

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2025

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee; to amend sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership of the committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 81-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1802 (1) The A Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is hereby created. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission and three public members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to approval by the Legislature, as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2)(a) Until successors are appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section, one one public member shall represent charitable organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.

(b) Five public members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this act as follows:

(i) Two public members that represent charitable organizations engaged in providing services to victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least one such member shall represent charitable organizations engaged in providing services to victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section 42-903;

(ii) Two public members that have training and relevant work experience with victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least one such member shall have training and relevant work experience with victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section 42-903; and

(iii) One public member who is a victim.

(3) The members of the committee shall select a chairperson who is a member of the commission.

Sec. 2. Section 81-1803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1803 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 81-1802 or subsection (2) of this section, a member Members of the committee shall serve for a term terms of four years. The term of each public member shall begin on October 1.

(2) One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) (i) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve four-year terms.

Sec. 3. Section 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1804 When a vacancy occurs on the committee, appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. A member whose term has As the terms of the initial appointees to the committee expire, succeeding appointees shall be appointed to four-year terms. Members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until a successor has their successors have been appointed.

Sec. 4. Original sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.