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LEGISLATIVE BILL 533

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section
- 2 68-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
- 3 relating to eligibility for public assistance; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 68-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 68-1201 In determining eligibility for the program for aid to
- 4 dependent children pursuant to section 43-512 as administered by the
- 5 State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy
- 6 Families program, 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq., for the low-income home energy
- 7 assistance program administered by the State of Nebraska pursuant to the
- 8 federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 8621 to 8630, for the
- 9 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program administered by the State of
- 10 Nebraska pursuant to the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C.
- 11 2011 et seq., and for the child care subsidy program established pursuant
- 12 to section 68-1202, the following shall not be included in determining
- 13 assets or income:
- 14 (1) Assets in or income from an educational savings account, a
- 15 Coverdell educational savings account described in 26 U.S.C. 530, a
- 16 qualified tuition program established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 529, or any
- 17 similar savings account or plan established to save for qualified higher
- 18 education expenses as defined in section 85-1802;
- 19 (2) Income from scholarships or grants related to postsecondary
- 20 education, whether merit-based, need-based, or a combination thereof;
- 21 (3) Income from postsecondary educational work-study programs,
- 22 whether federally funded, funded by a postsecondary educational
- 23 institution, or funded from any other source;
- 24 (4) Assets in or income from an account under a qualified program as
- 25 provided in section 77-1402;
- 26 (5) Income received for participation in grant-funded research on
- 27 the impact that income has on the development of children in low-income
- 28 families, except that such exclusion of income must not exceed four
- 29 thousand dollars per year for a maximum of eight four years and such
- 30 exclusion shall only be made if the exclusion is permissible under
- 31 federal law for each program referenced in this section. No such

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1 exclusion shall be made for such income on or after December 31, $\underline{2026}$

- 2 2022; and
- 3 (6) Income from any tax credits received pursuant to the School
- 4 Readiness Tax Credit Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, is repealed.