

FORTY-FIFTH DAY - MARCH 20, 2019**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Derek Geist, Mercy City Church, Lincoln.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Foley presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Walz and Wishart who were excused; and Senators Bostelman, Friesen, B. Hansen, and Kolowski who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-fourth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 268. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 619. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER51

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "require" in line 1 through line
2 3 and insert "prohibit denial of coverage for mental health services
3 delivered in a school; to define terms; and to provide for
4 applicability.".

(Signed) Julie Slama, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 41 and 42 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 41 and 42.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Senator Slama renewed her amendment, FA24, found on page 916, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

WHEREAS, Samuel McArtor of Grant has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, Samuel displayed his commitment to community service by renovating the outdoor area of the Hastings Memorial Library in Grant by cleaning the area, replacing a retaining wall, and laying cement and rock around the new retaining wall; and

WHEREAS, Samuel, through his hard work and perseverance, will join other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Samuel McArtor on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Samuel McArtor.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

WHEREAS, Matthew Aerni of Madrid has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, Matthew displayed his commitment to community service by making upgrades to the park in the village of Madrid, installing handicapped-accessible sidewalks through the park that extend to both picnic shelters, bathrooms, and a park bench. Matthew's work also included repainting the basketball court, renetting a basketball hoop, replacing landscape timbers, and improving the park sign; and

WHEREAS, Matthew, through his hard work and perseverance has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Matthew Aerni on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Matthew Aerni.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

WHEREAS, Beau Wood of Grant has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, Beau displayed his commitment to community service by making improvements to the park in the village of Madrid, installing a handicapped-accessible parking space and sidewalk leading to the park; and

WHEREAS, Beau, through his hard work and perseverance, will join other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Beau Wood on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Beau Wood.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 52. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

WHEREAS, Jarin Tines of Grant has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, Jarin displayed his commitment to community service by building a chain-link fence around a dog park, creating an agility course inside the area, and installing waste removal dispensers; and

WHEREAS, Jarin, through his hard work and perseverance, will join other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jarin Tines on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jarin Tines.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 53. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, the Omaha South High Magnet School boys' basketball team, led by Coach Bruce Chubick, Sr., won the 2019 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha South Packers defeated the Omaha Central Eagles by a score of 58-56 in a spirited contest where a last-second steal and layup by junior Ty Griggs won the title game; and

WHEREAS, the win marked the school's second state basketball championship title in the last four years and their sixth title overall; and

WHEREAS, Packers teammates Ta'Vion Anderson and Jay Saunders were named to the Class A all-tournament teams by both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald, with Ta'Vion also being named to the all-class all-tournament teams by the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald and Jay being named to the all-class all-tournament team by the Omaha World-Herald; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, coaches, and parents of the Omaha South Packers boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, artistic, and athletic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Omaha South boys' basketball team and their head coach, Bruce Chubick, Sr., on winning the 2019 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Omaha South High Magnet School and head coach, Bruce Chubick, Sr.

Laid over.

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 477A. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 477, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 169. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM710, found on page 869, was offered.

Senator Groene offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

AM804

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM710)

1 1. On page 1, line 24, strike "persons", show as stricken, and

2 insert "individuals".

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 472. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 483. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM896 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker priority bill/resolution designations are as follows:

LBs 6, 15, 23 37, 59, 87, 96, 179, 180, 212, 218, 222, 237, 300, 356, 375, 379, 445, 478, 496, 514, 524, 595, 637, and 690.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 169. The Groene amendment, AM804, found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was renewed.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Appropriations

LEGISLATIVE BILL 737. Placed on General File.

(Signed) John Stinner, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 23. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM795

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 13-3202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2018, is amended to read:

5 13-3202 The Legislature finds that:

6 (1) Energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy are important

7 for preserving the health and economic well-being of Nebraska's citizens.

