
21 Services shall include, but not be limited to, the key goals, benchmarks,  
22 and progress reports required pursuant to sections 81-3133.01 to  
23 81-3133.03.

24 (c) The forms shall also include:

25 (i) An inventory of all software purchased and used by or on behalf  
26 of the department, office, institution, or agency, including software  
27 licenses and subscriptions;

28 (ii) An inventory of all information technology hardware used by the  
29 department, office, institution, or agency; and

30 (iii) A six-year plan for such software and hardware needs and  
31 related costs.

1           (2) Any department, office, institution, or expending agency  
2 proposing changes to its appropriation for the biennium in progress shall  
3 file in the office of the Director of Administrative Services the budget  
4 forms for requesting such changes furnished by the director under the  
5 ~~provisions of~~ sections 81-1113 and 81-1113.01. Such forms shall be filed  
6 on or before October 24 of each odd-numbered year.

7           **Sec. 183.** The Nebraska Technology Infrastructure Cash Fund is  
8 created. The fund shall consist of revenue and transfers credited to the  
9 fund as authorized by law. Money shall be appropriated from the fund to  
10 state agencies for making payments on projects as determined by the  
11 Legislature, including, but not limited to, purchases of software,  
12 information technology hardware, and related implementation and  
13 modernization. The fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer as a  
14 multiple-agency-use fund and appropriated to state agencies as determined  
15 by the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Technology Infrastructure  
16 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
17 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
18 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from  
19 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

20           **Sec. 184.** Section 81-2,174, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22           81-2,174 Upon issuing a certificate to a beekeeper after an  
23 inspection as provided in section 81-2,173, the department shall collect  
24 a certificate fee as set forth in rules and regulations adopted and  
25 promulgated pursuant to the Nebraska Apiary Act not to exceed the  
26 following amounts: Two hundred dollars for the inspection of two hundred  
27 fifty colonies or less; two hundred fifty dollars for the inspection of  
28 two hundred fifty-one through five hundred colonies; three hundred fifty  
29 dollars for the inspection of five hundred one through one thousand  
30 colonies; and four hundred fifty dollars for the inspection of more than  
31 one thousand colonies. The certification fee shall be paid prior to the

1 issuance of certificates by the department. All fees and any gifts,  
2 grants, or donations from any source shall be remitted to the State  
3 Treasurer for credit to the State Apiary Cash Fund which is hereby  
4 created. The fund shall be used to defray the expenses of administering  
5 the Nebraska Apiary Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
6 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the State  
7 Apiary Cash Fund fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
8 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
9 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

10 **Sec. 185.** Section 81-2,237, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 81-2,237 (1) There is hereby created the Animal Damage Control Cash  
13 Fund. Such fund shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture.  
14 The fund shall consist of funds received from any source to carry out the  
15 animal damage control program pursuant to section 81-2,236. Any money in  
16 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
17 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
18 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

19 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate twenty-six  
20 thousand dollars for fiscal year 2026-27 from the Animal Damage Control  
21 Cash Fund to the Department of Agriculture to carry out the animal damage  
22 control program pursuant to section 81-2,236.

23 **Sec. 186.** Section 81-1201.22, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
24 is amended to read:

25 81-1201.22 (1) There is hereby created the Administrative Cash Fund  
26 to be administered by the department. Revenue from the following sources  
27 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund:

28 (a) Fees charged for the sale of department publications or  
29 subscription to publications;

30 (b) Fees charged for the sale of Nebraska items promoting economic  
31 development of the state;

1 (c) Deposits charged for the temporary use of Nebraska items  
2 promoting economic development of the state;

3 (d) Fees charged for attendance and participation in department-  
4 sponsored conferences, training sessions, and other special events;

5 (e) Money collected from nondepartment sources in connection with  
6 cooperative funding of advertising, marketing, promotional, or consulting  
7 activities; ~~and~~

8 (f) Application fees collected under section 81-12,110; and

9 (g) ~~(f)~~ Money received by the department in the form of gifts,  
10 grants, reimbursements, or appropriations from any source intended to be  
11 used by the department for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 81,  
12 article 12.

13 (2) Revenue from the fund may be expended for the following  
14 purposes:

15 (a) Production and distribution costs of department publications;

16 (b) Purchase of items promoting economic development of the state  
17 intended for sale;

18 (c) Reimbursement of deposits collected for the temporary use of  
19 promotional items;

20 (d) Payment of costs in connection with department-sponsored  
21 conferences, training sessions, and other special events;

22 (e) Payment of costs of advertising, marketing, promotional, or  
23 consulting activities in cooperative funding partnerships with  
24 nondepartment organizations; ~~and~~

25 (f) Payment of costs for which fund revenue has been received and  
26 which are related to department activities in Chapter 81, article 12;  
27 and -

28 (g) Beginning January 1, 2027, payment of costs of audits and  
29 administration of the Teleworker Job Creation Act.

30 (3) Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the  
31 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Administrative Cash Fund

1 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
2 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
3 State Funds Investment Act.

4 **Sec. 187.** Section 81-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 81-1202 For purposes of sections 81-1202 to 81-1210, job training  
7 grant means a grant from ~~the Job Training Cash Fund or~~ any nonfederal  
8 funding source within the Department of Economic Development awarded by  
9 the department.

10 **Sec. 188.** Section 81-1203, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
11 amended to read:

12 81-1203 (1) A business applying for a job training grant ~~, other~~  
13 ~~than a grant provided under subsection (3) of section 81-1201.21,~~ shall  
14 submit a business plan to the Department of Economic Development which  
15 includes, but is not limited to:

16 (a) The number of jobs to be created or the number of existing  
17 positions that will be retrained;

18 (b) The nature of the business and the type of jobs to be created or  
19 positions to be retrained;

20 (c) The estimated wage levels of the jobs to be created or positions  
21 to be retrained; and

22 (d) A program schedule for the job training project.

23 (2) A business applying for a job training grant ~~, other than a~~  
24 ~~grant provided under subsection (3) of section 81-1201.21,~~ must  
25 demonstrate that the job training project to be conducted pursuant to the  
26 grant meets the following criteria:

27 (a) The wage level of the jobs created will meet the local  
28 prevailing average;

29 (b) The jobs created will diversify the local economy;

30 (c) The goods or services produced by the company will be export-  
31 oriented;

1 (d) Seventy-five percent of the jobs created will be full-time jobs;  
2 and

3 (e) The new jobs will be created within three calendar years.

4 ~~(3) A business applying for a training grant under subsection (3) of~~  
5 ~~section 81-1201.21 may partner with a postsecondary educational~~  
6 ~~institution; a private, nonprofit organization holding a certificate of~~  
7 ~~exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or a~~  
8 ~~learning community coordinating council or school district that has~~  
9 ~~partnered with a private, nonprofit organization. The application shall~~  
10 ~~specify the role of the partnering entity in identifying and training~~  
11 ~~potential job applicants for the applicant business.~~

12 ~~(4) A business applying for a training grant under subsection (3) of~~  
13 ~~section 81-1201.21 may apply as a business that has established a program~~  
14 ~~under which residents of rural areas or high poverty areas are trained~~  
15 ~~for employment or potential employment by documenting:~~

16 ~~(a) That the business has established a program designed to fill a~~  
17 ~~minimum of four positions in rural areas and a minimum of eight positions~~  
18 ~~in high-poverty areas for such business;~~

19 ~~(b) A program schedule for the training project;~~

20 ~~(c) The nature of the business and the number of positions available~~  
21 ~~or to be created;~~

22 ~~(d) That the wage level of the positions available or to be created~~  
23 ~~will meet the local prevailing average;~~

24 ~~(e) The value of the positions available or to be created in~~  
25 ~~diversifying the local economy;~~

26 ~~(f) That a minimum of seventy five percent of the positions~~  
27 ~~available or to be created will be full-time jobs;~~

28 ~~(g) That the business will accept funding on behalf of trainees and~~  
29 ~~will provide a match of a minimum of twenty five percent of the value of~~  
30 ~~the grant, either monetarily or through in-kind services, as part of the~~  
31 ~~training for each trainee;~~

1       ~~(h) That any new position created will be done within three calendar~~  
2       ~~years;~~

3       ~~(i) That the number of trainees will not exceed one hundred twenty-~~  
4       ~~five percent of the number of positions that will be available at the~~  
5       ~~time of application; and~~

6       ~~(j) That the goods or services produced by the business are~~  
7       ~~generally exportable in nature resulting in additional money to the~~  
8       ~~community or the state and the positions available or to be created are~~  
9       ~~not local retail positions.~~

10       ~~(5) Each business participating in a training grant under subsection~~  
11       ~~(3) of section 81-1201.21 shall be subject to an audit by the Department~~  
12       ~~of Economic Development and shall annually report or provide to the~~  
13       ~~department the following information:~~

14       ~~(a) The percentage of trainees who have successfully completed the~~  
15       ~~training;~~

16       ~~(b) The percentage of trainees that such business hired;~~

17       ~~(c) An itemized description of such business's match including~~  
18       ~~expenditures per trainee; and~~

19       ~~(d) A copy of the training curriculum.~~

20       ~~(6) For purposes of subsections (3) through (5) of this section:~~

21       ~~(a) High-poverty area means an area consisting of one or more~~  
22       ~~contiguous census tracts, as determined by the most recent American~~  
23       ~~Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, which contain a percentage of persons~~  
24       ~~with incomes below the poverty line of greater than thirty percent, and~~  
25       ~~all census tracts contiguous to such tract or tracts; and~~

26       ~~(b) Private, nonprofit organization means an organization whose~~  
27       ~~purpose is providing basic job and life skills training to individuals in~~  
28       ~~need of such training in rural or high-poverty areas.~~

29       **Sec. 189.** Section 81-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30       amended to read:

31       81-1204 The ~~(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of~~

1 ~~this section, the Department of Economic Development shall not approve a~~  
2 ~~job training grant (a) which exceeds an average expenditure of five~~  
3 ~~thousand dollars per job created if the proposed wage levels do not~~  
4 ~~exceed thirty thousand dollars per year, (b) which exceeds an average~~  
5 ~~expenditure of ten thousand dollars per job if the proposed wage levels~~  
6 ~~exceed thirty thousand dollars per year but do not exceed fifty thousand~~  
7 ~~dollars per year, or (c) which exceeds an average expenditure of twenty~~  
8 ~~thousand dollars per job if the proposed wage levels exceed fifty~~  
9 ~~thousand dollars per year or if the jobs created are located in a high-~~  
10 ~~poverty area as defined in section 81-1203.~~

11 ~~(2) If the application is approved with provisions described in~~  
12 ~~subsection (3) of section 81-1203, the Department of Economic Development~~  
13 ~~may approve a job training grant (a) up to ten thousand dollars per job~~  
14 ~~created if the proposed wage levels do not exceed thirty thousand dollars~~  
15 ~~per year, (b) up to fifteen thousand dollars per job if the proposed wage~~  
16 ~~levels exceed thirty thousand dollars per year but do not exceed fifty~~  
17 ~~thousand dollars per year, or (c) up to twenty five thousand dollars per~~  
18 ~~job if the proposed wage levels exceed fifty thousand dollars per year or~~  
19 ~~if the jobs created are located in a high-poverty area as defined in~~  
20 ~~section 81-1203.~~

21 **Sec. 190.** Section 81-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 81-1209 The Department of Economic Development shall remit  
24 repayments of job training grants due to noncompliance to the State  
25 Treasurer for credit to the General Job Training Cash Fund.

