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LEGISLATIVE BILL 130

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to General Fund net receipts; to amend section
- 2 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change
- 3 provisions relating to certain transfers of General Fund net
- 4 receipts; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
- 5 emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** Section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 77-4602 (1) Within fifteen days after the end of each month, the Tax
- 4 Commissioner shall provide a public statement of actual General Fund net
- 5 receipts, a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly
- 6 estimated net receipts from the most recent forecast provided by the
- 7 Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board pursuant to section
- 8 77-27,158, and a comparison of such actual net receipts to the monthly
- 9 actual net receipts for the same month of the previous fiscal year.
- 10 (2) Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year, the
- 11 public statement shall also include (a) a summary of actual General Fund
- 12 net receipts and estimated General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year
- 13 as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603 and (b) a
- 14 comparison of the actual General Fund net receipts for the fiscal year to
- 15 the actual General Fund net receipts for the previous fiscal year.
- 16 (3)(a) Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year, the
- 17 <u>Tax Commissioner shall determine the following:</u>
- 18 <u>(i) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed</u>
- 19 <u>fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal</u>
- 20 year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601 and 77-4603; and
- 21 (ii) Fifty percent of the product of actual General Fund net
- 22 receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year times the difference
- 23 between the annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net
- 24 receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year and the average
- 25 annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net receipts over
- 26 <u>the twenty previous fiscal years, excluding the year in which the annual</u>
- 27 percentage change in actual General Fund net receipts is the lowest.
- 28 (b) If the number determined under subdivision (3)(a)(i) of this
- 29 <u>section is a positive number, the Tax Commissioner shall immediately</u>
- 30 certify the greater of the two numbers determined under subdivision (3)
- 31 (a) of this section to the Director of Administrative Services. The State

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1 Treasurer shall transfer the certified amount from the General Fund to

- 2 the Cash Reserve Fund upon certification by the director of such amount.
- 3 The transfer shall be made according to the following schedule:
- 4 (i) An amount equal to the amount determined under subdivision (3)
- 5 (a)(i) of this section shall be transferred immediately; and
- 6 (ii) The remainder, if any, shall be transferred by the end of the
- 7 subsequent fiscal year.
- 8 (c) If the transfer required under subdivision (3)(b) of this
- 9 section causes the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund to exceed sixteen
- 10 percent of the total budgeted General Fund expenditures, excluding any
- 11 <u>reappropriated amounts or encumbrances, for the current fiscal year, such</u>
- 12 <u>transfer shall be reduced so that the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund</u>
- 13 <u>does not exceed such amount.</u>
- 14 (d) Nothing in this subsection prohibits the balance in the Cash
- 15 Reserve Fund from exceeding sixteen percent of the total budgeted General
- 16 Fund expenditures, excluding any reappropriated amounts or encumbrances,
- 17 <u>each fiscal year if the Legislature determines it necessary to prepare</u>
- 18 for and respond to budgetary requirements which may include, but are not
- 19 <u>limited to, capital construction projects and responses to emergencies.</u>
- 20 (3)(a) Within fifteen days after the end of each fiscal year, the
- 21 Tax Commissioner shall determine actual General Fund net receipts for the
- 22 most recently completed fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net
- 23 receipts for such fiscal year as certified pursuant to sections 77-4601
- 24 and 77-4603.
- 25 (b) If actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently
- 26 completed fiscal year exceed estimated General Fund net receipts for such
- 27 fiscal year, the Tax Commissioner shall certify the excess amount to the
- 28 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall transfer the excess amount to
- 29 the Cash Reserve Fund, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3)(c)
- 30 of this section.
- 31 (c) If actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently

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- 1 completed fiscal year exceed one hundred three percent of actual General
- 2 Fund net receipts for the previous fiscal year, the transfer described in
- 3 subdivision (3)(b) of this section shall be modified as follows:
- 4 (i) The amount transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund shall be reduced
- 5 by the excess amount calculated under subdivision (3)(c) of this section;
- 6 and
- 7 (ii) Such excess amount shall be transferred to the School District
- 8 Property Tax Relief Credit Fund.
- 9 Sec. 2. Original section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 10 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
- 11 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 12 passed and approved according to law.