8 Using less energy decreases the cost of living and keeps the cost of

9 public power low by delaying the need for additional power plants. By

10 building the market for energy efficiency and renewable energy products,

11 economic development will be encouraged and new jobs will be created for

12 Nebraskans in the energy efficiency and renewable energy job sectors;

13 (2) To further these goals, the state should promote energy

14 efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems;

15 (3) The upfront costs for energy efficiency improvements and

16 renewable energy systems prohibit many property owners from making

17 improvements. Therefore, it is necessary to authorize municipalities to

18 implement an alternative financing method through the creation of clean

19 energy assessment districts; and

20 (4) Public purposes ~~A public purpose~~ will be served by providing

21 municipalities with the authority to finance the installation of energy

22 efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems through the creation

23 of clean energy assessment districts. Such public purposes include, but

24 are not limited to, reduced energy and water costs, reduced greenhouse

25 gas emissions, economic stimulation and development, improved property

26 valuation, and increased employment.

27 Sec. 2. Section 13-3203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
1 2018, is amended to read:

2 13-3203 For purposes of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act:

3 (1) Assessment contract means a contract entered into between a
4 municipality, a property owner, and, if applicable, a third-party lender
5 under which the municipality agrees to provide financing for an energy
6 project in exchange for a property owner's agreement to pay an annual
7 assessment for a period not to exceed the weighted average useful life of
8 the energy project;

9 (2) Clean energy assessment district means a district created by a
10 municipality to provide financing for energy projects;

11 (3) Energy efficiency improvement means any acquisition,
12 installation, or modification benefiting publicly or privately owned
13 property that is designed to reduce the electric, gas, water, or other
14 utility demand or consumption of the buildings on or to be constructed on
15 such property or to promote the efficient and effective management of
16 natural resources or storm water, including, but not limited to:

17 (a) Insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and
18 cooling distribution systems;

19 (b) Storm windows and doors; multiglazed windows and doors; heat-
20 absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems;
21 and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and
22 door system modifications that reduce energy consumption;

23 (c) Automated energy control systems;

24 (d) Heating, ventilating, or air conditioning and distribution
25 system modifications or replacements;

26 (e) Caulking, weatherstripping, and air sealing;

27 (f) Replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the
28 energy use of the lighting system;

29 (g) Energy recovery systems, including, but not limited to,
30 cogeneration and trigeneration systems;

31 (h) Daylighting systems;

1 (i) Installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to
2 charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity;

3 (j) Facilities providing for water conservation or pollutant
4 control;

5 (k) Roofs designed to reduce energy consumption or support
6 additional loads necessitated by other energy efficiency improvements;

7 (l) Installation of energy-efficient fixtures, including, but not
8 limited to, water heating systems, escalators, and elevators;

9 (m) Energy efficiency related items so long as the cost of the
10 energy efficiency related items financed by the municipality does not
11 exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of the energy project; and

12 (n) Any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or
13 materials approved as a utility cost-saving measure by the municipality;

14 (4) Energy efficiency related item means any repair, replacement,
15 improvement, or modification to real property that is necessary or
16 desirable in conjunction with an energy efficiency improvement,

17 including, but not limited to, structural support improvements and the
 18 repair or replacement of any building components, paved surfaces, or
 19 fixtures disrupted or altered by the installation of an energy efficiency
 20 improvement;

21 (5) Energy project means the installation or modification of an
 22 energy efficiency improvement or the acquisition, installation, or
 23 improvement of a renewable energy system;

24 (6) Municipality means any county, city, or village in this state;

25 (7) Qualifying property means any of the following types of property
 26 located within a municipality:

27 (a) Agricultural property;

28 (b) Commercial property, including multifamily residential property
 29 comprised of more than four dwelling units;

30 (c) Industrial property; or

31 (d) Single-family residential property, which may include up to four
 1 dwelling units;