26 **Sec. 191.** Section 81-1210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
27 is amended to read:

28 81-1210.02 (1) The intent of sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 is to  
29 provide students with valuable internship opportunities in order to  
30 retain such students in the State of Nebraska at institutions of higher  
31 education, convert students to full-time employment in Nebraska, and

1 attract workers to Nebraska by assisting Nebraska businesses willing to  
2 provide paid internships.

3 (2) A business may apply to the department for a grant to assist in  
4 providing a student an internship if:

5 (a) The business certifies that the internship meets the definition  
6 of internship in section 81-1210.01;

7 (b) The business will pay the student at least the state minimum  
8 hourly wage for the internship;

9 (c) The internship will be completed within the State of Nebraska;

10 (d) The internship will be completed within a period of no more than  
11 twenty-four months; and

12 (e) The internship will be for a duration sufficient to allow the  
13 student to gain significant valuable work experience and knowledge.

14 (3)(a) The department may provide grants for internships to  
15 reimburse the cost of wages paid to businesses with less than one hundred  
16 fifty full-time-equivalent employees.

17 (b) The department may also provide grants for internships to any  
18 business to reimburse the costs for any of the following:

19 (i) Tuition reimbursement for courses at institutions of higher  
20 education;

21 (ii) Internship housing;

22 (iii) Transportation expenses relating to internships; and

23 (iv) Internship administrative or recruitment costs.

24 (c) The maximum grant award per internship is seven thousand five  
25 hundred dollars.

26 (4) A business may apply for no more than two grants for the same  
27 student and shall not be awarded more than one hundred grants total in  
28 any twelve-month period.

29 (5) A business may allow a student to telecommute if the business is  
30 located in Nebraska and the college, university, or other institution of  
31 higher education in which the student is enrolled is in Nebraska.

1 (6) The department shall, to the extent possible, assure that the  
2 distribution of grants under sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 provides  
3 equitable access to the grants by all geographic areas of the state.

4 (7) The department shall, to the extent possible, assure that the  
5 grants awarded pursuant to sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 are for  
6 internships which provide valuable learning opportunities for students  
7 who will be seeking employment in a professional or technical field.

8 ~~(8) The department shall not allocate more than one million five~~  
9 ~~hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal year from the Job Training~~  
10 ~~Cash Fund or its subaccounts for purposes of this section.~~ The department  
11 may receive funds from public, private, or other sources for purposes of  
12 this section.

13 (9) The department shall develop a qualified action plan by January  
14 1 of each even-numbered year. The plan shall, at a minimum, set forth the  
15 department's priorities and selection criteria for awarding grants for  
16 internships. In order to encourage students from across Nebraska to  
17 pursue internships, the plan shall also include strategies for  
18 affirmatively marketing internships to Nebraska students in high schools,  
19 colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher education in  
20 Nebraska. Such strategies shall place an emphasis on marketing to  
21 underserved student populations as defined by the department in the plan.  
22 The department shall submit the plan to the Governor for approval.

23 (10) The department shall execute a memorandum of understanding with  
24 the Department of Labor before December 31, 2022, to ensure the exchange  
25 of available Department of Labor data throughout the continuum from  
26 prekindergarten to postsecondary education to the workforce. The  
27 department may utilize data and agreements under sections 79-776, 85-110,  
28 85-309, and 85-1511.

29 (11) The department shall submit an annual report to the Governor  
30 and the Legislature on or before July 1 of each year which includes, but  
31 is not limited to, a description of the demand for internship grants and

1 programs under sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 from all geographic  
2 regions in Nebraska, a listing of the recipients and amounts of  
3 internship grants awarded in the previous fiscal year, the impact of the  
4 internship grants, and an evaluation of the internship grants and  
5 programs under sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 based on the documented  
6 goals of the recipients. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be  
7 submitted electronically. The department may require recipients to  
8 provide periodic performance reports to enable the department to fulfill  
9 the requirements of this subsection. The report shall contain no  
10 information that is protected by state or federal confidentiality laws.

11 (12) The department may enter into a contract with a Nebraska-based  
12 nonprofit entity for the purposes of carrying out any or all of the  
13 provisions of sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03.

14 **Sec. 192.** Section 81-1213.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
15 is amended to read:

16 81-1213.03 (1) The Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund is  
17 created. The fund terminates on January 1, 2027. The fund shall be  
18 administered by the Department of Economic Development. The fund shall  
19 consist of funds transferred by the Legislature. Transfers may be made  
20 from the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund to the Animal Damage  
21 Control Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
22 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
23 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
24 State Funds Investment Act.

25 (2) The fund shall be used for grants for the following purposes:

26 (a) A grant to a county in the third congressional district that  
27 owns and operates the county fairgrounds for renovation to the  
28 fairgrounds. A grant under this subdivision shall be limited to nine  
29 hundred ninety-five thousand dollars; and

30 (b) A grant to a village with a population of less than ten persons  
31 for renovation to a community facility that serves the surrounding rural

1 area. A grant under this subdivision shall be limited to five thousand  
2 dollars.

3 (3) The Department of Economic Development shall develop criteria  
4 for grant applications pursuant to this section.

5 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer any unobligated money that  
6 remains in the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund to the Animal  
7 Damage Control Cash Fund as soon as administratively practicable on or  
8 after July 31, 2026.

9 **Sec. 193.** Section 81-1213.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
10 is amended to read:

11 81-1213.04 (1) For purposes of this section:

12 (a) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

13 (b) Director means the Director of Economic Development;

14 (c) Eligible grantee means a nonprofit organization holding a  
15 certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
16 Code of 1986; and

17 (d) Eligible location means a location on or contiguous to the  
18 location of a youth outdoor education camp that is located west of the  
19 one hundredth meridian where youth outdoor education camp facilities were  
20 destroyed by a natural or manmade disaster that occurred after January 1,  
21 2022.

22 (2)(a) An eligible grantee may apply to the department for a grant  
23 for ten million dollars for the uses described in subsection (4) of this  
24 section at an eligible location.

25 (b) The department shall award one grant for ten million dollars to  
26 an eligible grantee if:

27 (i) The eligible grantee completes a feasibility study for the  
28 intended use of the grant and presents such completed feasibility study  
29 to the director on or before June 30, 2024; and

30 (ii) The director finds that the results of the completed  
31 feasibility study demonstrate the viability of the project and approves

1 such completed feasibility study.

2 (3) The grantee shall receive grant money on a dollar-for-dollar  
3 matching basis from the department, which may be released in multiple  
4 stages, at any time within ten years after being awarded the grant, if  
5 the applicant provides documentation to the department that matching  
6 funds have been received in the amount requested for release and that the  
7 grant money is being used to complete the project in conformity with the  
8 approved feasibility study. At the end of the ten-year allowable grant  
9 period, if any grant money was not spent in conformity with the approved  
10 feasibility study or if any unmatched grant money was erroneously awarded  
11 to the grantee, the grantee shall remit such grant money to the State  
12 Treasurer for credit to the General ~~Youth Outdoor Education Innovation~~  
13 Fund. The matching funds may include any money, real estate subject to  
14 section 81-1,113, in-kind donation, private or public grant, gift,  
15 endowment raised to sustain the uses described in subsection (4) of this  
16 section, expense for a feasibility study, or planning cost.

17 (4) The grant may be used to pay for:

18 (a) Construction of physical structures;

19 (b) Construction of year-round facilities, including lodging,  
20 conference, and meeting facilities, and related infrastructure, to  
21 generate local and regional economic development;

22 (c) Equipment that will be used for construction and maintenance of  
23 physical structures, facilities, and infrastructure described in this  
24 subsection; and

25 (d) Infrastructure necessary to ensure accessibility to the physical  
26 structures and facilities by the public.

27 (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
28 carry out this section.

29 **Sec. 194.** Section 81-1230, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 81-1230 (1) The Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund is created.

1 Funding for the grant program described in section 81-1229 shall come  
2 from the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund. The Rural Workforce  
3 Housing Investment Fund may include revenue from appropriations from the  
4 Legislature, grants, private contributions, and other sources. Transfers  
5 may be made from the fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund at the  
6 direction of the Legislature. ~~In addition, the State Treasurer shall make~~  
7 ~~a one-time transfer of seven million three hundred thousand dollars on or~~  
8 ~~before October 1, 2017, from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the~~  
9 ~~Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund.~~ Any money in the Rural Workforce  
10 Housing Investment Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
11 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
12 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

13 (2) The department shall administer the Rural Workforce Housing  
14 Investment Fund and may seek additional private or nonstate funds to use  
15 in the grant program, including, but not limited to, contributions from  
16 the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and other interested parties.

17 (3) Interest earned by the department on grant funds shall be  
18 applied to the grant program.

19 (4) If a nonprofit development organization fails to engage in the  
20 initial qualified activity within twenty-four months after receiving  
21 initial grant funding, the nonprofit development organization shall  
22 return the grant funds to the department for credit to the General Fund.

23 (5) If a nonprofit development organization fails to allocate any  
24 remaining initial grant funding on a qualified activity within twenty-  
25 four months after engaging in the initial qualified activity, the  
26 nonprofit development organization shall return such unallocated grant  
27 funds to the department for credit to the Rural Workforce Housing  
28 Investment Fund.

29 (6) Beginning July 1, 2027, any funds held by the department in the  
30 Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund shall be transferred to the  
31 General Fund.

1           **Sec. 195.** Section 81-1239, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
2 amended to read:

3           81-1239 (1) The Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund is  
4 created. Funding for the grant program described in section 81-1238 shall  
5 come from the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund. The Middle  
6 Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund may include revenue transferred  
7 at the direction of the Legislature, grants, private contributions, and  
8 other sources. Transfers may be made from the fund to the Affordable  
9 Housing Trust Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
10 Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund available for investment  
11 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
12 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
13 Act.

14           (2) The department shall establish a subaccount within the Middle  
15 Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund that shall be used to fund  
16 affordable housing and related land parcel preparation activities under  
17 the Economic Recovery Act as described in subdivisions ~~(4)(c) and (d)~~ ~~(4)~~  
18 ~~(d) and (e)~~ of section 81-12,241.

19           (3) The department shall administer the Middle Income Workforce  
20 Housing Investment Fund and may seek additional private or nonstate funds  
21 to use in the grant program under the Middle Income Workforce Housing  
22 Investment Act, including, but not limited to, contributions from the  
23 Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and other interested parties.

24           (4) Interest earned by the department on grant funds shall be  
25 applied to the grant program.

26           (5) If a nonprofit development organization, or a recipient of  
27 subaccount funds described in subsection (2) of this section, fails to  
28 engage in a qualified activity within twenty-four months after receiving  
29 initial grant funding, the nonprofit development organization or  
30 recipient of subaccount funds shall return the grant proceeds to the  
31 department for credit to the General Fund.

1 (6) Beginning July 1, 2029, any funds held by the department in the  
2 Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund shall be transferred to  
3 the General Fund.

