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LEGISLATIVE BILL 716

FINAL READING

Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

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Committee: General File

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 72-816 and
2 81-829.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section
3 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to repeal the
4 Next Generation Business Growth Act which terminated January 1,
5 2017; to repeal obsolete provisions relating to the Rural Health
6 Opportunities Loan Pool Fund; to repeal sections that terminated
7 July 1, 2015, regarding the Nebraska Army National Guard complex; to
8 repeal obsolete appropriation provisions; to harmonize provisions;
9 to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections
10 50-301, 50-302, 50-303, 50-304, 50-305, 50-306, 71-5670.01, 90-267,
11 90-268, 90-269, 90-270, and 90-563, Reissue Revised Statutes of
12 Nebraska, and section 90-562, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.
13 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 71-5661 (1) The financial incentives provided by the Rural Health
4 Systems and Professional Incentive Act shall consist of (a) student loans
5 to eligible students for attendance at an eligible school as determined
6 pursuant to section 71-5662, (b) the repayment of qualified educational
7 debts owed by physicians and psychiatrists in an approved medical
8 specialty residency program in Nebraska as determined pursuant to section
9 71-5662, and (c) the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by
10 eligible health professionals as determined pursuant to section 71-5662.
11 Funds for such incentives shall be appropriated from the General Fund to
12 the department for such purposes.

13 (2) The Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund is created. The
14 fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of the act, except that
15 transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction
16 of the Legislature. ~~Payments Money credited pursuant to section~~
17 ~~71-5670.01 and payments~~ received pursuant to sections 71-5666, 71-5668,
18 and 71-5669.01 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
19 Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund. Any money in the fund available
20 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
21 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
22 Investment Act.

23 **Sec. 2.** Section 72-816, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 72-816 (1) The Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund is created.
26 The fund shall consist of proceeds credited to the fund pursuant to
27 section ~~sections~~ 72-815 and ~~90-268~~. ~~The Except as provided in sections~~
28 ~~90-268 and 90-269,~~ the fund shall be used to pay for the maintenance of
29 vacant state buildings and excess state land and for expenses related to
30 the disposal of state buildings and land referred to the Department of
31 Administrative Services by the committee pursuant to sections 72-811 to

1 72-818. The fund shall be administered by the state building division of
2 the Department of Administrative Services. Any money in the 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. Funds may be transferred from the Vacant
6 Building and Excess Land Cash Fund to the General Fund at the direction
7 of the Legislature.

8 (2) If there are insufficient funds in the fund to enable the
9 division to fully implement the orders of the committee issued pursuant
10 to sections 72-811 to 72-818, the division shall implement them in the
11 order which most efficiently meets the purposes of such sections.

12 (3) Funds appropriated to the Task Force for Building Renewal shall
13 not be used to carry out any of the purposes of such sections (a) unless
14 the building would otherwise qualify for the use of such funds pursuant
15 to the Deferred Building Renewal Act and (b) except for any expenses
16 incurred by the administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal in
17 fulfilling his or her duties under such sections.

18 **Sec. 3.** Section 81-829.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 81-829.33 The Governor's Emergency Cash Fund is created. The fund
21 shall consist of federal reimbursements received by the state for
22 eligible state administrative costs incurred by the Nebraska Emergency
23 Management Agency for administering federal emergency disaster
24 declarations and revenue from all other nonfederal government sources.
25 ~~The Except as provided in section 90-270,~~ the fund shall be used to pay
26 eligible costs related to state emergency disaster declarations. The fund
27 shall be administered by the State Administrator of the Nebraska
28 Emergency Management Agency. Any money in the fund available for
29 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
30 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
31 Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from

1 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

2 Transfers may be made from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the
3 Cash Reserve Fund and General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

4 ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer zero dollars from the Governor's~~
5 ~~Emergency Cash Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund by June 30, 2023, on such~~
6 ~~dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the~~
7 ~~budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.~~

8 **Sec. 4.** Original sections 72-816 and 81-829.33, Reissue Revised
9 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative
10 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

11 **Sec. 5.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
12 50-301, 50-302, 50-303, 50-304, 50-305, 50-306, 71-5670.01, 90-267,
13 90-268, 90-269, 90-270, and 90-563, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
14 and section 90-562, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.