2 (8)(a) Renewable energy resource means a resource that naturally
 3 replenishes over time and that minimizes the output of toxic material in
 4 the conversion to energy. Renewable energy resource includes, but is not
 5 limited to, the following:

6 (i) Nonhazardous biomass;

7 (ii) Solar and solar thermal energy;

8 (iii) Wind energy;

9 (iv) Geothermal energy;

10 (v) Methane gas captured from a landfill or elsewhere; and

11 (vi) Photovoltaic systems; and

12 ~~(vii) Cogeneration and trigeneration systems; and~~

13 (b) Renewable energy resource does not include petroleum, nuclear
 14 power, natural gas, coal, or hazardous biomass; and

15 (9) Renewable energy system means a fixture, product, device, or
 16 interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's
 17 side of the meter that uses one or more renewable energy resources to
 18 generate electricity. Renewable energy system includes a biomass stove
 19 but does not include an incinerator.

20 Sec. 3. Section 13-3204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 21 2018, is amended to read:

22 13-3204 (1) Pursuant to the procedures provided in this section, a
 23 municipality may, from time to time, create one or more clean energy
 24 assessment districts. Such districts may be separate, overlapping, or
 25 coterminous and may be created anywhere within the municipality or its
 26 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, except that a county shall not
 27 create a district that includes any area within the corporate boundaries
 28 or extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of any city or village located in
 29 whole or in part within such county. The governing body of the
 30 municipality shall be the governing body for any district so created.

31 (2) Prior to creating any clean energy assessment district, the
 1 municipality shall hold a public hearing at which the public may comment
 2 on the creation of such district. Notice of the public hearing shall be
 3 given by publication in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in

4 the municipality at least ten days prior to the hearing.
5 (3) After the public hearing, the municipality may create a clean
6 energy assessment district by ordinance or, for counties, by resolution.
7 The ordinance or resolution shall include:
8 (a) A finding that the financing of energy projects is a valid
9 public purpose;
10 (b) A contract form to be used for assessment contracts between the
11 municipality, the owner of the qualifying property, and, if applicable, a
12 third-party lender governing the terms and conditions of financing and
13 annual assessments;
14 (c) Identification of an official authorized to enter into
15 assessment contracts on behalf of the municipality;
16 (d) An application process and eligibility requirements for
17 financing energy projects;
18 (e) An explanation of how annual assessments will be made and
19 collected;
20 (f) For energy projects involving residential property, a
21 requirement that any interest rate on assessment installments must be a
22 fixed rate;
23 (g) For energy projects involving residential property, a
24 requirement that the repayment period for assessments must be according
25 to a fixed repayment schedule;
26 (h) Information regarding the following, to the extent known, or
27 procedures to determine the following in the future:
28 (i) Provisions for an adequate debt service reserve fund created
29 under section 13-3209, if applicable;
30 (ii) Provisions for an adequate loss reserve fund created under
31 section 13-3208; and
1 (iii) Any application, administration, or other program fees to be
2 charged to owners participating in the program that will be used to
3 finance costs incurred by the municipality as a result of the program;
4 (i) A requirement that the term of the annual assessments not exceed
5 the weighted average useful life of the energy project paid for by the
6 annual assessments;
7 (j) A requirement that any energy efficiency improvement that is not
8 permanently affixed to the qualifying property upon which an annual
9 assessment is imposed to repay the cost of such energy efficiency
10 improvement must be conveyed with the qualifying property if a transfer
11 of ownership of the qualifying property occurs;
12 (k) A requirement that, prior to the effective date of any contract
13 that binds the purchaser to purchase qualifying property upon which an
14 annual assessment is imposed, the owner shall provide notice to the
15 purchaser that the purchaser assumes responsibility for payment of the
16 annual assessment as provided in subdivision (3)(d) of section 13-3205;
17 (l) Provisions for marketing and participant education;
18 (m) A requirement that ~~after the energy project is completed,~~ the
19 municipality ~~shall~~ obtain verification that the renewable energy system
20 or energy efficiency improvement was properly installed and is operating
21 as intended; and

22 (n) A requirement that the clean energy assessment district, with
23 respect to single-family residential property, comply with the Property
24 Assessed Clean Energy Act and with directives or guidelines issued by the
25 Federal Housing Administration and the Federal Housing Finance Agency on
26 or after January 1, 2016, relating to property assessed clean energy
27 financing.

