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Committee: Business and Labor

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections
2 48-622.02 and 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to provide for job training programs for
4 recipients of unemployment insurance benefits; to
5 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
6 sections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 48-622.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 48-622.02 (1) ~~There is hereby created in the state~~
4 ~~treasury a special fund to be known as the~~The Nebraska Training and
5 Support Trust Fund is hereby created. Any money in the fund available
6 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer
7 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State
8 Funds Investment Act. All money deposited or paid into the fund is
9 hereby appropriated and made available to the commissioner. No
10 expenditures shall be made from the fund without the written
11 authorization of the Governor upon the recommendation of the
12 commissioner. Any interest earned on money in the State Unemployment
13 Insurance Trust Fund shall be credited to the Nebraska Training and
14 Support Trust Fund.

15 (2) Money in the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund
16 shall be used for (a) administrative costs of establishing,
17 assessing, collecting, and maintaining state unemployment insurance
18 tax liability and payments, (b) administrative costs of creating,
19 maintaining, and dissolving the State Unemployment Insurance Trust
20 Fund and the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund, (c) support of
21 public and private job training programs designed to train, retrain,
22 or upgrade work skills of existing Nebraska workers, (d) support of
23 public and private on-site job training programs designed to train
24 Nebraskans currently receiving unemployment insurance benefits, (e)
25 costs associated with providing workers' compensation insurance

1 coverage for programs approved under subdivision (2)(d) of this
2 section, (f) recruitment of workers to Nebraska, ~~(e)~~-(g) training new
3 employees of expanding Nebraska businesses, ~~(f)~~-(h) the costs of
4 creating a common web portal for the attraction of businesses and
5 workers to Nebraska, and ~~(g)~~-(i) payment of unemployment insurance
6 benefits if solvency of the state's account in the Unemployment Trust
7 Fund and of the State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund so require.

8 (3) There is hereby created within the Nebraska Training
9 and Support Trust Fund a separate account to be known as the
10 Administrative Costs Reserve Account. Money shall be allocated from
11 the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund to the Administrative
12 Costs Reserve Account in amounts sufficient to pay the anticipated
13 administrative costs identified in subdivisions (2)(a) through ~~(g)~~
14 (i) of this section. The administrative costs determined to be
15 applicable to creation and operation of the State Unemployment
16 Insurance Trust Fund and the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund
17 shall be paid out of the Administrative Costs Reserve Account.

18 Sec. 2. Section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of
19 Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 48-622.03 (1) There is hereby created as of January 1,
21 1996, the Nebraska Worker Training Board consisting of seven members
22 appointed and serving for terms determined by the Governor as
23 follows:

- 24 (a) A representative of employers in Nebraska;
25 (b) A representative of employees in Nebraska;

- 1 (c) A representative of the public;
2 (d) The Commissioner of Labor or a designee;
3 (e) The Director of Economic Development or a designee;
4 (f) The Commissioner of Education or a designee; and
5 (g) The chairperson of the governing board of the
6 Nebraska Community College Association or a designee.

7 (2) Beginning July 1, 1996, and annually thereafter, the
8 Governor shall appoint a chairperson for the board. The chairperson
9 shall be either the representative of the employers, the
10 representative of the employees, or the representative of the public.

11 (3) Beginning July 1, 1996, and annually thereafter the
12 board shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal
13 year containing guidelines for the program financed by the Nebraska
14 Training and Support Trust Fund. The guidelines shall include, but
15 not be limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers,
16 criteria for evaluating requests for the use of money under section
17 48-622.02, and guidelines for requiring employers to provide matching
18 funds, except that programs approved under subdivision (2)(d) of
19 section 48-622.02 shall not require employer matching funds. The
20 guidelines shall give priority to training that contributes to the
21 expansion of the Nebraska workforce, that results in employment for
22 recipients of unemployment insurance benefits, and increasing
23 increases the pool of highly skilled workers in Nebraska.

24 (4) Beginning September 1, 1997, and annually thereafter,
25 the board shall provide a report to the Governor covering the

1 activities of the program financed by the Nebraska Training and
2 Support Trust Fund for the previous fiscal year. The report shall
3 contain an assessment of the effectiveness of the program and its
4 administration.

5 Sec. 3. Original sections 48-622.02 and 48-622.03,
6 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.