

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Raikes, 25

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-1102, Reissue  
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions  
3 relating to the Early Childhood Training Center; and  
4 to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 79-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           79-1102 (1) ~~The State Board of Education shall establish~~  
4 ~~or designate, under the jurisdiction of the State Department~~  
5 ~~of Education, an~~ On September 1, 2007, an Early Childhood  
6 Training Center shall be established within the State Department of  
7 Education. The purpose of the center is to train individuals who  
8 provide education and development activities for infants and young  
9 children and their parents. The center, taking into consideration  
10 existing public and private training efforts, shall provide support  
11 and assistance to schools and public and private providers of  
12 early childhood education services in developing training programs  
13 for staff. The center, taking into consideration existing public  
14 and private training efforts, shall also provide clearinghouse  
15 information and publications on available early childhood education  
16 training opportunities throughout the state.

17           (2) The center shall establish a statewide training  
18 program to support the development of parent education programs in  
19 local communities. The goal of this project is to train individuals  
20 who will be able to work with public and private providers of early  
21 childhood services to establish parent education programs in their  
22 communities.

23           (3) Effective September 1, 2007, the department shall  
24 assume the direct responsibility for all operations of the Early  
25 Childhood Training Center operated under the jurisdiction of the

1 department by an educational service unit prior to the effective  
2 date of this act.

3 (4) Any employees of an educational service unit which  
4 operated the Early Childhood Training Center prior to the effective  
5 date of this act who separate from employment with the educational  
6 service unit effective August 31, 2007, to become employees of the  
7 department on September 1, 2007, shall be subject to the following  
8 provisions:

9 (a) The educational service unit shall transfer to the  
10 department all accrued sick leave of each transferred employee and  
11 up to a maximum of two hundred eighty accrued vacation leave hours  
12 of each transferred employee;

13 (b) The educational service unit shall not be required to  
14 reimburse the department for any of the value of the accrued sick  
15 or vacation leave hours transferred; and

16 (c) For purposes of establishing seniority and rates  
17 for earning sick and vacation leave, such employees shall have  
18 a service date with the department beginning September 1, 2007.  
19 Any employee who returns to employment with the department after  
20 a break in service of less than five calendar years shall have  
21 his or her prior service recognized and the beginning service date  
22 adjusted accordingly for the period of absence.

23 Sec. 2. Original section 79-1102, Reissue Revised  
24 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.