28 Sec. 4. Section 13-3205, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2018, is amended to read:

30 13-3205 (1) After passage of an ordinance or resolution under
31 section 13-3204, a municipality may enter into an assessment contract
1 with the record owner of qualifying property within a clean energy
2 assessment district and, if applicable, with a third-party lender to
3 finance an energy project on the qualifying property. The costs financed
4 under the assessment contract may include the cost of materials and labor
5 necessary for installation, permit fees, inspection fees, application and
6 administrative fees, bank fees, and all other fees ~~that may be~~ incurred
7 by the owner pursuant to the installation. The assessment contract shall
8 provide for the repayment of all such costs through annual assessments
9 upon the qualifying property benefited by the energy project. A
10 municipality may not impose an annual assessment under the Property
11 Assessed Clean Energy Act unless such annual assessment is part of an
12 assessment contract entered into under this section.

13 (2) Before entering into an assessment contract with an owner and,
14 if applicable, a third-party lender under this section, the municipality
15 shall verify:

16 (a) In all cases involving qualifying property other than single-
17 family residential property, that the owner has obtained an acknowledged
18 and verified written consent and subordination agreement executed by each
19 mortgage holder or trust deed beneficiary stating that the mortgagee or
20 beneficiary consents to the imposition of the annual assessment and that
21 the priority of the mortgage or trust deed is subordinated to the PACE
22 lien established in section 13-3206. The consent and subordination
23 agreement shall be in a form and substance acceptable to each mortgagee
24 or beneficiary and shall be recorded in the office of the register of
25 deeds of the county in which the qualifying property is located;

26 (b) That there are no delinquent taxes, special assessments, water
27 or sewer charges, or any other assessments levied on the qualifying
28 property; that there are no involuntary liens, including, but not limited
29 to, construction liens, on the qualifying property; and that the owner of
30 the qualifying property is current on all debt secured by a mortgage or
31 trust deed encumbering or otherwise securing the qualifying property;

1 (c) That there are no delinquent annual assessments on the
2 qualifying property which were imposed to pay for a different energy
3 project under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; and

4 (d) That there are sufficient resources to complete the energy
5 project and that the energy project creates an estimated economic
6 benefit, including, but not limited to, energy and water cost savings,
7 maintenance cost savings, and other property operating savings expected
8 ~~from the energy project~~ during the financing period, which is equal to or

