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## FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 578**

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Committee: Judiciary

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 29-2414, 29-2415, 2 33-157, 47-208, 48-1202, 81-1835, 83-183, 83-183.01, 29-2708, 3 83-184, 83-184.01, 83-187, 83-1,135, and 83-917, Reissue Revised 4 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-814, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require city and county jails and 5 6 the Department of Correctional Services to pay inmates the minimum 7 wage for work by such inmates; to provide for applicability of federal workplace safety laws; to provide that such employees and 8 9 inmates are subject to the Wage and Hour Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for bank accounts for inmates; to change and 10 eliminate provisions relating to the distribution of wages earned by 11 12 inmates; to provide duties for the Jail Standards Board and the 13 department; to require payment of the minimum wage to state and 14 political subdivision employees; to eliminate provisions relating to establishment of industries and farms by the Department 15 Correctional Services; to eliminate obsolete and inconsistent 16 provisions relating to inmates of jails; to harmonize provisions; to 17 18 repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 19 47-403, 47-404, and 47-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

20 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** For purposes of sections 1 to 5 of this act:
- 2 (1) Administrator means:
- 3 (a) In the case of a county jail, the sheriff; and
- 4 (b) In the case of a city jail, the officer in charge of such jail;
- 5 (2) Inmate means a person serving a sentence who is committed to a
- 6 jail; and
- 7 (3) Jail includes a county jail as defined in section 47-117 and any
- 8 city jail as defined in section 47-207.
- 9 Sec. 2. (1) Any inmate employed by the city, county, or any other
- 10 person shall be paid wages equal to or greater than those required by the
- 11 Wage and Hour Act.
- 12 (2) Each administrator shall open a deposit account for any county
- 13 jail inmate earning wages as described in subsection (1) of this section.
- 14 Sec. 3. (1) Except when an inmate returns to the employment held at
- 15 the time of arrest, such employment shall not result in the displacement
- 16 of employed workers, be applied in skills, crafts, or trades in which
- 17 there is a surplus of available gainful labor in the locality, or impair
- 18 existing contracts for services, and the rates of pay and other
- 19 conditions of employment shall not be less than for work of similar
- 20 <u>nature in the locality in which the work is to be performed.</u>
- 21 (2) The Jail Standards Board shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 22 regulations governing the hours, the conditions of labor, and the rates
- 23 of compensation of inmates. In determining the rates of compensation,
- 24 such regulations may take into consideration the quantity and quality of
- 25 the work performed by such person, whether or not such work was performed
- 26 <u>during regular working hours, the skill required for its performance, and</u>
- 27 <u>the economic value of similar work outside of jails.</u>
- 28 (3) The Jail Standards Board shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 29 regulations which will protect inmates' rights to due process and govern
- 30 the collection of restitution as provided in section 4 of this act.
- 31 (4) No inmate shall be required to engage in excessive labor, and no

- 1 inmate shall be required to perform any work for which he or she is
- 2 <u>declared unfit by a physician designated by the administrator. No inmate</u>
- 3 who performs labor or work pursuant to this section shall be required to
- 4 wear manacles, shackles, or other restraints.
- 5 Sec. 4. (1) The Jail Standards Board, in consultation with the
- 6 State Court Administrator, shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 7 regulations to provide an effective process for the transfer of funds for
- 8 the purpose of satisfying restitution orders.
- 9 (2) A sentencing order requiring an inmate to pay restitution shall
- 10 <u>be treated as a court order authorizing the administrator to withhold and</u>
- 11 <u>transfer funds for the purpose of satisfying a restitution order.</u>
- 12 <u>(3) This section applies to funds in the wage fund of any inmate</u>
- 13 <u>confined in a jail on or after the effective date of this act.</u>
- 14 (4) The Jail Standards Board shall report annually to the
- 15 <u>Legislature on the collection of restitution from wage funds. The report</u>
- 16 <u>shall include the total number of inmates with restitution judgments, the</u>
- 17 average amount of payments, and the total amount of restitution
- 18 collected. The report shall be submitted electronically.
- 19 (5) Each administrator shall report annually to the Jail Standards
- 20 Board, in a form and manner as prescribed by the board, such information
- 21 as is necessary to make the report required by subsection (4) of this
- 22 <u>section</u>.
- 23 **Sec. 5.** <u>Notwithstanding the fact that the federal Occupational</u>
- 24 Safety and Health Act may not apply to the employment of an inmate by a
- 25 jail, the jail and administrator shall act in accordance with the
- 26 requirements of the act and regulations adopted thereunder.
- 27 **Sec. 6.** Section 29-2414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 29-2414 For the purpose of enabling the county board of any county
- 30 in this state to employ in a profitable manner all persons who have
- 31 heretofore been or may hereafter be sentenced to imprisonment hard labor