4 **Sec. 196.** Section 81-12,110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
5 amended to read:

6 81-12,110 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
7 a private nonprofit corporation or an inland port authority created under  
8 the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act may apply to the director to  
9 become designated as an iHub. The director shall accept applications  
10 filed under this section through December 31, 2025. The application shall  
11 include, but not be limited to, the following:

12 (a) A statement of purpose;

13 (b) A signed statement of cooperation and a description of the roles  
14 and relationships of each iHub partner;

15 (c) A clear explanation and map conveying the iHub area;

16 (d) A clearly identified central location for the iHub, which shall  
17 be a physical location;

18 (e) A complete budget, including a description of secured funds,  
19 pending funds, and potential future funding sources;

20 (f) A clearly articulated iHub management structure and plan, which  
21 may include a description of the capabilities, qualifications, and  
22 experience of the proposed management team, team leaders, or key  
23 personnel who are critical to achieving the proposed objectives;

24 (g) A list of iHub assets and resources;

25 (h) A clearly articulated industry focus area of the iHub, including  
26 industry sectors or other targeted areas for development and growth;

27 (i) A list of specific resources available to support and guide  
28 startup companies;

29 (j) A five-year plan, which shall include a clearly articulated list  
30 of goals to be achieved with the designation of the iHub;

31 (k) Defined performance standards agreed upon by the applicant and

1 the proposed iHub partners, which may include expectations for job  
2 development and business creation;

3 (l) Evaluation procedures that will be used to measure the level of  
4 achievement for each stated goal;

5 (m) A plan for sustainability;

6 (n) Demonstrated experience with innovation programs, such as  
7 involvement with technology commercialization;

8 (o) Evidence of community engagement and support; and

9 (p) An application fee of one thousand dollars. The director shall  
10 remit all application fees received under this section to the State  
11 Treasurer for credit to the Administrative Cash ~~Innovation Hub Cash~~ Fund.

12 (2) The department shall establish a weighted scoring system to  
13 evaluate applications for iHub designations with priority given to start-  
14 up nonprofits and inland port authorities expressing new and innovative  
15 ideas. Such weighted scoring system shall consider, at a minimum:

16 (a) Whether the iHub is committed to serving underrepresented  
17 communities in the proposed iHub area;

18 (b) Whether the iHub has a plan for marketing and outreach to  
19 underrepresented communities in the proposed iHub area;

20 (c) Whether the iHub has signed statements of cooperation with at  
21 least three proposed iHub partners; and

22 (d) The quality of the iHub's five-year plan.

23 (3) The director shall determine whether or not to approve the  
24 requested iHub designation within forty-five days after receiving the  
25 application. Each iHub designation shall be for a term of five years. An  
26 applicant that has received a grant under subdivision (4)(a) of section  
27 81-12,241 shall not qualify for designation as an iHub.

28 (4) The iHub designation shall not be official until a memorandum of  
29 understanding is entered into by the applicant and the director. The  
30 memorandum of understanding shall include the goals and performance  
31 standards identified in the application and other related requirements as

1 determined by the director.

2 (5) An iHub area may overlap with another iHub area if there is a  
3 clear distinction between the industry focus areas of the iHubs involved,  
4 except that no iHub located within a city of the metropolitan class shall  
5 be located within three miles of another iHub. This subsection does not  
6 apply to any inland port authority designated as an iHub.

7 (6) The department shall set guidelines for approval, designation,  
8 operation, and reporting of iHubs.

9 (7) An iHub shall annually report to the director on its progress in  
10 meeting the goals and performance standards as described in the iHub  
11 application and the implementing memorandum of understanding with the  
12 director. A copy of the report shall also be submitted electronically to  
13 the chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature. The  
14 report shall also include information regarding the number of businesses  
15 served, the number of jobs created, and the amount of funds raised by the  
16 iHub. The director shall annually post the information from these reports  
17 on the department's website and provide notice to the Governor and the  
18 Legislature that the information is available on the website.

19 **Sec. 197.** Section 81-12,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
20 is amended to read:

21 81-12,134 The Legislature ~~may shall~~ appropriate funds to the  
22 Department of Economic Development which shall be awarded as a grant to  
23 the private, nonprofit organization selected pursuant to subsection (3)  
24 of section 81-12,133 to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska  
25 Operational Assistance Act. The department may receive funds from local  
26 or federal government, private foundations, or other sources. The  
27 private, nonprofit organization shall provide matching funds of at least  
28 one-third of all funds appropriated for the Nebraska Operational  
29 Assistance Program. The private, nonprofit organization may provide any  
30 part of the matching funds as an in-kind contribution.

31 **Sec. 198.** Section 81-12,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

1 is amended to read:

2 81-12,146 (1) The Site and Building Development Fund is created. The  
3 fund shall receive money pursuant to section 76-903 and may include  
4 revenue from transfers by the Legislature, grants, private contributions,  
5 repayment of loans, and all other sources. The Department of Economic  
6 Development, as part of its comprehensive business development strategy,  
7 shall administer the fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
8 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Site  
9 and Building Development Fund available for investment shall be invested  
10 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
11 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

12 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer five million  
13 dollars from the General Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund  
14 for fiscal year 2022-23 and five million dollars from the General Fund to  
15 the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2023-24. Such  
16 money shall be placed in a subaccount of the Site and Building  
17 Development Fund and earmarked for use to fund large shovel-ready  
18 commercial and industrial sites developed under the Municipal Inland Port  
19 Authority Act.

20 (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five  
21 hundred thousand dollars from the Site and Building Development Fund for  
22 fiscal year 2024-25 to the department to enter into one or more contracts  
23 to conduct a comprehensive study or studies to identify and evaluate  
24 large commercial and industrial sites in Nebraska that have the potential  
25 to attract major investment and employment opportunities. The study shall  
26 include consideration of super sites that encompass between five hundred  
27 and one thousand acres and mega sites that encompass more than one  
28 thousand acres. At least one proposed site shall be located west of the  
29 one hundredth meridian in Nebraska. The contracts shall be awarded based  
30 on a competitive selection process as determined by the department. The  
31 studies shall be completed no later than December 15, 2024.

1 (b) The study shall assess the potential geographic locations; the  
2 infrastructure assets that would be required for each site, including  
3 highway, rail, and air transportation, and utilities such as water,  
4 wastewater treatment, electrical power, and natural gas; the population  
5 within fifty miles of each site and whether such population would be  
6 sufficient to provide an adequate workforce for such site; and the  
7 appropriate level of state investment necessary to position Nebraska as a  
8 nationally or globally competitive location for site selection targeting  
9 various sectors, including, but not limited to, advanced manufacturing,  
10 trade, bioscience, agribusiness, warehousing and supply chain logistics,  
11 technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, military support, and  
12 life sciences. Such identified state investment levels may include, but  
13 are not limited to, land acquisition costs and infrastructure  
14 investments. The purpose of the study is to provide strategic insights  
15 that will enable the state to attract major investment and employment  
16 opportunities in order to support the growth of transformational  
17 industries within Nebraska.

18 (c) The Director of Economic Development shall appoint an advisory  
19 committee comprised of representatives of Nebraska economic development  
20 organizations, equally representing each of Nebraska's three  
21 congressional districts, to assist the department in identifying the  
22 location of potential and preferred super sites and mega sites.

23 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one hundred  
24 thousand dollars from the Site and Building Development Fund to the  
25 Department of Economic Development for fiscal year 2026-27 for the  
26 purpose of awarding a grant under subdivision (1)(m) of section  
27 81-12,147.

28 **Sec. 199.** Section 81-12,147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
29 is amended to read:

30 81-12,147 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
31 the Department of Economic Development shall use the Site and Building

1 Development Fund to finance loans, grants, subsidies, credit  
2 enhancements, and other financial assistance for industrial site and  
3 building development and for expenses of the department as appropriated  
4 by the Legislature for administering the fund. The following activities  
5 are eligible for assistance from the fund:

6 (a) Grants or zero-interest loans to villages, cities, or counties  
7 to acquire land, infuse infrastructure, or otherwise make large sites and  
8 buildings ready for industrial development;

9 (b) Matching funds for new construction, rehabilitation, or  
10 acquisition of land and buildings to assist villages, cities, and  
11 counties;

12 (c) Technical assistance, design and finance services, and  
13 consultation for villages, cities, and counties for the preparation and  
14 creation of industrial-ready sites and buildings;

15 (d) Loan guarantees for eligible projects;

16 (e) Projects making industrial-ready sites and buildings more  
17 accessible to business and industry;

18 (f) Infrastructure projects necessary for the development of  
19 industrial-ready sites and buildings;

20 (g) Projects that mitigate the economic impact of a closure or  
21 downsizing of a private-sector entity by making necessary improvements to  
22 buildings and infrastructure;

23 (h) Public and private sector initiatives that will improve the  
24 military value of military installations by making necessary improvements  
25 to buildings and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, a grant  
26 for the establishment of the United States Strategic Command Nuclear  
27 Command, Control, and Communications public-private-partnership facility;

28 (i) A grant to a city of the second class that is served by two  
29 first-class railroads, that is within fifteen miles of two state borders,  
30 and that partners with public power utilities for purposes of expanding  
31 electrical system capacities and enhancing redundancy and resilience;

1 (j) A grant of two million dollars to a city of the first class  
2 located in the third congressional district if the property previously  
3 housed a university or college that is no longer extant and if the  
4 improvement and revitalization of the real property is for purposes of  
5 supporting the housing, employment, and program needs of youth exiting  
6 the foster care system. In addition, the real property may be used for  
7 youth exiting juvenile court supervision in an out-of-home placement;

8 (k) Public and private sector initiatives that will improve the  
9 value of cities of the second class that have partnered with the United  
10 States Department of Defense or its contractors on upgrades to ground-  
11 based nuclear deterrence. Such improvements include the construction of  
12 electrical, drinking water, and clean water infrastructure; ~~and~~

13 (l) Identification, evaluation, and development of large commercial  
14 and industrial sites and building infrastructure to attract major  
15 investment and employment opportunities for advanced manufacturing,  
16 processing, trade, technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, life  
17 science, and other transformational industries in Nebraska by means of  
18 the department providing grants to or partnering with political  
19 subdivisions, including inland port authorities under the Municipal  
20 Inland Port Authority Act, or nonprofit economic development corporations  
21 and entering into contracts for consulting, engineering, and development  
22 studies to identify, evaluate, and develop large commercial and  
23 industrial sites in Nebraska; ~~and -~~

24 (m) A grant of one hundred thousand dollars to a nonprofit  
25 organization for building rehabilitation for purposes of food  
26 distribution in a county with a population of more than one hundred  
27 thousand and less than three hundred thousand inhabitants as determined  
28 by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent certified  
29 count by the United States Bureau of the Census.

30 (2) The Department of Economic Development shall use the subaccount  
31 of the Site and Building Development Fund described in subsection (2) of

1 section 81-12,146 to provide financial assistance to any inland port  
2 authority created under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act to help  
3 finance large shovel-ready commercial and industrial sites developed  
4 under such act.

5 **Sec. 200.** Section 81-12,218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
6 is amended to read:

7 81-12,218 (1) The Nebraska Rural Projects Fund is hereby created.  
8 The fund shall receive money from application fees paid under the  
9 Nebraska Rural Projects Act and from transfers authorized by the  
10 Legislature, grants, private contributions, repayments of matching funds,  
11 and all other sources. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General  
12 Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Rural  
13 Projects Fund fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
14 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
15 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024,  
16 any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
17 credited to the General Fund.

18 (2) Distributions of matching funds shall only be made from the  
19 Nebraska Rural Projects Fund in amounts determined pursuant to section  
20 81-12,211.

