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LEGISLATIVE BILL 621

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section
- 2 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state
- 3 intent regarding transfers from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund
- 4 as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 71-7611 (1) The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is created. The State
4 Treasurer shall transfer (a) sixty million three hundred thousand dollars
5 on or before July 15, 2014, (b) sixty million three hundred fifty
6 thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2015, (c) sixty million three
7 hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2016, (d) sixty
8 million seven hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2017, (e)
9 five hundred thousand dollars on or before May 15, 2018, (f) sixty-one
10 million six hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2018, (g)
11 sixty-two million dollars on or before July 15, 2019, (h) sixty-one
12 million four hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2020,
13 (i) sixty-six million two hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15,
14 2022, (j) fifty-six million seven hundred thousand dollars on or before
15 July 15, 2023, (k) fifty-four million dollars on or before July 15, 2024,
16 ~~and (l) sixty-one million six hundred fifty-four million one hundred~~
17 ~~fifty thousand dollars on or before every July 15, 2025, and July 15,~~
18 ~~2026, and (m) fifty-four million one hundred fifty thousand dollars on or~~
19 ~~before July 15 of every year~~ thereafter from the Nebraska Medicaid
20 Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust
21 Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, except that such amount shall
22 be reduced by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska
23 Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The state
24 investment officer shall advise the State Treasurer on the amounts to be
25 transferred first from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund
26 until the fund balance is depleted and from the Nebraska Tobacco
27 Settlement Trust Fund thereafter in order to sustain such transfers in
28 perpetuity. The state investment officer shall report electronically to
29 the Legislature on or before October 1 of every even-numbered year on the
30 sustainability of such transfers. The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund
31 shall also include money received pursuant to section 77-2602. Except as

1 otherwise provided by law, no more than the amounts specified in this
2 subsection may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health
3 Care Cash Fund in any fiscal year.

4 The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the
5 Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund to the General Fund on
6 June 28, 2018, and June 28, 2019.

7 Except as otherwise provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
8 section, it is the intent of the Legislature that no additional programs
9 are funded through the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund until funding for
10 all programs with an appropriation from the fund during FY2012-13 are
11 restored to their FY2012-13 levels.

12 (2) Any money in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund available for
13 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
14 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
15 Investment Act.

16 (3) The University of Nebraska and postsecondary educational
17 institutions having colleges of medicine in Nebraska and their affiliated
18 research hospitals in Nebraska, as a condition of receiving any funds
19 appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund,
20 shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sexual
21 orientation.

22 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of the staff
23 and operating costs necessary to carry out the changes made by Laws 2018,
24 LB439, and not covered by fees or federal funds shall be funded from the
25 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

26 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature to fund the grants to be
27 awarded pursuant to section 75-1101 with the Nebraska Health Care Cash
28 Fund for FY2019-20 and FY2020-21.

29 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen million dollars from
30 the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before
31 June 30, 2023, to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for

1 the University of Nebraska Medical Center for pancreatic cancer research
2 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Transfers from the Nebraska
3 Health Care Cash Fund in this subsection shall be contingent upon receipt
4 of any matching funds from private or other sources, up to fifteen
5 million dollars, certified by the budget administrator of the budget
6 division of the Department of Administrative Services. Upon receipt of
7 any matching funds certified by the budget administrator, the State
8 Treasurer shall transfer an equal amount of funds to the Board of Regents
9 of the University of Nebraska.

10 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that an increase of seven
11 million five hundred thousand dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal
12 year 2026-27 from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund be transferred to
13 the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 502, for aid to
14 the Charles Drew Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East
15 Central District Health Department - Good Neighbor Community Health
16 Center, Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska, Nebraska
17 Medicine Midtown Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health
18 Center to fund expanded health care access through community health
19 centers, including but not limited to, expanding existing lines of
20 service such as behavioral health or dental services, adding new lines of
21 service and locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital
22 projects. Each center shall receive seven hundred thousand dollars, with
23 the remaining funds to be distributed proportionately based on the
24 previous fiscal year's number of uninsured patients as reported by the
25 Uniform Data System published by the United States Department of Health
26 and Health Services Bureau of Primary Health Care.

27 **Sec. 2.** Original section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative
28 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.