- 1 in the jail of the county, the board, or a majority of them, shall have
- 2 power to designate the place where the persons so sentenced shall work,
- 3 and to make all proper and needful regulations and provisions for the
- 4 profitable employment of such convicts, and for their safe custody during
- 5 such employment. The county jail is hereby declared to extend to any
- 6 stone quarry, road or other place that shall be designated by the county
- 7 board for the employment of such convicts.
- 8 Sec. 7. Section 29-2415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 29-2415 It shall be the duty of the county board to make the
- 11 contracts for the employment of convicts as specified in section 29-2414,
- 12 and the sheriff of the county, or such other person as may be charged
- with the administrative direction of the jail, shall collect the proceeds
- 14 of all such labor and proceed as directed in sections 1 to 5 of this
- 15 act , and after paying the board of such convicts and the expenses
- 16 incident to such labor, to pay the balance to the county treasurer within
- 17 ten days.
- 18 Sec. 8. Section 29-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 19 amended to read:
- 20 29-2708 All money arising from fines and recognizances shall be
- 21 credited by the county treasurer to the county school fund except as
- 22 provided by Article VII, section 5, Constitution of Nebraska, and,
- 23 <u>subject to sections 1 to 5 of this act</u>, the costs and proceeds of jail
- 24 labor shall be credited to the county general fund. Whenever any costs in
- 25 any criminal case are paid from the county treasury, such payment shall
- 26 be made from the county general fund; and when any warrant is drawn by
- 27 the county clerk upon the treasurer of the county for the payment of such
- 28 costs, a true record of the same and the definite purpose of every such
- 29 warrant shall be recorded in the clerk's office showing the cause in
- 30 which such costs are paid.
- 31 Sec. 9. Section 33-157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 33-157 (1) In addition to all other costs assessed according to law,
- 3 an assessment of one dollar shall be assessed for each conviction of a
- 4 person for any misdemeanor or felony in county court or district court
- 5 and each affirmation on appeal. No such assessment shall be collected in
- 6 any juvenile court proceeding. No county shall be liable for the
- 7 assessment imposed pursuant to this section. The assessments shall be
- 8 remitted to the State Treasurer on forms prescribed by the State
- 9 Treasurer within ten days after the end of the month.
- 10 (2) The Nebraska Crime Victim Fund is created. The fund shall
- 11 contain the amounts remitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
- 12 and section 83-184. The fund shall be administered by the Nebraska
- 13 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. As soon as funds
- 14 become available, the commission shall direct the State Treasurer to
- 15 transfer money from the Nebraska Crime Victim Fund to the Department of
- 16 Correctional Services Facility Cash Fund and the Supreme Court Automation
- 17 Cash Fund to pay for the initial costs in implementing Laws 2010, LB510,
- 18 in amounts to be determined by the Department of Correctional Services
- 19 and the Supreme Court and certified to the commission. When such costs
- 20 are fully reimbursed, the Nebraska Crime Victim Fund shall terminate and
- 21 the State Treasurer shall distribute seventy-five percent of the funds
- 22 remitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and section 83-184 to
- 23 the Victim's Compensation Fund to be awarded as compensation for losses
- 24 and expenses allowable under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act
- 25 and shall distribute twenty-five percent of such funds to the Reentry
- 26 Cash Fund.
- 27 **Sec. 10.** Section 47-208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 47-208 The governing board of every city and village may employ at
- 30 labor on the public streets and other public improvements, persons
- 31 confined in the jail of such city or village, as the case may be, on