21 **Sec. 201.** Section 81-1429.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
22 is amended to read:

23 81-1429.03 (1) The full out-of-pocket cost or expense that may be  
24 charged to a sexual assault victim in connection with a forensic medical  
25 examination shall be paid from the Sexual Assault Payment Program Cash  
26 Fund or the Victim's Compensation Fund. A report of a forensic medical  
27 examination shall not be remitted to the patient or his or her insurance  
28 for payment.

29 (2) Except as provided under section 81-2010, all forensic DNA tests  
30 shall be performed by a laboratory which is accredited by the American  
31 Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board or

1 by any other national accrediting body or public agency which has  
2 requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive  
3 than those of the society.

4 (3) The full out-of-pocket cost or expense to be paid from the  
5 Sexual Assault Payment Program Cash Fund or the Victim's Compensation  
6 Fund for a forensic medical examination described in subsection (1) of  
7 this section shall include:

8 (a) An examiner's fee for:

- 9 (i) Examination of physical trauma;  
10 (ii) Determination of penetration or force;  
11 (iii) Patient interview; and  
12 (iv) Collection and evaluation of evidence;

13 (b) An examination facility fee for the:

- 14 (i) Emergency room, clinic room, office room, or child advocacy  
15 center; and  
16 (ii) Pelvic tray and other medically required supplies; and

17 (c) The laboratory fees for collection and processing of specimens  
18 for criminal evidence, the determination of the presence of any sexually  
19 transmitted disease, and pregnancy testing.

20 (4) There is established within the Department of Justice, under the  
21 direction of the Attorney General, the position of administrator for the  
22 Sexual Assault Payment Program. The purpose of the program and the  
23 responsibilities of the administrator shall be to coordinate the  
24 distribution of forensic medical examination kits to health care  
25 providers at no cost to the providers, oversee forensic medical  
26 examination training throughout the state, and coordinate payments from  
27 the Sexual Assault Payment Program Cash Fund or the Victim's Compensation  
28 Fund.

29 (5) The Sexual Assault Payment Program Cash Fund is created. The  
30 fund shall be administered by the commission. The fund shall consist of  
31 any money appropriated to it by the Legislature and any money received by

1 the commission for the program, including federal and other public and  
2 private funds. The fund shall be used for the payment of the full out-of-  
3 pocket costs or expenses for forensic medical examinations pursuant to  
4 subsection (3) of this section, for the purpose set forth in subsection  
5 (4) of this section, and for the purchase of forensic medical examination  
6 kits. The fund shall be used to pay only those charges determined by the  
7 commission to be reasonable and fair. The fund shall be used to pay up to  
8 two hundred dollars for the examiner's fee and up to three hundred  
9 dollars for the examination facility fee. The examiner and facility shall  
10 provide additional documentation as determined by the commission for  
11 payment of charges in excess of such amounts. The fund may also be used  
12 to facilitate programs that reduce or prevent the crimes of domestic  
13 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, child  
14 sexual assault, human trafficking, labor trafficking, or sex trafficking  
15 or that enhance the safety of victims of such crimes. Any money in the  
16 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
17 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
18 State Funds Investment Act.

19 **Sec. 202.** Section 81-1463, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21 81-1463 The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal  
22 Justice ~~council~~ may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry  
23 out the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act.

24 **Sec. 203.** Section 81-1505.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
25 is amended to read:

26 81-1505.05 The Clean Air Title V Cash Fund is created. The  
27 department shall remit all fees collected pursuant to section 81-1505.04  
28 to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. Any fee collected pursuant  
29 to section 81-1505.04 shall be used solely to pay the reasonable direct  
30 and indirect costs required to develop and administer the air quality  
31 permit program, including expenses of the Small Business Compliance

1 Advisory Panel. Any money in the Clean Air Title V Cash Fund fund  
2 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
3 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
4 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, any investment  
5 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the  
6 General Fund. Transfers of any previously accumulated investment earnings  
7 may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the  
8 Legislature.

9 **Sec. 204.** Section 81-15,120, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
10 amended to read:

11 81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing  
12 heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section  
13 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The  
14 registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ten dollars and  
15 shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank so  
16 registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall specify  
17 the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank to be  
18 registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State  
19 Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances  
20 Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The  
21 fund shall also consist of any money transferred ~~appropriated~~ to the fund  
22 by the state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Water,  
23 Energy, and Environment to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum  
24 Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the  
25 provision of matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions  
26 otherwise authorized by the act. Transfers may be made from the fund to  
27 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
28 Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Fund  
29 ~~such fund~~ available for investment shall be invested by the state  
30 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
31 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, any

1 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
2 credited to the General Fund.

3 **Sec. 205.** Section 81-15,174, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
4 amended to read:

5 81-15,174 The Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund is created. The fund  
6 shall be maintained in the state accounting system as a cash fund. Except  
7 as otherwise provided in this section, the fund shall be used to carry  
8 out the purposes of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act, including the  
9 payment of administrative costs. Money in the fund shall include proceeds  
10 credited pursuant to section 9-812 and proceeds designated by the board  
11 pursuant to section 81-15,173. Transfers may be made from the Nebraska  
12 Environmental Trust Fund to the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation  
13 Fund, the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Water Resources Cash  
14 Fund, or the Water Sustainability Fund at the direction of the  
15 Legislature, and any money so transferred shall be expended in accordance  
16 with section 81-15,168. Any money in the fund available for investment  
17 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
18 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
19 Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment  
20 of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

21 **Sec. 206.** Section 81-15,180, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
22 amended to read:

23 81-15,180 The Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund is created. The fund  
24 terminates on June 30, 2027. The Department of Water, Energy, and  
25 Environment shall remit grants and gifts received by the department for  
26 purposes of providing cost share for remediation of superfund sites to  
27 the State Treasurer for credit to the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund  
28 ~~fund~~. The department shall administer the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund  
29 to pay for nonfederal costs, including costs for in-kind services,  
30 required as cost share for remediation of superfund sites. Transfers may  
31 be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the

1 Legislature. Any money in the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund available  
2 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant  
3 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
4 Investment Act.

5 **Sec. 207.** Section 81-15,303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
6 is amended to read:

7 81-15,303 The Nebraska Environmental Response Cash Fund is created.  
8 The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the Legislature,  
9 grants, contributions designated for the purpose of the fund, and money  
10 recovered under the Nebraska Environmental Response Act. The fund shall  
11 be administered by the department and used for control, abatement,  
12 analysis, cleanup, prevention, mitigation, investigation, and other  
13 reasonable costs incurred when responding to a release. All other costs  
14 of the department necessary to carry out the Nebraska Environmental  
15 Response Act shall be paid from the fund. The fund shall not be used to  
16 pay for the costs of releases for which costs are paid under the  
17 Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act. Transfers may be made from the  
18 fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. ~~On or~~  
19 ~~before June 30, 2023, the State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred~~  
20 ~~thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Nebraska Environmental~~  
21 ~~Response Cash Fund on such date as directed by the budget administrator~~  
22 ~~of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.~~ Any  
23 money in the Nebraska Environmental Response Cash Fund ~~fund~~ available for  
24 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
25 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
26 Investment Act.

27 **Sec. 208.** Section 81-1607.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
28 is amended to read:

29 81-1607.01 The State Energy Cash Fund is hereby created. The fund  
30 shall consist of funds received pursuant to section 57-705. The fund  
31 shall be used for the administration of subdivisions (35) through (58) of

1 section 81-1504 and sections 81-1604 to 81-1607, for energy conservation  
2 activities, and for providing technical assistance to communities in the  
3 area of natural gas other than assistance regarding ownership of  
4 regulated utilities, except that transfers may be made from the fund to  
5 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
6 State Energy Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
7 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
8 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July 1, 2026, any  
9 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
10 credited to the General Fund ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer any money~~  
11 ~~in the State Energy Office Cash Fund to the State Energy Cash Fund on~~  
12 ~~July 1, 2019.~~

13 **Sec. 209.** Section 81-1835, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15 81-1835 The Victim's Compensation Fund is created. The fund may  
16 shall be used for operating costs associated with administering the  
17 Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, ~~to pay~~ awards or judgments under  
18 the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act other than distributions from  
19 the Community Trust, violence prevention, and not more than four hundred  
20 thousand dollars for costs and expenses described in subsection (1) of  
21 section 81-1429.03. The fund shall include deposits pursuant to sections  
22 29-2286, 33-157, 81-1836, 83-183.01, and 83-184 and donations or  
23 contributions from public or private sources and shall be in such amount  
24 as the Legislature shall determine to be reasonably sufficient to meet  
25 anticipated claims. When the amount of money in the fund is not  
26 sufficient to pay any awards or judgments under the act or invoices under  
27 the Sexual Assault Payment Program, the Director of Administrative  
28 Services shall immediately advise the Legislature and request an  
29 emergency appropriation to satisfy such awards, ~~and judgments,~~ and  
30 invoices. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be  
31 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital

1 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

2 **Sec. 210.** Section 81-2105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 81-2105 There is hereby created the Electrical Division Fund. All  
5 money received under the State Electrical Act shall be remitted to the  
6 State Treasurer for credit to the fund. Each member of the board shall be  
7 reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties  
8 pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 to be paid out of the fund.  
9 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund and the Cash  
10 Reserve Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

11 **Sec. 211.** Section 81-2504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
12 amended to read:

13 81-2504 The functions of the commission shall be to:

14 (1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the Indian  
15 community in Nebraska;

16 (2) Coordinate existing programs relating to the Indian community in  
17 such areas as housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care,  
18 employment, economic development, law and order, and related problems;

19 (3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and  
20 federal and state elected officials in the development of new programs in  
21 areas mentioned under subdivision (2) of this section;

22 (4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the  
23 Indian community;

24 ~~(5) Administer sections 81-2509 to 81-2515;~~

25 ~~(5)~~ (6) Provide the public with information and education relevant  
26 to Indian affairs in the State of Nebraska; and

27 ~~(6)~~ (7) Develop programs to encourage the total involvement of  
28 Indian people in activities for the common benefit of the Indian  
29 community.

30 **Sec. 212.** Section 82-108.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
31 is amended to read:

1           82-108.03 The Nebraska State Historical Society Collections Trust  
2 Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the Director of the  
3 Nebraska State Historical Society, in accordance with appropriate museum  
4 and archival standards, exclusively for the acquisition, preservation, or  
5 restoration of the society collections, except that transfers may be made  
6 from the fund to the Historical Society Fund at the direction of the  
7 Legislature. The Nebraska State Historical Society Collections Trust Fund  
8 ~~fund~~ may consist of money from the sale or other disposition of property  
9 owned by the society. Such money shall be remitted to the State Treasurer  
10 for credit to the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment  
11 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
12 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
13 Act.

