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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 423**

Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to internships; to amend sections 81-1201.21
- 2 and 81-1210.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a
- 3 grant program relating to internships; to transfer funds; to
- 4 harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the
- 5 original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-1210.01,
- 6 81-1210.02, and 81-1210.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 7 and to declare an emergency.
- 8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3           81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training Cash Fund.  
4 The fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Economic  
5 Development. Money may be transferred to the fund pursuant to subdivision  
6 (1)(b)(iii) of section 48-621 and from the Cash Reserve Fund at the  
7 direction of the Legislature. The department shall establish a subaccount  
8 for all money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training  
9 Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2005.

10           (2) The money in the Job Training Cash Fund or the subaccount  
11 established in subsection (1) of this section shall be used (a) to  
12 provide reimbursements for job training activities, including employee  
13 assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job training, training  
14 equipment costs, and other reasonable costs related to helping industry  
15 and business locate or expand in Nebraska, (b) to provide upgrade skills  
16 training of the existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology  
17 or the introduction of new product lines, (c) as provided in section  
18 79-2308, or (d) as provided in section 48-3405. The department shall give  
19 a preference to job training activities carried out in whole or in part  
20 within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act  
21 or an opportunity zone designated pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and  
22 Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97.

23           (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within the fund to  
24 provide training grants for training employees and potential employees of  
25 businesses that (a) employ twenty-five or fewer employees on the  
26 application date, (b) employ, or train for potential employment,  
27 residents of rural areas of Nebraska, or (c) are located in or employ, or  
28 train for potential employment, residents of high-poverty areas as  
29 defined in section 81-1203. The department shall calculate the amount of  
30 prior year investment income earnings accruing to the fund and allocate  
31 such amount to the subaccount for training grants under this subsection.

1 The subaccount shall also be used as provided in the Teleworker Job  
2 Creation Act. The department shall give a preference to training grants  
3 for businesses located in whole or in part within an enterprise zone  
4 designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act.

5 ~~(4) On April 5, 2018, any funds that were dedicated to carrying out~~  
6 ~~sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 but were not yet expended shall be~~  
7 ~~transferred to the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund.~~

8 ~~(4)~~ (5) Transfers may be made from the Job Training Cash Fund to the  
9 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Job  
10 Training Cash 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 **Sec. 2.** Section 81-1210.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:

15 81-1210.04 (1) The Intern Nebraska Cash Fund is created. The fund  
16 shall be used to carry out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03, as such  
17 sections existed prior to the operative date of this act. The fund shall  
18 consist of money transferred to the fund by the Legislature and money  
19 donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions from public or private  
20 entities. Any money in the 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.

23 (2) The Department of Economic Development, or any entity with which  
24 the department contracts for such purpose, may use up to five percent of  
25 any appropriation to carry out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03, as such  
26 sections existed prior to the operative date of this act, for  
27 administrative services.

28 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer any unobligated funds  
29 remaining in the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund to the General Fund on or  
30 before June 30, 2026, 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. 3.** This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

3       **Sec. 4.** Original sections 81-1201.21 and 81-1210.04, Reissue  
4 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

5       **Sec. 5.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
6 81-1210.01, 81-1210.02, and 81-1210.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
7 Nebraska.

8       **Sec. 6.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
9 passed and approved according to law.