- 1 account of conviction for violation of statutes or ordinances. The
- 2 governing board shall prescribe rules and regulations governing
- 3 employment and safekeeping, and determine what compensation , if any,
- 4 such prisoners shall receive for their services, subject to the Wage and
- 5 Hour Act and sections 1 to 5 of this act.
- 6 Sec. 11. Section 48-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 48-1202 For purposes of the Wage and Hour Act, unless the context
- 9 otherwise requires:
- 10 (1) Employ includes shall include to permit to work;
- 11 (2) Employer includes shall include any individual, partnership,
- 12 limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust,
- 13 legal representative, or organized group of persons employing four or
- 14 more employees at any one time except for seasonal employment of not more
- 15 than twenty weeks in any calendar year, acting directly or indirectly in
- the interest of an employer in relation to an employee. Employer includes
- 17 the State of Nebraska and its political subdivisions, but shall not
- 18 include the United States , the state, or any political subdivision
- 19 thereof;
- 20 (3) Employee <u>includes</u> shall include any individual employed by any
- 21 employer, including committed offenders or inmates employed by the
- 22 Department of Correctional Services or a jail, but shall not include:
- 23 (a) Any individual employed in agriculture;
- (b) Any individual employed as a baby-sitter in or about a private
- 25 home;
- 26 (c) Any individual employed in a bona fide executive,
- 27 administrative, or professional capacity or as a superintendent or
- 28 supervisor;
- 29 (d) Any individual employed by the United States or by the state or
- 30 any political subdivision thereof;
- 31 (e) An individual serving as a member of a governmental board,

- 1 council, commission, or committee of state or local government, or as a
- 2 member of any entity described in subdivision (1)(a) of section 84-1409;
- 3 (f) An individual whose wages are specifically set by another
- 4 statute;
- (g) (e) Any individual engaged in the activities of an educational,
- 6 charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization when the employer-
- 7 employee relationship does not in fact exist or when the services
- 8 rendered to such organization are on a voluntary basis;
- 9 (h) (f) Apprentices and learners otherwise provided by law;
- 10 (i) (g) Veterans in training under supervision of the United States
- 11 Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 12 (j) (h) A child in the employment of his or her parent or a parent
- in the employment of his or her child; or
- 14  $\frac{(k)}{(i)}$  Any person who, directly or indirectly, is receiving any
- 15 form of federal, state, county, or local aid or welfare and who is
- 16 physically or mentally disabled and employed in a program of
- 17 rehabilitation, who shall receive a wage at a level consistent with his
- 18 or her health, efficiency, and general well-being;
- 19 (4) Occupational classification <u>means</u> shall mean a classification
- 20 established by the Dictionary of Occupational Titles prepared by the
- 21 United States Department of Labor; and
- 22 (5) Wages means shall mean all remuneration for personal services,
- 23 including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all remunerations
- 24 in any medium other than cash.
- Sec. 12. Section 73-814, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 26 2024, is amended to read:
- 27 73-814 (1) The division may, by written order, permit contracts to
- 28 be made by any state agency directly with the vendor or supplier whenever
- 29 it appears to the satisfaction of the division that, because of the
- 30 unique nature of the personal property, the price in connection
- 31 therewith, the quantity to be purchased, the location of the state

- 1 agency, the time of the use of the personal property, or any other
- 2 circumstance, the interests of the state will be served better by
- 3 purchasing or contracting direct.
- 4 (2) Such permission shall be revocable and shall be operative for a
- 5 period not exceeding twelve months from the date of issue. Upon the
- 6 request of the division, state agencies receiving such permission shall
- 7 report their acts and expenditures under such orders to the division in
- 8 writing at such time and covering such period as may be required by the
- 9 division.
- 10 (3) The division shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 11 establishing criteria which must be met by any agency seeking direct
- 12 market purchase authorization. Purchases for miscellaneous needs may be
- 13 made directly by any agency without prior approval from the division for
- 14 purchases of less than fifty thousand dollars if the agency has completed
- 15 a certification program as prescribed by the division.
- 16 (4) The Department of Correctional Services may purchase raw
- 17 materials, supplies, component parts, and equipment perishables directly
- 18 for industries established pursuant to section 83-183, whether such
- 19 purchases are made to fill specific orders or for general inventories.
- 20 Any such purchase shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars. The department
- 21 shall comply with the bidding process of the division and shall be
- 22 subject to audit by the division for such purchases.
- 23 Sec. 13. Section 81-1835, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 24 amended to read:
- 25 81-1835 The Victim's Compensation Fund is created. The fund shall be
- 26 used to pay awards or judgments under the Nebraska Crime Victim's
- 27 Reparations Act other than distributions from the Community Trust. The
- 28 fund shall include deposits pursuant to sections 29-2286, 33-157, and
- 29 81-1836, <del>83-183.01, and 83-184</del> and donations or contributions from public
- 30 or private sources and shall be in such amount as the Legislature shall
- 31 determine to be reasonably sufficient to meet anticipated claims. When