14           **Sec. 213.** Section 82-316, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16           82-316 There is hereby created the Nebraska Arts Council Cash Fund.  
17 The fund shall contain all sums of money received from fees from any  
18 conference, performance, or exhibition held by the council or by groups  
19 who have contracted with the council for such events and all sums of  
20 money collected under section 82-326. The Nebraska Arts Council shall use  
21 the fund to pay the costs related to the administration and sponsoring of  
22 any conference, performance, or exhibition by the Nebraska Arts Council  
23 or by groups who have contracted with the council for such events or to  
24 pay the costs related to the repair, restoration, and maintenance of  
25 artwork installed under sections 82-317 to 82-329, 85-106 to 85-106.03,  
26 and 85-304 to 85-304.03. All disbursements shall be made upon warrants  
27 drawn by the Director of Administrative Services. Transfers may be made  
28 from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.  
29 Any money in the Nebraska Arts Council Cash Fund ~~fund~~ available for  
30 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
31 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds

1 Investment Act.

2 **Sec. 214.** Section 82-331, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 82-331 (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury a trust  
5 fund to be known as the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund.  
6 The fund shall consist of funds appropriated or transferred by the  
7 Legislature, and only the earnings of the fund may be used as provided in  
8 this section.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, it is the  
10 intent of the Legislature that the State Treasurer shall transfer (a) an  
11 amount not to exceed one million dollars from the General Fund to the  
12 Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31, 2013, (b)  
13 an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars from the General  
14 Fund to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31,  
15 2014, (c) an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars  
16 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment  
17 Fund on December 31 of 2015 and 2016, (d) an amount not to exceed five  
18 hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund to the Nebraska Cultural  
19 Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31 of 2019 and 2020, and (e) an  
20 amount not to exceed one million dollars from the General Fund to the  
21 Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund annually on December 31  
22 beginning in 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2032 ~~2030~~.

23 (3) Prior to the transfer of funds from any state account into the  
24 Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund, the Nebraska Arts Council  
25 shall provide documentation to the budget division of the Department of  
26 Administrative Services that qualified endowments have generated a  
27 dollar-for-dollar match of new money, up to the amount of state funds  
28 authorized by the Legislature to be transferred to the Nebraska Cultural  
29 Preservation Endowment Fund. For purposes of this section, new money  
30 means a contribution to a qualified endowment generated after July 1,  
31 2011. Contributions not fully matched by state funds shall be carried

1 forward to succeeding years and remain available to provide a dollar-for-  
2 dollar match for state funds. For an endowment to be a qualified  
3 endowment (a) the endowment must meet the standards set by the Nebraska  
4 Arts Council or Nebraska Humanities Council, (b) the endowment must be  
5 intended for long-term stabilization of the organization, and (c) the  
6 funds of the endowment must be endowed and only the earnings thereon  
7 expended. The budget division of the Department of Administrative  
8 Services shall notify the State Treasurer to execute a transfer of state  
9 funds up to the amount specified by the Legislature, but only to the  
10 extent that the Nebraska Arts Council has provided documentation of a  
11 dollar-for-dollar match. State funds not transferred shall be carried  
12 forward to the succeeding year and be added to the funds authorized for a  
13 dollar-for-dollar match during that year.

14 (4) The Legislature shall not appropriate or transfer money from the  
15 Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund for any purpose other than  
16 the purposes stated in sections 82-330 to 82-333, except that the  
17 Legislature may transfer money from the fund to the General Fund and may  
18 appropriate or transfer money from the Nebraska Cultural Preservation  
19 Endowment Fund fund upon a finding that the purposes of such sections are  
20 not being accomplished by the fund.

21 (5) Any money in the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund  
22 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
23 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
24 State Funds Investment Act.

25 (6) All investment earnings from the Nebraska Cultural Preservation  
26 Endowment Fund shall be credited to the Nebraska Arts and Humanities Cash  
27 Fund.

28 **Sec. 215.** Section 83-915.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
29 is amended to read:

30 83-915.01 The Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund is created. The  
31 fund shall consist of revenue from soft drinks sold to inmates in the

1 custody of the Department of Correctional Services, including proceeds  
2 from recycling cans or other containers containing such soft drinks,  
3 profit from departmental canteens, interest earned by the fund, interest  
4 on inmate trust funds pursuant to section 83-915, or other revenue at the  
5 department's discretion. The fund shall be used to provide recreational  
6 activities and equipment for inmates at all of the department's  
7 correctional facilities. The fund shall be administered by the Director  
8 of Correctional Services or his or her designee. Transfers may be made  
9 from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.  
10 Any money in the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund ~~fund~~ available for  
11 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
12 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
13 Investment Act.

14 **Sec. 216.** Section 84-321, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16 84-321 There is hereby created in the office of the Auditor of  
17 Public Accounts a cash fund to be known as the Auditor of Public Accounts  
18 Cash Fund. The fund shall be used for payment for services performed by  
19 the Auditor of Public Accounts for state agencies, political  
20 subdivisions, and grantees of federal funds disbursed by a receiving  
21 agency for which he or she is entitled to reimbursement on a contractual  
22 or other basis for such reimbursement. Any money in the fund available  
23 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant  
24 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
25 Investment Act.

26 **Sec. 217.** Section 84-512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
27 amended to read:

28 84-512 (1) The Secretary of State Cash Fund is created. ~~The State~~  
29 ~~Treasurer shall transfer the balance of the Administration Cash Fund, the~~  
30 ~~Corporation Cash Fund, the Nebraska Collection Agency Fund, the Secretary~~  
31 ~~of State Administration Cash Fund, and the Uniform Commercial Code Cash~~

1 ~~Fund on July 1, 2021, to the Secretary of State Cash Fund.~~ The fund shall  
2 also include fees and revenue collected by the Secretary of State  
3 pursuant to sections 13-2525, 21-186, 21-192, 21-205, 21-414, 21-1905,  
4 21-2216, 21-2924, 25-3308, 33-101, 33-102, 45-606, 45-620, 45-806,  
5 48-2609, 52-1004, 52-1312, 52-1313, 52-1316, 52-1602, 64-306, 64-313,  
6 64-405, 64-415, 67-293, 67-462, 69-1204, 69-1206, 71-3204, 77-3903,  
7 81-1921, 81-1922, 84-906.03, 87-130, 87-133, 87-134, and 87-210 to 87-212  
8 and sections 9-525 and 9-528, Uniform Commercial Code, and any other fees  
9 and revenue designated for credit to the fund.

10 (2) The Secretary of State shall use the Secretary of State Cash  
11 Fund for the administration of the office of the Secretary of State,  
12 including duties of the Secretary of State relating to oaths and bonds  
13 under Chapter 11, corporations and other business entities under Chapter  
14 21, address confidentiality under Chapter 42, collection agencies and  
15 credit service organizations under Chapter 45, distribution of session  
16 laws and legislative journals under Chapter 49, liens, including  
17 effective financing statements and the master lien list, under Chapter  
18 52, notaries public under Chapter 64, partnerships under Chapter 67, debt  
19 management under Chapter 69, private detectives under Chapter 71, truth  
20 and deception examiners under Chapter 81, administrative duties, the  
21 Great Seal of the State of Nebraska, and rules and regulations, under  
22 Chapter 84, trade names, trademarks, and service marks under Chapter 87,  
23 and the Uniform Commercial Code, and any other administrative duties as  
24 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

25 (3) Transfers may be made from the Secretary of State Cash Fund to  
26 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
27 Secretary of State Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested  
28 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
29 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

30 **Sec. 218.** Section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
31 amended to read:

1           84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund  
2 known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the  
3 State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

4           (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve  
5 Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of  
6 Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund  
7 is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall  
8 include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant  
9 to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of  
10 Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.

11           (3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash  
12 Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of  
13 Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue  
14 sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

15           (4) No funds shall be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to  
16 fulfill the obligations created under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive  
17 Act unless the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund after such transfer will  
18 be at least equal to five hundred million dollars.

19           (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the  
20 Cash Reserve Fund to the School Safety and Security Fund as soon as  
21 administratively possible after September 2, 2023, on such dates and in  
22 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
23 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

24           (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million four hundred  
25 twenty-five thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska  
26 Public Safety Communication System Revolving Fund on or after July 1,  
27 2024, but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as  
28 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
29 Department of Administrative Services.

30           (7) The State Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars from the  
31 Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but

1 before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
2 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
3 Administrative Services.

4 (8) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-nine million four  
5 hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars from the Cash Reserve  
6 Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2024,  
7 but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
8 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
9 Administrative Services.

10 (9) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million five hundred  
11 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Health and Human  
12 Services Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but on or before June 30,  
13 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
14 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
15 Services.

16 (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million two hundred  
17 fifty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Insurance  
18 Fund as soon as possible after April 2, 2024, on such dates and in such  
19 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
20 the Department of Administrative Services.

21 (11) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-five million dollars  
22 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund on or  
23 before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
24 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
25 Administrative Services.

26 (12) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the  
27 Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund on or after July  
28 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
29 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
30 Department of Administrative Services.

31 (13) The State Treasurer shall transfer thirty-six ~~forty-five~~

1 million eight hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve  
2 Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or before June 30,  
3 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
4 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
5 Services.

6 (14) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred thousand dollars  
7 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Self-Insured Liability Fund on or  
8 before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
9 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
10 Administrative Services.

11 (15) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer two hundred  
12 million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Transformational  
13 Project Fund in increments necessary to fund the distributions authorized  
14 in section 81-12,193, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 and continuing  
15 each fiscal year until such distribution requirements are met.

16 (16) The State Treasurer shall transfer two ~~one~~ hundred ninety-nine  
17 ~~forty-seven~~ million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General  
18 Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates  
19 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
20 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

21 (17) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from  
22 the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but  
23 before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
24 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
25 Administrative Services.

26 (18) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred fifty thousand  
27 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Self-Insured Liability  
28 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed  
29 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
30 Administrative Services.

31 (19) The State Treasurer shall transfer five hundred thousand

1 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Electrical Division Fund as  
2 soon as administratively possible after the operative date of this  
3 section.

4 (20) The State Treasurer shall transfer five hundred thousand  
5 dollars from the Electrical Division Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund on or  
6 after January 1, 2027, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in  
7 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
8 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

9 **Sec. 219.** Section 85-1412, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
10 amended to read:

11 85-1412 The commission shall have the following additional powers  
12 and duties:

13 (1) Conduct surveys and studies as may be necessary to undertake the  
14 coordination function of the commission pursuant to section 85-1403 and  
15 request information from governing boards and appropriate administrators  
16 of public institutions and other governmental agencies for research  
17 projects. All public institutions and governmental agencies receiving  
18 state funds shall comply with reasonable requests for information under  
19 this subdivision. Public institutions may comply with such requests  
20 pursuant to section 85-1417;

21 (2) Recommend to the Legislature and the Governor legislation it  
22 deems necessary or appropriate to improve postsecondary education in  
23 Nebraska and any other legislation it deems appropriate to change the  
24 role and mission provisions in sections 85-917 to 85-966.01. The  
25 recommendations submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted  
26 electronically;

27 (3) Establish any advisory committees as may be necessary to  
28 undertake the coordination function of the commission pursuant to section  
29 85-1403 or to solicit input from affected parties such as students,  
30 faculty, governing boards, administrators of the public institutions,  
31 administrators of the private nonprofit institutions of postsecondary

1 education and proprietary institutions in the state, and community and  
2 business leaders regarding the coordination function of the commission;

3 (4) Participate in or designate an employee or employees to  
4 participate in any committee which may be created to prepare a  
5 coordinated plan for the delivery of educational programs and services in  
6 Nebraska through the telecommunications system;

7 (5) Seek a close liaison with the State Board of Education and the  
8 State Department of Education in recognition of the need for close  
9 coordination of activities between elementary and secondary education and  
10 postsecondary education;

11 (6) Administer the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System or  
12 other information system or systems to provide the commission with  
13 timely, comprehensive, and meaningful information pertinent to the  
14 exercise of its duties. The information system shall be designed to  
15 provide comparable data on each public institution. The commission shall  
16 also administer the uniform information system prescribed in sections  
17 85-1421 to 85-1427 known as the Nebraska Educational Data System. Public  
18 institutions shall supply the appropriate data for the information system  
19 or systems required by the commission;

20 (7) Administer (a) the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act,  
21 (b) the Community College Aid Act, (c) the Door to College Scholarship  
22 Act and the Door to College Scholarship Fund, (d) ~~the Nebraska Community~~  
23 ~~College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund under~~  
24 ~~the direction of the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and~~  
25 ~~Occupational Education Grant Committee,~~ (e) the Nebraska Opportunity  
26 Grant Act and the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, (e) ~~(f)~~ the  
27 Postsecondary Institution Act, (f) ~~(g)~~ the community college gap  
28 assistance program and the Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund,  
29 and (g) ~~(h)~~ the Excellence in Teaching Act and the Excellence in Teaching  
30 Cash Fund;

31 (8) Accept and administer loans, grants, and programs from the

1 federal or state government and from other sources, public and private,  
2 for carrying out any of its functions, including the administration of  
3 privately endowed scholarship programs. Such loans and grants shall not  
4 be expended for any other purposes than those for which the loans and  
5 grants were provided. The commission shall determine eligibility for such  
6 loans, grants, and programs, and such loans and grants shall not be  
7 expended unless approved by the Governor;

8 (9) Serve as the primary coordinating entity to determine the most  
9 efficient and effective manner to transition or devolve data collection,  
10 grants, programs, and related responsibilities and functions from the  
11 United States Department of Education to the governing boards and  
12 administrators of public and private institutions of postsecondary  
13 education in the state or to the commission; -

14 (10) On or before December 1 of each even-numbered year, submit to  
15 the Legislature and the Governor a report of its objectives and  
16 activities and any new private colleges in Nebraska and the  
17 implementation of any recommendations of the commission for the preceding  
18 two calendar years. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be  
19 submitted electronically;

20 (11) Provide staff support for interstate compacts on postsecondary  
21 education; and

22 (12) Request inclusion of the commission in any existing grant  
23 review process and information system.

24 **Sec. 220.** Section 85-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 85-1501 The Legislature hereby declares that for a community college  
27 to be truly responsible to the people it serves, primary control of such  
28 colleges shall be placed in the citizens within the local area so served  
29 subject to coordination by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary  
30 Education. It is the intent and purpose of sections 85-1501 to 85-1539  
31 ~~85-1540~~ to create locally governed and locally supported community

1 college areas with the major educational emphasis on occupational  
2 education. Each community college area is intended to be an independent,  
3 local, unique, and vital segment of postsecondary education separate from  
4 both the established elementary and secondary school system and from  
5 other institutions of postsecondary education and is not to be converted  
6 into a four-year, baccalaureate-degree-granting institution.

7 **Sec. 221.** Section 85-1503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 85-1503 For purposes of sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~, unless  
10 the context otherwise requires:

11 (1) Community college means an educational institution operating and  
12 offering programs pursuant to such sections;

13 (2) Community college area means an area established by section  
14 85-1504;

15 (3) Board means the Community College Board of Governors for each  
16 community college area;

17 (4) Full-time equivalent student means, in the aggregate, the  
18 equivalent of a registered student who in a twelve-month period is  
19 enrolled in (a) thirty semester credit hours or forty-five quarter credit  
20 hours of classroom, laboratory, clinical, practicum, or independent study  
21 course work or cooperative work experience or (b) nine hundred contact  
22 hours of classroom or laboratory course work for which credit hours are  
23 not offered or awarded. Avocational and recreational community service  
24 programs or courses are not included in determining full-time equivalent  
25 students or student enrollment. The number of credit and contact hours to  
26 be counted by any community college area in which a tribally controlled  
27 community college is located shall include credit and contact hours  
28 awarded by such tribally controlled community college to students for  
29 which such institution received no federal reimbursement pursuant to the  
30 federal Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of  
31 1978, 25 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.;

1 (5) Contact hour means an educational activity consisting of sixty  
2 minutes minus break time and required time to change classes;

3 (6) Credit hour means the unit used to ascertain the educational  
4 value of course work offered by the institution to students enrolling for  
5 such course work, earned by such students upon successful completion of  
6 such course work, and for which tuition is charged. A credit hour may be  
7 offered and earned in any of several instructional delivery systems,  
8 including, but not limited to, classroom hours, laboratory hours,  
9 clinical hours, practicum hours, cooperative work experience, and  
10 independent study. A credit hour shall consist of a minimum of: (a) Ten  
11 quarter or fifteen semester classroom contact hours per term of  
12 enrollment; (b) twenty quarter or thirty semester academic transfer and  
13 academic support laboratory hours per term of enrollment; (c) thirty  
14 quarter or forty-five semester vocational laboratory hours per term of  
15 enrollment; (d) thirty quarter or forty-five semester clinical or  
16 practicum contact hours per term of enrollment; or (e) forty quarter or  
17 sixty semester cooperative work experience contact hours per term of  
18 enrollment. An institution may include in a credit hour more classroom,  
19 laboratory, clinical, practicum, or cooperative work experience hours  
20 than the minimum required in this subdivision. The institution shall  
21 publish in its catalog, or otherwise make known to the student in writing  
22 prior to the student enrolling or paying tuition for any courses, the  
23 number of credit or contact hours offered in each such course. Such  
24 published credit or contact hour offerings shall be used to determine  
25 whether a student is a full-time equivalent student pursuant to  
26 subdivision (4) of this section;

27 (7) Classroom hour means a minimum of fifty minutes of formalized  
28 instruction on campus or off campus in which a qualified instructor  
29 applying any combination of instructional methods such as lecture,  
30 directed discussion, demonstration, or the presentation of audiovisual  
31 materials is responsible for providing an educational experience to

1 students;

2 (8) Laboratory hour means a minimum of fifty minutes of educational  
3 activity on campus or off campus in which students conduct experiments,  
4 perfect skills, or practice procedures under the direction of a qualified  
5 instructor;

6 (9) Clinical hour means a minimum of fifty minutes of educational  
7 activity on campus or off campus during which the student is assigned  
8 practical experience under constant supervision at a health-related  
9 agency, receives individual instruction in the performance of a  
10 particular function, and is observed and critiqued in the repeat  
11 performance of such function. Adjunct professional personnel, who may or  
12 may not be paid by the college, may be used for the directed supervision  
13 of students and for the delivery of part of the didactic phase of the  
14 experience;

15 (10) Practicum hour means a minimum of fifty minutes of educational  
16 activity on campus or off campus during which the student is assigned  
17 practical experiences, receives individual instruction in the performance  
18 of a particular function, and is observed and critiqued by an instructor  
19 in the repeat performance of such function. Adjunct professional  
20 personnel, who may or may not be paid by the college, may be used for the  
21 directed supervision of the students;

22 (11) Cooperative work experience means an internship or on-the-job  
23 training, designed to provide specialized skills and educational  
24 experiences, which is coordinated, supervised, observed, and evaluated by  
25 qualified college staff or faculty and may be completed on campus or off  
26 campus, depending on the nature of the arrangement;

27 (12) Independent study means an arrangement between an instructor  
28 and a student in which the instructor is responsible for assigning work  
29 activity or skill objectives to the student, personally providing needed  
30 instruction, assessing the student's progress, and assigning a final  
31 grade. Credit hours shall be assigned according to the practice of

1 assigning credits in similar courses;

2 (13) Full-time equivalent student enrollment total means the total  
3 of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a community college in any  
4 fiscal year;

5 (14) General academic transfer course means a course offering in a  
6 one-year or two-year degree-credit program, at the associate degree level  
7 or below, intended by the offering institution for transfer into a  
8 baccalaureate program. The completion of the specified courses in a  
9 general academic transfer program may include the award of a formal  
10 degree;

11 (15) Applied technology or occupational course means a course  
12 offering in an instructional program, at the associate degree level or  
13 below, intended to prepare individuals for immediate entry into a  
14 specific occupation or career. The primary intent of the institutions  
15 offering an applied technology or occupational program shall be that such  
16 program is for immediate job entry. The completion of the specified  
17 courses in an applied technology or occupational program may include the  
18 award of a formal degree, diploma, or certificate;

19 (16) Academic support course means a general education academic  
20 course offering which may be necessary to support an applied technology  
21 or occupational program;

22 (17) Class 1 course means an applied technology or occupational  
23 course offering which requires the use of equipment, facilities, or  
24 instructional methods easily adaptable for use in a general academic  
25 transfer program classroom or laboratory;

26 (18) Class 2 course means an applied technology or occupational  
27 course offering which requires the use of specialized equipment,  
28 facilities, or instructional methods not easily adaptable for use in a  
29 general academic transfer program classroom or laboratory;

30 (19) Reimbursable educational unit means a full-time equivalent  
31 student multiplied by (a) for a general academic transfer course or an

1 academic support course, a factor of one, (b) for a Class 1 course, a  
2 factor of one and fifty-hundredths, (c) for a Class 2 course, a factor of  
3 two, (d) for a tribally controlled community college general academic  
4 transfer course or academic support course, a factor of two, (e) for a  
5 tribally controlled community college Class 1 course, a factor of three,  
6 and (f) for a tribally controlled community college Class 2 course, a  
7 factor of four;

8 (20) Reimbursable educational unit total means the total of all  
9 reimbursable educational units accumulated in a community college area in  
10 any fiscal year;

11 (21) Special instructional term means any term which is less than  
12 fifteen weeks for community colleges using semesters or ten weeks for  
13 community colleges using quarters;

14 (22) Statewide reimbursable full-time equivalent total means the  
15 total of all reimbursable full-time equivalents accumulated statewide for  
16 the community college in any fiscal year;

17 (23) Tribally controlled community college means an educational  
18 institution operating and offering programs pursuant to the federal  
19 Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act of 1978, 25  
20 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.; and

21 (24) Tribally controlled community college state aid amount means  
22 the quotient of the amount of state aid to be distributed pursuant to  
23 subdivisions (1) and (3) of section 85-2234 for such fiscal year to a  
24 community college area in which a tribally controlled community college  
25 is located divided by the reimbursable educational unit total for such  
26 community college area for the fiscal year immediately preceding the  
27 fiscal year for which aid is being calculated, with such quotient then  
28 multiplied by the reimbursable educational units derived from credit and  
29 contact hours awarded by a tribally controlled community college to  
30 students for which such institution received no federal reimbursement  
31 pursuant to the federal Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities

1 Assistance Act of 1978, 25 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., for the fiscal year  
2 immediately preceding the fiscal year for which aid is being calculated.

