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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216**

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act;
- 2 to amend section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 provide for educational services and educational programming for
- 4 certain prisoners; to provide duties for the Director of
- 5 Correctional Services, the State Department of Education, and the
- 6 State Board of Education; and to repeal the original section.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1       **Section 1.** Section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3       83-182 (1) The director shall establish appropriate programs for  
4 each facility designed as far as practical to prepare and assist each  
5 person committed to the department to assume his or her responsibilities  
6 as a useful citizen. In developing such programs, the director shall seek  
7 to make available to each person capable of benefiting therefrom academic  
8 or vocational training, participation in productive work, religious and  
9 recreational activities, and such therapeutic measures as are  
10 practicable. No person shall be ordered or compelled to participate in  
11 religious activities.

12       (2)(a) The director shall provide educational services and  
13 educational programming to any person committed to the department who is  
14 under twenty-one years of age, and shall ensure special education  
15 services are provided to such person as required by state law, if such  
16 person has not previously earned a diploma of high school equivalency or  
17 a high school diploma.

18       (b) Such educational services shall be substantially similar to the  
19 minimum standards as determined by the State Department of Education,  
20 including a minimum curriculum that includes language arts, social  
21 science, science, and mathematics, and may include other subjects  
22 including, but not limited to, vocational education, computer education,  
23 arts, and physical fitness. Such programs may be offered by the  
24 department or through partnerships with educational institutions.

25       (3) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and  
26 regulations to carry out this section and to ensure the educational  
27 services and educational programming meet any applicable educational  
28 requirements.

29       **Sec. 2.** Original section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
30 Nebraska, is repealed.