- 1 the amount of money in the fund is not sufficient to pay any awards or
- 2 judgments under the act, the Director of Administrative Services shall
- 3 immediately advise the Legislature and request an emergency appropriation
- 4 to satisfy such awards and judgments. Any money in the fund available for
- 5 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- 6 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 7 Investment Act.
- 8 Sec. 14. Section 83-183, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 83-183 (1) To establish good habits of work and responsibility, to
- 11 foster vocational training, and to reduce the cost of operating the
- 12 facilities, persons committed to the department shall be employed, eight
- 13 hours per day, so far as possible in constructive and diversified
- 14 activities in the production of goods, services, and foodstuffs to
- 15 maintain the facilities, for state use, and for other purposes authorized
- 16 by law. To accomplish these purposes, the director may establish and
- 17 maintain industries and farms in appropriate facilities and may enter
- 18 into arrangements with any other board or agency of the state, any
- 19 natural resources district, or any other political subdivision, except
- 20 that any arrangements entered into with school districts, educational
- 21 service units, community colleges, state colleges, or universities shall
- 22 include supervision provided by the department, for the employment of
- 23 persons committed to the department for state or governmental purposes.
- 24 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to effect a reduction in
- 25 the number of work release positions.
- 26 (1)  $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$  The director shall make rules and regulations governing the
- 27 hours, the conditions of labor, and the rates of compensation of persons
- 28 committed to the department. In determining the rates of compensation,
- 29 such regulations may take into consideration the quantity and quality of
- 30 the work performed by such person, whether or not such work was performed
- 31 during regular working hours, the skill required for its performance, and

- 1 the economic value of similar work outside of correctional facilities.
- 2 (3) Except as provided in section 83-183.01, wage payments to a
- 3 person committed to the department shall be set aside by the chief
- 4 executive officer of the facility in a separate fund. The fund shall
- 5 enable such person committed to the department to contribute to the
- 6 support of his or her dependents, if any, to make necessary purchases
- 7 from the commissary, to set aside sums to be paid to him or her at the
- 8 time of his or her release from the facility, and to pay restitution if
- 9 restitution is required.
- 10 (2) (4) The director shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 11 regulations which will protect the committed offender's rights to due
- 12 process and govern the collection of restitution as provided in section
- 13 83-184.01.
- 14 (5) The director may authorize the chief executive officer to invest
- 15 the earnings of a person committed to the department. Any accrued
- 16 interest thereon shall be credited to such person's fund.
- 17 (6) The director may authorize the chief executive officer to
- 18 reimburse the state from the wage fund of a person committed to the
- 19 department for:
- 20 (a) The actual value of property belonging to the state or any other
- 21 person intentionally or recklessly destroyed by such person committed to
- 22 the department during his or her commitment;
- 23 (b) The actual value of the damage or loss incurred as a result of
- 24 unauthorized use of property belonging to the state or any other person
- 25 by such person committed to the department;
- 26 (c) The actual cost to the state for injuries or other damages
- 27 caused by intentional acts of such person committed to the department;
- 28 and
- 29 (d) The reasonable costs incurred in returning such person committed
- 30 to the department to the facility to which he or she is committed in the
- 31 event of his or her escape.

