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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 956**

Introduced by Schimek, 27; Ashford, 20; Dubas, 34.

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Job Training Cash Fund; to amend  
2 sections 81-1202 and 81-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes  
3 of Nebraska, and section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes  
4 Supplement, 2007; to provide for small and rural employer  
5 grants; to change provisions relating to job training  
6 grants; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
7 original sections.

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

1           Section 1. Section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes  
2 Supplement, 2007, is amended to read:

3           81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training  
4 Cash Fund. The fund shall be under the direction of the Department  
5 of Economic Development. Money may be transferred to the fund  
6 pursuant to subdivision (1)(b)(iv) of section 48-621 and from  
7 the Cash Reserve Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The  
8 department shall establish a subaccount for all money transferred  
9 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training Cash Fund on or  
10 after July 1, 2005. Any unexpended or unobligated balance remaining  
11 within such subaccount on July 1, 2010, shall be transferred by the  
12 State Treasurer to the Cash Reserve Fund no later than July 10,  
13 2010. Any obligated amount not transferred from the subaccount that  
14 remains unexpended on July 1, 2009, shall be transferred by the  
15 State Treasurer to the Cash Reserve Fund no later than December 31,  
16 2011.

17           (2) The department shall use the ~~fund~~ Job Training  
18 Cash Fund to provide reimbursements for job training activities,  
19 including employee assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job  
20 training, training equipment costs, and other reasonable costs  
21 related to helping industry and business locate or expand  
22 in Nebraska, or to provide upgrade skills training of the  
23 existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology or the  
24 introduction of new product lines.

25           (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within

1 the fund to provide job training grants targeted to small and  
2 rural employers meeting one of the following criteria: (a) Employ  
3 twenty-five or fewer employees or (b) located in rural areas of  
4 Nebraska. The department shall calculate the amount of prior year  
5 investment income earnings accruing to the fund and allocate such  
6 amount to the subaccount for small and rural employer grants.

7 (4) Any money in the fund available for investment  
8 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
9 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
10 Investment Act.

11 Sec. 2. Section 81-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
12 Nebraska, is amended to read:

13 81-1202 For purposes of sections 81-1202 to 81-1210 and  
14 section 3 of this act, job training grant means a grant from the  
15 Job Training Cash Fund or any nonfederal funding source within the  
16 Department of Economic Development awarded by the department.

17 Sec. 3. Whenever practicable, the Department of Economic  
18 Development shall give priority consideration to training services  
19 offered by community college areas.

20 Sec. 4. Section 81-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
21 Nebraska, is amended to read:

22 81-1205 A business which is awarded a job training  
23 grant shall provide annual performance reports to the Department  
24 of Economic Development and a final performance report upon the  
25 completion of the project. The department shall provide an annual

1 report by December 1 of each year to the Appropriations Committee  
2 of the Legislature. The report shall include information on each  
3 active grant, including specific information regarding the number  
4 of positions to be trained, whether new or existing employees  
5 are to be trained, the length of time that the project has  
6 been active, the amount of funding committed to the project, the  
7 amount of funding paid out to date, and the projected completion  
8 date. The report shall also provide information on grants closed  
9 during the reporting year, including the total number of employees  
10 trained, whether new or existing employees were trained, total  
11 project expenditures, and the duration time of the project. The  
12 department shall also provide information summarizing the use of  
13 community college areas to provide training services and list  
14 specific projects where a community college area is providing  
15 all or a component of the training services. If private or  
16 inhouse training services are used, the department shall provide  
17 information regarding the name of the private or inhouse training  
18 service and the qualifications of the training service.

19           Sec. 5. Original sections 81-1202 and 81-1205, Reissue  
20 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1201.21, Revised  
21 Statutes Supplement, 2007, are repealed.