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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tribal colleges; to adopt the Nebraska
- 2 Tribal College Investment Act.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act.

3 **Sec. 2.** For purposes of the Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act,
4 Nebraska tribal college means a 1994 Institution as defined in section
5 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994, Public
6 Law 103-382, 7 U.S.C. 301 note, that is located in Nebraska.

7 **Sec. 3.** The purpose of the Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act
8 is to partner with private sector by providing grants to qualified
9 Nebraska tribal colleges to provide increased access to educational
10 programs with high demand.

11 **Sec. 4.** (1) Beginning July 1 and ending September 1 of any fiscal
12 year for which funds have been appropriated to the Nebraska Tribal
13 College Investment Act Fund, a Nebraska tribal college may apply to the
14 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in a manner
15 prescribed by the commission for a matching grant to provide increased
16 access to educational programs with high demand.

17 (2) To be eligible, an applicant shall specify the amount and
18 provide proof of newly committed funds from private sources available for
19 expenditure during the fiscal year for which the grant is being sought.
20 The maximum grant award for any applicant shall be equal to the amount of
21 such newly committed funds.

22 (3) The commission shall award grants based on applications received
23 pursuant to this section and shall disburse the grant proceeds to any
24 grant recipient on or before January 1 of such fiscal year.

25 **Sec. 5.** The Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act Fund is created.
26 The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the Legislature and any
27 grants, gifts, or bequests from any source, including federal, state,
28 public, and private sources. The fund shall be administered by the
29 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and used to carry out
30 grants under the Nebraska Tribal College Investment Act. Any money in the
31 fund 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. 6. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education may
4 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Nebraska
5 Tribal College Investment Act.