- 1 (3) (7) No person committed to the department shall be required to
- 2 engage in excessive labor, and no such person shall be required to
- 3 perform any work for which he or she is declared unfit by a physician
- 4 designated by the director. No person who performs labor or work pursuant
- 5 to this section shall be required to wear manacles, shackles, or other
- 6 restraints.
- 7 (8) The director may authorize that a portion of the earnings of a
- 8 person committed to the department be retained by that person for
- 9 personal use.
- 10 Sec. 15. Section 83-183.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 83-183.01 (1) A person committed to the department  $\tau$  who is earning
- 13 at least minimum wage and is employed by the department or any other
- 14 person <del>pursuant to sections 81-1827 and 83-183,</del> shall be paid wages equal
- 15 to or greater than those required by the Wage and Hour Act. have his or
- 16 her wages set aside by the chief executive officer of the facility in a
- 17 separate wage fund. The director shall adopt and promulgate rules and
- 18 regulations which will protect the inmate's rights to due process,
- 19 provide for hearing as necessary before the Crime Victim's Reparations
- 20 Committee, and govern the disposition of a confined person's gross
- 21 monthly wage minus required payroll deductions and payment of necessary
- 22 work-related incidental expenses for the following purposes:
- 23 (2) The department shall open a deposit account for any committed
- 24 offender earning wages as described in subsection (1) of this section.
- 25 (1) For the support of families and dependent relatives of the
- 26 respective inmates;
- 27 (2) For the discharge of any legal obligations, including judgments
- 28 for restitution as provided in section 83-184.01;
- 29 (3) To pay all or a part of the cost of their board, room, clothing,
- 30 medical, dental, and other correctional services;
- 31 (4) To provide for funds payable to the person committed to the

- 1 department upon his or her release;
- 2 (5) For the actual value of state property intentionally or
- 3 willfully and wantonly destroyed by such person during his or her
- 4 commitment;
- 5 (6) For reasonable costs incurred in returning such person to the
- 6 facility to which he or she is committed in the event of escape; and
- 7 (7) For deposit in the Victim's Compensation Fund.
- 8 Sec. 16. Section 83-184, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 83-184 (1) When the conduct, behavior, mental attitude, and
- 11 conditions indicate that a person committed to the department and the
- 12 general society of the state will be benefited, and there is reason to
- 13 believe that the best interests of the people of the state and the person
- 14 committed to the department will be served thereby, in that order, the
- 15 director may authorize such person, under prescribed conditions, to:
- 16 (a) Visit a specifically designated place or places and return to
- 17 the same or another facility. An extension of limits may be granted to
- 18 permit a visit to a dying relative, attendance at the funeral of a
- 19 relative, the obtaining of medical services, the contacting of
- 20 prospective employers, or for any other reason consistent with the public
- 21 interest;
- 22 (b) Work at paid employment or participate in a training program in
- 23 the community on a voluntary basis whenever:
- 24 (i) Such paid employment will not result in the displacement of
- 25 employed workers, or be applied in skills, crafts, or trades in which
- 26 there is a surplus of available gainful labor in the locality, or impair
- 27 existing contracts for services; and
- 28 (ii) The rates of pay and other conditions of employment will not be
- 29 less than those paid or provided for work of similar nature in the
- 30 locality in which the work is to be performed; or
- 31 (c) Leave the facility to participate in substance abuse evaluations

- 1 or treatment, attend rehabilitative programming or treatment, seek
- 2 residency or employment, or participate in structured programming as
- 3 provided in section 83-182.01 and return to the same or another facility.
- 4 The department shall collaborate with community-based providers to
- 5 enhance the availability of community-based options for such
- 6 participation that meet the department's requirements for rehabilitative
- 7 programming or treatment or structured programming.
- 8 (2) The wages earned by a person authorized to work at paid
- 9 employment in the community under this section shall be credited by the
- 10 chief executive officer of the facility to such person's deposit account
- 11 <u>under section 83-183.01.</u> wage fund. The director shall authorize the
- 12 chief executive officer to withhold up to five percent of such person's
- 13 net wages. The funds withheld pursuant to this subsection shall be
- 14 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit as provided in subsection (2)
- 15 of section 33-157.
- 16 (3) A person authorized to work at paid employment in the community
- 17 under this section may be required to pay, and the director is authorized
- 18 to collect, such costs incident to the person's confinement as the
- 19 director deems appropriate and reasonable. Collections shall be deposited
- 20 <u>in the state treasury as miscellaneous receipts.</u>
- 21 (3) (4) A person authorized to work at paid employment in the
- 22 community under this section may be required to pay restitution. The
- 23 director shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations which will
- 24 protect the committed offender's rights to due process and govern the
- 25 collection of restitution as provided in section 83-184.01.
- 26 (4) (5) The willful failure of a person to remain within the
- 27 extended limits of his or her confinement or to return within the time
- 28 prescribed to a facility designated by the director may be deemed an
- 29 escape from custody punishable as provided in section 28-912.
- 30 (5) (6) No person employed in the community under this section or
- 31 otherwise released shall, while working in such employment in the

