

LEGISLATIVE BILL 716

Approved by the Governor February 17, 2026

Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 72-816 and 81-829.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to repeal the Next Generation Business Growth Act which terminated January 1, 2017; to repeal obsolete provisions relating to the Rural Health Opportunities Loan Pool Fund; to repeal sections that terminated July 1, 2015, regarding the Nebraska Army National Guard complex; to repeal obsolete appropriation provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 50-301, 50-302, 50-303, 50-304, 50-305, 50-306, 71-5670.01, 90-267, 90-268, 90-269, 90-270, and 90-563, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 90-562, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.

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

Section 1. Section 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-5661 (1) The financial incentives provided by the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act shall consist of (a) student loans to eligible students for attendance at an eligible school as determined pursuant to section 71-5662, (b) the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by physicians and psychiatrists in an approved medical specialty residency program in Nebraska as determined pursuant to section 71-5662, and (c) the repayment of qualified educational debts owed by eligible health professionals as determined pursuant to section 71-5662. Funds for such incentives shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the department for such purposes.

(2) The Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund is created. The fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of the act, except that transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. ~~Payments Money credited pursuant to section 71-5670.01 and payments received pursuant to sections 71-5666, 71-5668, and 71-5669.01 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund.~~ Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 2. Section 72-816, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

72-816 (1) The Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund is created. The fund shall consist of proceeds credited to the fund pursuant to ~~section sections 72-815 and 90-268. The Except as provided in sections 90-268 and 90-269,~~ the fund shall be used to pay for the maintenance of vacant state buildings and excess state land and for expenses related to the disposal of state buildings and land referred to the Department of Administrative Services by the committee pursuant to sections 72-811 to 72-818. The fund shall be administered by the state building division of the Department of Administrative Services. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Funds may be transferred from the Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

(2) If there are insufficient funds in the fund to enable the division to fully implement the orders of the committee issued pursuant to sections 72-811 to 72-818, the division shall implement them in the order which most efficiently meets the purposes of such sections.

(3) Funds appropriated to the Task Force for Building Renewal shall not be used to carry out any of the purposes of such sections (a) unless the building would otherwise qualify for the use of such funds pursuant to the Deferred Building Renewal Act and (b) except for any expenses incurred by the administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal in fulfilling his or her duties under such sections.

Sec. 3. Section 81-829.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-829.33 The Governor's Emergency Cash Fund is created. The fund shall consist of federal reimbursements received by the state for eligible state administrative costs incurred by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for administering federal emergency disaster declarations and revenue from all other nonfederal government sources. ~~The Except as provided in section 90-270,~~ the fund shall be used to pay eligible costs related to state emergency disaster declarations. The fund shall be administered by the State Administrator of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Transfers may be made from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund and General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer zero dollars from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund by June 30, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.~~

Sec. 4. Original sections 72-816 and 81-829.33, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-5661, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 5. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 50-301, 50-302, 50-303, 50-304, 50-305, 50-306, 71-5670.01, 90-267, 90-268, 90-269, 90-270, and 90-563, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 90-562, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.