3 **Sec. 222.** Section 85-1511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 85-1511 In addition to any other powers and duties imposed upon the  
6 community college system or its areas, campuses, or boards by the  
7 Community College Aid Act, sections 85-917 to 85-966 and 85-1501 to  
8 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~, and any other provision of law, each board shall:

9 (1) Have general supervision, control, and operation of each  
10 community college within its jurisdiction;

11 (2) Subject to coordination by the Coordinating Commission for  
12 Postsecondary Education as prescribed in the Coordinating Commission for  
13 Postsecondary Education Act, develop and offer programs of applied  
14 technology education, academic transfer programs, academic support  
15 courses, and such other programs and courses as the needs of the  
16 community college area served may require. The board shall avoid  
17 unnecessary duplication of existing programs and courses in meeting the  
18 needs of the students and the community college area;

19 (3) Employ, for a period to be fixed by the board, executive  
20 officers, members of the faculty, and such other administrative officers  
21 and employees as may be necessary or appropriate and fix their salaries  
22 and duties;

23 (4) Subject to coordination by the Coordinating Commission for  
24 Postsecondary Education as prescribed in the Coordinating Commission for  
25 Postsecondary Education Act, construct, lease, purchase, purchase on  
26 contract, operate, equip, and maintain facilities;

27 (5) Contract for services connected with the operation of the  
28 community college area as needs and interest demand;

29 (6)(a) Cause a comprehensive audit of the books, accounts, records,  
30 and affairs to be made annually covering the most recently completed  
31 fiscal year. The audit of each area shall include all sources of revenue

1 used to finance operating expenditures and capital improvements and the  
2 county-certified property valuation for the community college for the  
3 fiscal year for which such audit is being performed. Such audit of the  
4 books, accounts, records, and affairs shall be completed and filed with  
5 the Auditor of Public Accounts, the commission, and the Department of  
6 Administrative Services on or before November 15 of each year; and

7 (b) Cause a comprehensive audit of the full-time equivalent student  
8 enrollment totals and reimbursable educational unit totals to be made  
9 annually covering the most recently completed fiscal year. The audit of  
10 each area shall include a report of full-time equivalent student  
11 enrollment totals and reimbursable educational unit totals verified by  
12 such audits for the three most recently completed fiscal years which  
13 shall be used for calculation of aid to the community college areas for  
14 fiscal year 2013-14 and each fiscal year thereafter pursuant to  
15 subdivisions (3)(b) and (c) of section 85-2234. The audit of the full-  
16 time equivalent student enrollment totals and reimbursable educational  
17 unit totals shall be completed and filed with the Auditor of Public  
18 Accounts, the commission, and the Department of Administrative Services  
19 on or before August 15 of each year;

20 (7) Establish fees and charges for the facilities authorized by  
21 sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~. Such fees and charges shall be  
22 identified as facility fees at the time they are assessed. The revenue  
23 from such fees and charges, other than revenue pledged to retire bonds  
24 issued pursuant to sections 85-1515 and 85-1520 to 85-1527 and deposited  
25 in a separate bond sinking fund, shall be deposited in the capital  
26 improvement and bond sinking fund provided for in section 85-1515. Each  
27 board may enter into agreements with owners of facilities to be used for  
28 housing regarding the management, operation, and government of such  
29 facilities and may employ necessary employees to govern, manage, and  
30 operate such facilities;

31 (8) Receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, and bequests of real

1 and personal property from public or private sources as may be made from  
2 time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and conditions  
3 thereof will aid in carrying out the community college programs as  
4 specified by law. Each board may sell, lease, exchange, invest, or expend  
5 such gifts, grants, conveyances, and bequests or the proceeds, rents,  
6 profits, and income therefrom according to the terms and conditions  
7 thereof and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the  
8 receipt and expenditure of such proceeds, rents, profits, and income,  
9 except that acceptance of such gifts, grants, or conveyances shall not be  
10 conditioned on matching state or local funds;

11 (9) Prescribe the courses of study for any community college under  
12 its control and publish such catalogs and bulletins as may be necessary;

13 (10) Grant to every student upon graduation or completion of a  
14 course of study a suitable diploma, associate degree, or certificate;

15 (11) Adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations and perform all  
16 other acts as the board may deem necessary or appropriate to the  
17 administration of the community college area. Such rules and regulations  
18 shall include, but not be limited to, rules and regulations relating to  
19 facilities, housing, scholarships, discipline, and pedestrian and  
20 vehicular traffic on property owned, operated, or maintained by the  
21 community college area;

22 (12) Employ, for a period to be fixed by the board, an executive  
23 officer for the community college area and, by written order filed in its  
24 office, delegate to such executive officer any of the powers and duties  
25 vested in or imposed upon it by sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~. Such  
26 delegated powers and duties may be exercised in the name of the board;

27 (13) Acquire real property by eminent domain pursuant to sections  
28 76-701 to 76-724;

29 (14) Acquire real and personal property and sell, convey, or lease  
30 such property whenever the community college area will be benefited  
31 thereby. The sale, conveyance, or lease of any real estate owned by a

1 community college area shall be effective only when authorized by an  
2 affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the board;

3 (15) Enter into agreements for services, facilities, or equipment  
4 and for the presentation of courses for students when such agreements are  
5 deemed to be in the best interests of the education of the students  
6 involved;

7 (16) Transfer tribally controlled community college state aid  
8 amounts to a tribally controlled community college located within its  
9 community college area;

10 (17) Invest, after proper consideration of the requirements for the  
11 availability of money, funds of the community college in securities the  
12 nature of which individuals of prudence, discretion, and intelligence  
13 acquire or retain in dealing with the property of another;

14 (18) Establish tuition rates for courses of instruction offered by  
15 each community college within its community college area. Separate  
16 tuition rates shall be established for students who are nonresidents of  
17 the State of Nebraska. Each board may also establish fees to support the  
18 operating expenditures of the community college area if such fees are  
19 accounted for separately from the fees and charges established for  
20 facilities pursuant to subdivision (7) of this section and are identified  
21 as operating fees at the time they are assessed;

22 (19) Establish a fiscal year for the community college area which  
23 conforms to the fiscal year of the state;

24 (20) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State Board  
25 of Education to adopt a policy to share student data. At a minimum, the  
26 policy shall ensure that the exchange of information is conducted in  
27 conformance with the requirements of the federal Family Educational  
28 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and all  
29 federal regulations and applicable guidelines adopted in accordance with  
30 such act, as such act, regulations, and guidelines existed on January 1,  
31 2010; and

1 (21) Exercise any other powers, duties, and responsibilities  
2 necessary to carry out sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~.

3 **Sec. 223.** Section 85-1515, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 85-1515 Each board may issue and sell revenue bonds and general  
6 obligation bonds for the purchase, construction, reconstruction,  
7 equipping, demolition, or alteration of capital assets, including  
8 accessibility barrier elimination project costs and abatement of  
9 environmental hazards as such terms are defined in section 79-10,110, and  
10 the acquisition of sites, rights-of-way, easements, improvements, or  
11 appurtenances and other facilities connected with the operation of the  
12 community colleges. Each board may establish in its budget a capital  
13 improvement and bond sinking fund. Such fund shall be used (1) first for  
14 the retirement of bonds assumed by the board in accordance with the  
15 provisions of such bonds, (2) then for (a) renewal work and deferred  
16 maintenance as defined in section 81-173, (b) handicapped access and life  
17 safety improvements made to existing structures or grounds including  
18 accessibility barrier elimination project costs and abatement of  
19 environmental hazards as such terms are defined in section 79-10,110, and  
20 (c) projects designed to prevent or correct a waste of energy, including  
21 measures taken to utilize alternate energy sources, all in accordance  
22 with the capital facilities plan of the community college area, (3) then  
23 for the retirement of bonds issued pursuant to this section, and (4) then  
24 for the purchasing, purchasing on contract, constructing, and improving  
25 of facilities necessary to carry out sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~.  
26 Revenue bonds issued shall be subject to sections 85-1520 to 85-1527. No  
27 general obligation bonds shall be issued without the approval by a  
28 majority vote of the qualified electors of the community college area  
29 voting in an election called for such purpose pursuant to section  
30 85-1518. No bonds issued under sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~ shall  
31 be an obligation of the State of Nebraska, and no state tax shall be

1 levied to raise funds for the payment thereof or interest thereon.

2 **Sec. 224.** Section 85-1516, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 85-1516 Each board may issue warrants in an amount necessary to  
5 finance the operating expenses of the community college area until the  
6 proceeds of the tax levy as provided in section 85-1517 are received. The  
7 amount of such warrants plus interest shall not exceed the amount of the  
8 money to be received from the property tax levy. Whenever such warrants  
9 are issued, they shall be the general obligation of the community college  
10 area and the full faith and credit of the community college area shall be  
11 pledged to retire such warrants. In addition the board shall set aside  
12 from the proceeds of the property tax levied pursuant to sections 85-1501  
13 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~ an amount sufficient to pay the warrants and the  
14 interest on such warrants. Such warrants shall be subject to registration  
15 as provided in sections 77-2201 to 77-2215.

16 **Sec. 225.** Section 85-1521, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 85-1521 Each board may, by resolution or agreement, pledge all or  
19 any part of the revenue and fees derived from the operation of the  
20 dormitories, residence halls, single-dwelling units, multiple-dwelling  
21 units, buildings, and other facilities for housing, boarding, medical  
22 care, and other activities of students, faculty, or employees of the  
23 institution under its control erected or acquired or previously erected  
24 or acquired by any such board and contract as to the care, insurance,  
25 management, and operation of such buildings and facilities and the  
26 charges to be made and the rights of the holders of the revenue bonds.  
27 When any board contracts that the operation of any building or facility  
28 or part thereof shall be performed other than by the board itself, such  
29 board shall at all times maintain supervision of and control over the  
30 fees and charges imposed for the use of such building, facility, or part.  
31 In issuing revenue bonds and pledging revenue therefor, the board may

1 pledge all or any part of the revenue and fees from buildings and  
2 facilities other than the building or facility to be constructed. Bonds  
3 issued under sections 85-1520 to 85-1527 shall not be an obligation of  
4 the State of Nebraska, and no tax, except for the tax authorized under  
5 subdivision (1)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal years prior to fiscal  
6 year 2013-14 and subdivision (2)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal year  
7 2013-14 and each fiscal year thereafter, shall ever be levied to raise  
8 funds for the payment thereof or interest thereon. The bonds shall  
9 constitute limited obligations of the board issuing the same and shall be  
10 paid out of revenue from the tax levy authorized pursuant to subdivision  
11 (1)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2013-14  
12 and subdivision (2)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal year 2013-14 and  
13 each fiscal year thereafter and out of money derived from the revenue and  
14 earnings pledged as provided in sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~.

15 **Sec. 226.** Section 85-1535, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
16 amended to read:

17 85-1535 (1) A board of a community college area with a population of  
18 less than one hundred thousand according to the last federal decennial  
19 census and a campus located on a former military base may enter into  
20 contracts with any person, firm, or corporation providing for the  
21 implementation of any project for the constructing and improving of  
22 facilities to house applied technology educational programs necessary to  
23 carry out sections 85-1501 to 85-1539 ~~85-1540~~ and providing for the long-  
24 term payment of the cost of such project.

25 (2) In no case shall any such contract run for a period longer than  
26 twenty years or shall the aggregate of existing contracts exceed four  
27 million five hundred thousand dollars for each area exclusive of  
28 administrative costs, credit enhancement costs, financing costs,  
29 capitalized interest, and reserves dedicated to secure payment of  
30 contracts.

31 (3) No contract shall be entered into pursuant to this section

1 without prior approval by a resolution of the board and the approval of  
2 the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

3 (4) The long-term payment of the cost of such project shall be paid  
4 from revenue to be raised pursuant to (a) subdivision (1)(b) of section  
5 85-1517 for fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2013-14 and (b) subdivision  
6 (2)(b) of section 85-1517 for fiscal year 2013-14 and each fiscal year  
7 thereafter. Any board entering into such contract for the construction  
8 and improvement of facilities from revenue to be raised pursuant to such  
9 subdivisions shall make annual appropriations for amounts sufficient to  
10 pay annual obligations under such contract for the duration of such  
11 contract.

