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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231**

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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-1102,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions  
3 relating to the Early Childhood Training Center; and to  
4 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 of~~  
5 ~~Education, an~~ On September 1, 2007, an Early Childhood Training  
6 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 early  
12 childhood education services in developing training programs for  
13 staff. The center, taking into consideration existing public and  
14 private training efforts, shall also provide clearinghouse information  
15 and publications on available early childhood education training  
16 opportunities throughout the state.

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

22           (3) Effective September 1, 2007, the department shall  
23 assume the direct responsibility for all operations of the Early  
24 Childhood Training Center operated under the jurisdiction of the  
25 department by an educational service unit prior to the effective date  
26 of this act.

27           (4) Any employees of an educational service unit which

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

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

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

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

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