- 1 community or going to or from such employment or during the time of such
- 2 release, be deemed to be an agent, employee, or servant of the state.
- 3 Sec. 17. Section 83-184.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 83-184.01 (1) The department, in consultation with the State Court
- 6 Administrator, shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
- 7 provide an effective process for the transfer of funds for the purpose of
- 8 satisfying restitution orders.
- 9 (2) A sentencing order requiring an inmate to pay restitution shall
- 10 be treated as a court order authorizing the department to withhold and
- 11 transfer funds for the purpose of satisfying a restitution order.
- 12 (3) This section applies to funds in the wage fund of any inmate
- 13 confined in a correctional facility on or after August 30, 2015.
- 14 (4) The department shall report annually to the Legislature on the
- 15 collection of restitution from <u>inmates</u> wage funds. The report shall
- 16 include the total number of inmates with restitution judgments, the total
- 17 number of inmates with wage funds, the total number of inmates with both,
- 18 the number of payments made to either victims or clerks of the court, the
- 19 average amount of payments, and the total amount of restitution
- 20 collected. The report shall be submitted electronically.
- 21 Sec. 18. Section 83-187, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 83-187 (1) When a person committed to the department is released
- 24 from a facility on parole, on post-release supervision, or upon final
- 25 discharge, the person shall be returned any personal possessions taken
- 26 upon confinement, and the chief executive officer of the facility shall
- 27 furnish the person with a written notice as required in section 83-1,118,
- 28 clothing appropriate for the season of the year, a transportation ticket
- 29 to the place where he or she will reside, if within the continental
- 30 limits of the United States or if not, the state may purchase
- 31 transportation to the nearest United States border en route to such

- 1 residence, and such sum of money as may be prescribed by the regulations
- 2 of the department to enable the person to meet his or her immediate
- 3 needs. If at the time of release the person is too ill or feeble or
- 4 otherwise unable to use public means of transportation, the chief
- 5 executive officer may make special arrangements for transportation to the
- 6 place where the person will reside.
- 7 (2) At the time of release, the person shall also be given full
- 8 control of his or her deposit account created under section 83-183.01
- 9 paid his or her earnings and any accrued interest thereon set aside in
- 10 the wage fund. Such earnings and interest shall be paid either in a lump
- 11 sum or otherwise as determined by the chief executive officer to be in
- 12 the best interest of the person. No less than one-third of such fund
- 13 shall be paid upon release, and the entire fund shall be paid within six
- 14 months of the person's release.
- 15 (3) The department shall send a copy of the release or discharge to
- 16 the court which committed the person and also to the sheriff of the
- 17 county in which the court is located and, when such county contains a
- 18 city of the metropolitan class, to the police department of such city.
- 19 Sec. 19. Notwithstanding the fact that the federal Occupational
- 20 <u>Safety and Health Act may not apply to the employment of a person</u>
- 21 committed to the department, the department shall act in accordance with
- 22 the requirements of the act and regulations adopted thereunder.
- 23 Sec. 20. Section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 24 amended to read:
- 25 83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and section 19 of this act
- 26 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections
- 27 Act.
- 28 Sec. 21. Section 83-917, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 29 amended to read:
- 30 83-917 The Reentry Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be
- 31 administered by the Department of Correctional Services. The State

- 1 Treasurer shall credit funds remitted pursuant to <u>section</u> 33-157
- 2 and 83-184 and donations or contributions from public or private sources
- 3 to the Reentry Cash Fund. The fund shall be used by the department for
- 4 tuition, fees, and other costs associated with reentry and reintegration
- 5 programs offered to offenders that are placed in the incarceration work
- 6 camp. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by
- 7 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
- 8 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 9 Sec. 22. Original sections 29-2414, 29-2415, 29-2708, 33-157,
- 10 47-208, 48-1202, 81-1835, 83-183, 83-183.01, 83-184, 83-184.01, 83-187,
- 11 83-1,135, and 83-917, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section
- 12 73-814, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
- 13 **Sec. 23.** The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 14 47-403, 47-404, and 47-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.