12 (5) The board may also convey or lease and lease back all or any  
13 part of the project and the land on which such project is situated to  
14 such person, firm, or corporation as the board may contract with pursuant  
15 to this section to facilitate the long-term payment of the cost of such  
16 project. Any such conveyance or lease shall provide that when the cost of  
17 such project has been paid, together with interest and other costs  
18 thereon, such project and the land on which such project is located shall  
19 become the property of the community college area.

20 **Sec. 227.** Section 85-1539, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 85-1539 (1) There is hereby created the Nebraska Community College  
23 Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee. The  
24 committee shall consist of (a) a representative of the Coordinating  
25 Commission for Postsecondary Education who shall serve as chairperson of  
26 the committee, (b) a representative of the Department of Economic  
27 Development, (c) a representative of the Department of Labor, (d) a  
28 representative of the State Department of Education, (e) a representative  
29 affiliated with one of the two community college areas with the two  
30 smallest full-time equivalent student enrollment totals for the most  
31 recent fiscal year, (f) a representative affiliated with one of the two

1 community college areas with the two largest full-time equivalent student  
2 enrollment totals for the most recent fiscal year, and (g) a  
3 representative affiliated with one of the two community college areas not  
4 included in the categories provided in subdivisions (1)(e) and (f) of  
5 this section. Each member shall be appointed by the agency or community  
6 college areas being represented. The representatives appointed pursuant  
7 to subdivisions (1)(e) through (g) of this section shall serve terms of  
8 two years and shall be succeeded by a representative affiliated with the  
9 community college areas not represented for the preceding term.

10 (2) The committee shall develop guidelines for and annually  
11 determine the allocation of aid or grants to the community colleges for  
12 (a) applied technology and occupational faculty training, instructional  
13 equipment upgrades, employee assessment, preemployment training,  
14 employment training, and dislocated worker programs benefiting the State  
15 of Nebraska or (b) programs or activities to enhance (i) student  
16 performance in the areas of degree, certificate, or diploma completion,  
17 retention, or foundations education as defined in section 85-932.01 or  
18 (ii) the collection, reporting, analysis, and utilization of student  
19 data. The total amount allocated for a fiscal year shall not exceed the  
20 amounts appropriated ~~from the Nebraska Community College Student~~  
21 ~~Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund and such other funds as~~  
22 ~~may be appropriated~~ by the Legislature for purposes of this section for  
23 such fiscal year. The commission shall certify the allocation determined  
24 by the committee on or before September 10 of the fiscal year for which  
25 such allocation is being certified and shall report such allocation to  
26 the Department of Administrative Services. The commission shall  
27 distribute the allocated funds to the selected community college board or  
28 boards in a single payment between the fifth and twentieth day of October  
29 of each year.

30 (3) Applications for aid or grants pursuant to this section may be  
31 submitted by a community college area independently or in collaboration

1 with other community college areas.

2 **Sec. 228.** Section 85-1654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is  
3 amended to read:

4 85-1654 The Tuition Recovery Cash Fund is hereby established. The  
5 fund shall be a cash fund used to receive assessments imposed under  
6 section 85-1656 and to pay claims authorized under section 85-1657.  
7 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund or the Education  
8 Future Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Tuition  
9 Recovery Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
10 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
11 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest earned by the  
12 fund shall accrue to the fund.

13 **Sec. 229.** Section 85-1920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15 85-1920 The Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund is created. Money in the  
16 fund shall include amounts transferred pursuant to section 79-3501 from  
17 the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund and amounts transferred from the  
18 Davis Scholarship Trust ~~or, until June 30, 2024, the Nebraska Education~~  
19 ~~Improvement~~ Fund. All amounts accruing to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant  
20 Fund shall be used to carry out the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act. Any  
21 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
22 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
23 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

24 **Sec. 230.** Section 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 85-3112 (1) The Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund is created. The  
27 fund shall consist of transfers by the Legislature, transfers pursuant to  
28 section 79-3501, and loan repayments, penalties, and interest payments  
29 received in the course of administering the Attracting Excellence to  
30 Teaching Program and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program.

31 (2)(a) For all fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2024, the

1 commission shall allocate on an annual basis up to two hundred fifty  
2 thousand dollars of the funds transferred pursuant to section 79-3501 for  
3 grants to teachers pursuant to the Career-Readiness and Dual-Credit  
4 Education Grant Program.

5 (b) For all fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2024, the  
6 commission shall allocate on an annual basis up to five hundred thousand  
7 dollars of the funds transferred pursuant to section 79-3501 exclusively  
8 for loans to any eligible student who is enrolling in a student-teaching  
9 semester during the award year pursuant to the Attracting Excellence to  
10 Teaching Program. The funds shall be distributed to all eligible  
11 institutions according to the distribution formula as determined by rule  
12 and regulation. The eligible institutions shall act as agents of the  
13 commission in the distribution of the funds to any eligible student for a  
14 student-teaching semester.

15 (c) Of the funds remaining in the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund  
16 after the distributions pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this  
17 subsection, for all fiscal years, the commission shall allocate on an  
18 annual basis up to four hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate of the  
19 funds to be distributed for the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program  
20 to all eligible institutions according to the distribution formula as  
21 determined by rule and regulation. The eligible institutions shall act as  
22 agents of the commission in the distribution of the funds for the  
23 Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program to eligible students. The  
24 commission shall allocate on an annual basis up to eight hundred thousand  
25 dollars of the remaining available funds to be distributed to eligible  
26 students for the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program. Funding  
27 amounts granted in excess of one million two hundred thousand dollars  
28 shall be evenly divided for distribution between the two programs.

29 (3) Transfers may be made from the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund  
30 to the Education Future Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any  
31 money in the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund available for investment

1 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
2 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
3 Act.

4 **Sec. 231.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 6, is amended to read:

5 Sec. 6. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$24,500,000~~ ~~\$25,500,000~~  
6 from the Military Installation Development and Support Fund to the Site  
7 and Building Development Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before June  
8 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget  
9 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative  
10 Services.

11 **Sec. 232.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 8, is amended to read:

12 Sec. 8. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$4,500,000 from the Site  
13 and Building Development Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
14 ~~2026~~ 2025, but before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2026, on such dates and in such  
15 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
16 the Department of Administrative Services.

17 **Sec. 233.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 12, is amended to read:

18 Sec. 12. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$15,017,316~~ ~~\$15,000,000~~  
19 from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the General Fund on or  
20 after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such  
21 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of  
22 the Department of Administrative Services.

23 **Sec. 234.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 64, is amended to read:

24 Sec. 64. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$500,000~~ ~~\$1,000,000~~ from  
25 the Carrier Enforcement Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,  
26 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as  
27 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
28 Department of Administrative Services.

29 **Sec. 235.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 69, is amended to read:

30 Sec. 69. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$5,000,000~~ ~~\$3,250,000~~  
31 from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after

1 July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, but before June 30, ~~2027~~ 2026, on such dates and in  
2 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
3 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

4 **Sec. 236.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 70, is amended to read:

5 Sec. 70. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$100,000~~ \$200,000 from  
6 the Engineering Plan Review Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after  
7 July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts  
8 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the  
9 Department of Administrative Services.

10 **Sec. 237.** Laws 2025, LB264, section 81, is amended to read:

11 Sec. 81. The State Treasurer shall transfer ~~\$-0-~~ \$800,000 from the  
12 State Department of Education Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund on  
13 or after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in  
14 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget  
15 division of the Department of Administrative Services.

16 **Sec. 238.** Sections 122, 123, 124, 125, 134, 135, 136, 159, 161,  
17 186, 196, 208, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 241, and 244  
18 of this act become operative on July 1, 2026. Sections 142, 143, 144,  
19 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 242, and 245 of this act become operative on  
20 December 31, 2026. The other sections of this act become operative on  
21 their effective date.

22 **Sec. 239.** If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
23 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
24 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

25 **Sec. 240.** Original sections 1-111, 13-2041, 29-2262.07, 37-327.01,  
26 47-632, 54-857, 55-131, 66-733, 66-734, 66-735, 68-1604, 71-3004,  
27 71-3006, 71-3525, 71-3526, 79-303, 79-1035.01, 79-2607, 80-401, 81-2,174,  
28 81-2,237, 81-1213.03, 81-1213.04, 81-1230, 81-12,134, 81-12,146,  
29 81-12,147, 81-12,218, 81-1429.03, 81-1463, 81-1505.05, 81-15,303,  
30 81-1835, 81-2105, 81-2504, 82-108.03, 82-316, 82-331, 83-915.01, 84-321,  
31 84-512, 85-1920, and 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

1 sections 9-812, 19-5707, 44-116, 48-101.01, 48-145, 53-117.06, 58-703,  
2 68-1206, 68-1724, 71-2490, 71-5318, 71-7104, 74-1317, and 77-4212,  
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 9-1107, 37-811,  
4 37-1804, 48-1,116, 55-901, 60-6,211.05, 61-222, 61-305, 71-7608, 71-7611,  
5 72-1001, 77-27,144, 77-4025, 77-4602, 77-5601, 77-7305, 81-132, 81-1239,  
6 81-15,120, 81-15,174, 81-15,180, 84-612, and 85-1654, Revised Statutes  
7 Supplement, 2025, and Laws 2025, LB264, sections 6, 8, 12, 64, 69, 70,  
8 and 81, are repealed.

9       **Sec. 241.** Original sections 2-2701, 2-2703.01, 2-2705, 2-2706,  
10 71-17,108, 71-3001, 81-1201.22, 81-1607.01, 85-1501, 85-1503, 85-1511,  
11 85-1515, 85-1516, 85-1521, 85-1535, and 85-1539, Reissue Revised Statutes  
12 of Nebraska, sections 38-157, 43-2404.01, and 43-2404.02, Revised  
13 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 81-12,110 and 85-1412,  
14 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

15       **Sec. 242.** Original sections 48-3004, 48-3008, 81-1202, 81-1204,  
16 81-1209, and 81-1210.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section  
17 48-621, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section  
18 81-1203, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

19       **Sec. 243.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
20 81-2509, 81-2510, 81-2511, 81-2513, 81-2514, 81-2515, 85-2235, and  
21 90-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 66-2302, 66-2303,  
22 66-2304, 66-2305, 66-2306, and 66-2307, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
23 Supplement, 2024, and sections 48-622.02, 48-3405, 66-2308, 81-1211,  
24 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, and 81-1216, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.

25       **Sec. 244.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
26 2-1502, 2-1503.01, 2-1503.02, 2-1503.03, 2-2705.01, 2-3101, 2-3102,  
27 2-3103, 2-3104, 2-3105, 2-3106, 2-3107, 2-3108, 2-3109, 2-3110,  
28 71-17,112, 71-17,113, 71-17,116, 71-3007, 72-2205.01, 72-2211.01,  
29 81-1220, 81-12,114, 81-1451, and 85-1540, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
30 Nebraska.

31       **Sec. 245.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections

1 81-12,155.01 and 81-12,163.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
2 section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.

3 **Sec. 246.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
4 passed and approved according to law.