9 greater than the principal cost of the energy project. The estimated
10 economic benefit may be derived from federal, state, or third-party
11 engineer certifications or from standards of energy or water savings
12 associated with a particular energy efficiency improvement or set of
13 energy efficiency improvements. A municipality may waive the requirements
14 of this subdivision upon request of the owner of the qualifying property,
15 and, if such request is denied, the owner may appeal the denial as
16 provided by the ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to section
17 13-3204 or as otherwise provided by local ordinance or resolution.
18 (3) Upon completion of the verifications required under subsection
19 (2) of this section, an assessment contract may be executed by the
20 municipality, the owner of the qualifying property, and, if applicable, a
21 third-party lender and shall provide:
22 (a) A description of the energy project, including the estimated
23 cost of the energy project and a description of the estimated savings
24 prepared in accordance with standards acceptable to the municipality;
25 (b) A mechanism for:
26 (i) Verifying the final costs of the energy project upon its
27 completion; and
28 (ii) Ensuring that any amounts advanced, financed, or otherwise paid
29 by the municipality toward the costs of the energy project will not
30 exceed the final cost of the energy project;
31 (c) An agreement by the property owner to pay annual assessments for
1 a period not to exceed the weighted average useful life of the energy
2 project;
3 (d) A statement that the obligations set forth in the assessment
4 contract, including the obligation to pay annual assessments, are a
5 covenant that shall run with the land and be obligations upon future
6 owners of the qualifying property; and
7 (e) An acknowledgment that no subdivision of qualifying property
8 subject to the assessment contract shall be valid unless the assessment
9 contract or an amendment to such contract divides the total annual
10 assessment due between the newly subdivided parcels pro rata to the
11 special benefit realized by each subdivided parcel.
12 (4) The total annual assessments levied against qualifying property
13 under an assessment contract shall not exceed the sum of the cost of the
14 energy project, including any energy audits or inspections or portion
15 thereof financed by the municipality, plus such administration fees,
16 interest, and other financing costs reasonably required by the
17 municipality.
18 (5) Nothing in the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act shall be
19 construed to prevent a municipality from entering into more than one
20 assessment contract with respect to a single parcel of real property so
21 long as each assessment contract relates to a separate energy project and
22 subdivision (2)(c) of this section is not violated.
23 (6) The municipality shall provide a copy of each signed assessment
24 contract to the county assessor and register of deeds of the county in
25 which the qualifying property is located, and the register of deeds shall
26 record the assessment contract with the qualifying property.

27 (7) Annual assessments agreed to under an assessment contract shall
 28 be levied against the qualifying property and collected at the same time
 29 and in the same manner as property taxes are levied and collected, except
 30 that an assessment contract for qualifying property other than single-
 31 family residential property may allow third-party lenders to collect
 1 annual assessments directly from the owner of the qualifying property in
 2 a manner prescribed in the assessment contract. Any third-party lender
 3 collecting annual assessments directly from the owner of the qualifying
 4 property shall notify the municipality within three business days if an
 5 annual assessment becomes delinquent.

6 (8) Collection of annual assessments shall only be sought from the
 7 original owners or subsequent purchasers of qualifying property subject
 8 to an assessment contract.

9 Sec. 5. Original sections 13-3202, 13-3203, 13-3204, and 13-3205,
 10 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.

11 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 12 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Appropriations

Room 1525

Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:30 p.m.

AM614

Note: Amendment to LB481

(Signed) John Stinner, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Gragert filed the following amendment to LB243:
 AM789

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM640)

- 1 1. On page 4, line 5, strike "annual".
- 2 2. On page 5, line 2, strike "each fiscal year".

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231A. Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 231, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session, 2019; and to provide an operative date.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 54. Introduced by Murman, 38; Arch, 14; Bolz, 29; Brandt, 32; Briese, 41; Dorn, 30; Halloran, 33; Howard, 9; Hughes, 44; Lowe, 37; Moser, 22; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, the Mosaic School in Axtell recently became the first Certified Autism Center in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Mosaic School is one of only five learning and tutoring centers nationwide to receive such designation from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards; and

WHEREAS, the certification requires 80 percent of staff to be trained and certified as autism specialists, but the Mosaic School chose to train and certify 100 percent of staff, showing their dedication and commitment to professional growth; and

WHEREAS, the Mosaic School is bringing innovative services to rural Nebraska for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mosaic School serves more than 30 students in rural Nebraska and partners with local school districts to provide specialized supports and improved outcomes for students with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Mosaic School in Axtell on becoming the first Certified Autism Center in Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mosaic School in Axtell.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator McCollister name added to LB352.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Audrey Denney from California; students from Pershing Elementary School, Lexington; Brad and Susan Stockwell from Bellevue; students from Wildewood Elementary School, Ralston; Michelle Suarez from Lincoln and Cara Small from Martell; students and teachers from York College; and a group from Heartland Workers Center from Omaha, Bellevue, Schuyler, Columbus, and Grand Island.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Rob Rhodes from Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Cavanaugh, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature