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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 9-812, 79-258, 2 79-2,144, 79-1001, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, and 79-1031.01, Revised 3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to adopt the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act; to change the distribution of 4 5 lottery funds; to add duties for the state school security director; to change the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; 6 7 to distribute funds; to change the determination and certification dates relating to the distribution of aid and duties of the 9 Appropriations Committee of the Legislature; to harmonize 10 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an
- 12 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be
- 2 <u>cited as the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act.</u>
- 3 Sec. 2. (1)(a) Prior to the end of school year 2023-24, each school
- 4 district shall ensure that administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals,
- 5 <u>school</u> <u>nurses</u>, <u>and</u> <u>counselors</u> <u>receive</u> <u>behavioral</u> <u>awareness</u> <u>and</u>
- 6 intervention training. Each school district may provide such training, or
- 7 similar training, to any other school employees at the discretion of the
- 8 <u>school district</u>. In addition, all school employees shall have a basic
- 9 <u>awareness of the goals, strategies, and schoolwide plans included in such</u>
- 10 training.
- 11 (b) Beginning in school year 2021-22, each school district shall
- 12 ensure that behavioral awareness and intervention training is offered
- 13 annually. Administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses, and
- 14 <u>counselors who have received such training from the school district in</u>
- 15 which they are employed shall receive a behavioral awareness and
- 16 intervention training review at least once every three years.
- 17 (c) Any protections and defenses found in the Education Behavioral
- 18 Awareness and Support Act shall not be made contingent on whether or not
- 19 an employee of a school district has completed behavioral awareness and
- 20 <u>intervention training</u>.
- 21 (d) Behavioral awareness and intervention training shall include,
- 22 but not be limited to, evidence-based training on a continuum that
- 23 includes:
- 24 (i) Recognition of detrimental factors impacting student behavior,
- 25 including, but not limited to, signs of trauma;
- 26 (ii) Positive behavior support and proactive teaching strategies,
- 27 including, but not limited to, expectations and boundaries;
- 28 (iii) Verbal intervention and de-escalation techniques;
- 29 (iv) Clear guidelines on removing students from and returning
- 30 <u>students to a class;</u>
- 31 (v) Behavioral interventions and supports that will take place when

- 1 <u>a student has been removed from a class; and</u>
- 2 <u>(vi) Physical intervention for safety.</u>
- 3 (e) In addition to the requirements contained in subdivision (1)(d)
- 4 of this section, behavioral awareness and intervention training shall be
- 5 consistent with the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support Act,
- 6 include an awareness of the protections for school personnel found in the
- 7 act, include an awareness of the requirement for written consent of a
- 8 parent or quardian pursuant to section 79-258, and include the
- 9 identification and role of each employee designated as the behavioral
- 10 awareness and intervention point of contact.
- 11 (2)(a) Each school district shall designate one or more school
- 12 employees as a behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact for
- 13 each school building or other division as determined by such school
- 14 district. Each behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact
- 15 shall be trained in behavioral awareness and intervention and shall have
- 16 knowledge of community service providers and other resources that are
- 17 available for the students and families in such school district.
- 18 (b) Each school district shall maintain or have access to an
- 19 existing registry of local mental health and counseling resources. The
- 20 registry shall include resource services that can be accessed by families
- 21 and individuals outside of school. Each behavioral awareness and
- 22 intervention point of contact shall coordinate access to support services
- 23 for students whenever possible. Except as provided in section 43-2101, if
- 24 information for an external support service is provided to an individual
- 25 student, school personnel shall notify a parent or guardian of such
- 26 student in writing unless law enforcement or child protective services is
- 27 involved. Each school district shall indicate each behavioral awareness
- 28 and intervention point of contact for such school district on the web
- 29 site of the school district and in any school directory for the school
- 30 that the behavioral awareness and intervention point of contact serves.
- 31 (3)(a) On or before September 1, 2021, and on or before September 1

- 1 of each year thereafter, each school district shall submit a behavioral
- 2 <u>awareness and intervention training report to the state school security</u>
- 3 director. Such report shall include the school district behavioral
- 4 awareness and intervention training plan, summarize how such plan
- 5 <u>fulfills</u> the requirements of this section, and provide any other
- 6 information required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated
- 7 pursuant to section 6 of this act.
- 8 <u>(b) Behavioral awareness and intervention training required pursuant</u>
- 9 to this section shall be funded from the Behavioral Training Cash Fund
- 10 pursuant to section 11 of this act. Any school district that fails to
- 11 file the behavioral awareness and intervention training report required
- 12 pursuant to subdivision (3)(a) of this section with the state school
- 13 security director or that is found to be in noncompliance with the
- 14 requirements of this section shall not receive behavioral awareness and
- 15 <u>intervention training funding pursuant to section 11 of this act for such</u>
- 16 school year.
- 17 (c) On or before October 31, 2021, and each October 31 thereafter,
- 18 the state school security director shall certify the compliance or
- 19 <u>noncompliance with the requirements of this section of each school</u>
- 20 district to the Commissioner of Education.
- 21 Sec. 3. <u>The Behavioral Training Cash Fund is created. The fund</u>
- 22 shall be administered by the State Department of Education and shall
- 23 consist of money received pursuant to section 9-812 and any money
- 24 appropriated by the Legislature. The department shall distribute money in
- 25 the fund pursuant to section 11 of this act to school districts for
- 26 behavioral awareness and intervention training required pursuant to
- 27 section 4 of this act. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 28 <u>shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the</u>
- 29 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
- 30 Act.
- 31 Sec. 4. (1) Teachers and other school personnel may use reasonable

- 1 physical intervention to safely manage the behavior of a student to:
- 2 <u>(a) Protect such student, another student, a teacher or other school</u>
- 3 personnel, or another person from physical injury; or
- 4 (b) Secure property in the possession of such student if the
- 5 possession of such property by such student poses a threat of physical
- 6 injury to such student, another student, a teacher or other school
- 7 personnel, or another person.
- 8 (2) Any physical intervention by a teacher or other school personnel
- 9 pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of this section shall not be used
- 10 for the purpose of inflicting bodily pain as a penalty for disapproved
- 11 behavior.
- 12 (3) Following the use of physical intervention pursuant to this
- 13 <u>section, a teacher or other school personnel shall contact and notify the</u>
- 14 <u>affected parent or guardian of the use of physical intervention.</u>
- 15 (4) No teacher or other school personnel shall be subject to
- 16 professional or administrative discipline and no teacher, other school
- 17 personnel, or school district shall be held criminally or civilly liable
- 18 for the use of physical intervention pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) or
- 19 (b) of this section if such physical intervention was reasonable. Nothing
- 20 <u>in this section shall be construed to limit any defense that may be</u>
- 21 available under any provision of law, including, but not limited to, any
- 22 defense relating to self-protection, the protection of others, or the
- 23 Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.
- Sec. 5. (1) Each school district shall have a policy that describes
- 25 the process of removing a student from a class and returning a student to
- 26 a class. Such policy shall: (a) Describe how and when a student may be
- 27 removed from a class and returned to a class; (b) use a discipline
- 28 process that is proactive, instructive, and restorative; (c) require
- 29 <u>appropriate communication between administrators, teachers or other</u>
- 30 school personnel, students, and parents or quardians. Such policy shall
- 31 be made available to the public.

- 1 (2) Unless prohibited by the federal Individuals with Disabilities
- 2 Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., or a plan developed pursuant to
- 3 section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, as such
- 4 <u>acts existed on January 1, 2021, an administrator or administrator's</u>
- 5 designee shall immediately remove a student from a class upon request by
- 6 a tea<u>cher or other school personnel if such teacher or other school</u>
- 7 personnel has followed school policy in requesting the removal of such
- 8 student.
- 9 (3) When a student is removed from a class, the goal must be to
- 10 return the student to the class as soon as possible after appropriate
- 11 <u>instructional or behavioral interventions or supports have been</u>
- 12 <u>implemented to increase the likelihood the student will be successful.</u>
- 13 For a student with a pattern of disruptive behavior, the school shall
- 14 provide additional interventions or supports.
- 15 (4) No teacher or other school personnel shall be subject to
- 16 professional or administrative discipline and no teacher, other school
- 17 personnel, or school district shall be held criminally or civilly liable
- 18 for the removal of a student from a class pursuant to this section if
- 19 <u>such teacher or other school personnel acted in a reasonable manner and</u>
- 20 <u>in accordance with school policy.</u>
- 21 Sec. 6. The State Department of Education may adopt and promulgate
- 22 rules and regulations to carry out the Education Behavioral Awareness
- 23 Act.
- 24 Sec. 7. Section 9-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020,
- 25 is amended to read:
- 9-812 (1) All money received from the operation of lottery games
- 27 conducted pursuant to the State Lottery Act in Nebraska shall be credited
- 28 to the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund, which fund is hereby created.
- 29 All payments of the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery
- 30 games shall be made from the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund. In
- 31 accordance with legislative appropriations, money for payments for

- 1 expenses of the division shall be transferred from the State Lottery
- 2 Operation Trust Fund to the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund, which fund
- 3 is hereby created. All money necessary for the payment of lottery prizes
- 4 shall be transferred from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the
- 5 State Lottery Prize Trust Fund, which fund is hereby created. The amount
- 6 used for the payment of lottery prizes shall not be less than forty
- 7 percent of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have been sold.
- 8 (2) A portion of the dollar amount of the lottery tickets which have
- 9 been sold on an annualized basis shall be transferred from the State
- 10 Lottery Operation Trust Fund to the Education Innovation Fund, the
- 11 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund,
- 12 the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and
- 13 the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund as provided in subsection (3) of
- 14 this section. The dollar amount transferred pursuant to this subsection
- shall equal the greater of (a) the dollar amount transferred to the funds
- 16 in fiscal year 2002-03 or (b) any amount which constitutes at least
- 17 twenty-two percent and no more than twenty-five percent of the dollar
- 18 amount of the lottery tickets which have been sold on an annualized
- 19 basis. To the extent that funds are available, the Tax Commissioner and
- 20 director may authorize a transfer exceeding twenty-five percent of the
- 21 dollar amount of the lottery tickets sold on an annualized basis.
- 22 (3) Of the money available to be transferred to the Education
- 23 Innovation Fund, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, the Nebraska
- 24 Education Improvement Fund, the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the
- 25 Nebraska State Fair Board, and the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund:
- 26 (a) The first five hundred thousand dollars shall be transferred to
- 27 the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be used as provided in section
- 28 9-1006;
- 29 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, forty-four and one-half percent of the
- 30 money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and
- 31 the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be

- 1 transferred to the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund;
- 2 (c) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the
- 3 payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the
- 4 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska
- 5 Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska
- 6 Environmental Trust Act;
- 7 (d) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes
- 8 and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive
- 9 Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair
- 10 Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is
- 11 located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds
- 12 available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city
- 13 and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such
- 14 matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair
- 15 ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment
- 16 of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the
- 17 Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General
- 18 Fund; and
- 19 (e) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes
- 20 and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive
- 21 Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers
- 22 Assistance Fund to be used as provided in section 9-1006.
- 23 $(4)(a) \frac{(4)}{(4)}$ The Nebraska Education Improvement Fund is created. The
- 24 fund shall consist of money transferred pursuant to subsection (3) of
- 25 this section, money transferred pursuant to section 85-1920, and any
- other funds appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be allocated,
- 27 after actual and necessary administrative expenses, as provided in this
- 28 section for fiscal years 2016-17 through 2020-21. A portion of each
- 29 allocation may be retained by the agency to which the allocation is made
- 30 or the agency administering the fund to which the allocation is made for
- 31 actual and necessary expenses incurred by such agency for administration,

- 1 evaluation, and technical assistance related to the purposes of the
- 2 allocation, except that no amount of the allocation to the Nebraska
- 3 Opportunity Grant Fund may be used for such purposes. On or before
- 4 December 31, 2019, the Education Committee of the Legislature shall
- 5 electronically submit recommendations to the Clerk of the Legislature
- 6 regarding how the fund should be allocated to best advance the
- 7 educational priorities of the state for the five-year period beginning
- 8 with fiscal year 2021-22. For fiscal year 2016-17, an amount equal to ten
- 9 percent of the revenue allocated to the Education Innovation Fund and to
- 10 the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund for fiscal year 2015-16 shall be
- 11 retained in the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund. For fiscal years
- 12 2017-18 through 2020-21, an amount equal to ten percent of the revenue
- 13 received by the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund in the prior fiscal
- 14 year shall be retained in the fund. For fiscal years 2016-17 through
- 15 2020-21, the remainder of the fund, after payment of any learning
- 16 community transition aid pursuant to section 79-10,145, shall be
- 17 allocated as follows:
- 18 (i) (a) One percent of the allocated funds to the Expanded Learning
- 19 Opportunity Grant Fund to carry out the Expanded Learning Opportunity
- 20 Grant Program Act;
- 21 (ii) (b) Seventeen percent of the allocated funds to the Department
- 22 of Education Innovative Grant Fund to be used (A) (i) for competitive
- 23 innovation grants pursuant to section 79-1054 and (B) (ii) to carry out
- 24 the purposes of section 79-759;
- 25 (iii) (c) Nine percent of the allocated funds to the Community
- 26 College Gap Assistance Program Fund to carry out the community college
- 27 gap assistance program;
- 28 (iv) (d) Eight percent of the allocated funds to the Excellence in
- 29 Teaching Cash Fund to carry out the Excellence in Teaching Act;
- 30 $\underline{(v)}$ (e) Sixty-two percent of the allocated funds to the Nebraska
- 31 Opportunity Grant Fund to carry out the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act in

- 1 conjunction with appropriations from the General Fund; and
- 2 $\underline{\text{(vi)}}$ Three percent of the allocated funds to fund distance
- 3 education incentives pursuant to section 79-1337.
- 4 (b) On August 1, 2021, the State Treasurer shall transfer the
- 5 balance of the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund, after any transfers
- 6 into the fund pursuant to section 79-8,137.05, to the Behavioral Training
- 7 Cash Fund.
- 8 (5) Any money in the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund, the State
- 9 Lottery Operation Cash Fund, the State Lottery Prize Trust Fund, the
- 10 Nebraska Education Improvement Fund, or the Education Innovation Fund
- 11 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 12 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 13 State Funds Investment Act.
- 14 (6) Unclaimed prize money on a winning lottery ticket shall be
- 15 retained for a period of time prescribed by rules and regulations. If no
- 16 claim is made within such period, the prize money shall be used at the
- 17 discretion of the Tax Commissioner for any of the purposes prescribed in
- 18 this section.
- 19 Sec. 8. Section 79-258, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 20 2020, is amended to read:
- 21 79-258 Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions
- 22 regarding student behavior, other than those specifically provided in the
- 23 Student Discipline Act and the Education Behavioral Awareness and Support
- 24 Act, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school
- 25 purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such
- 26 actions may include, but need not be limited to, counseling of students,
- 27 parent conferences, referral to restorative justice practices or
- 28 services, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain
- 29 in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of
- 30 extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive
- 31 counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the

- 1 written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation.
- 2 Sec. 9. Section 79-2,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2020, is amended to read:
- 4 79-2,144 The state school security director appointed pursuant to
- 5 section 79-2,143 shall be responsible for providing leadership and
- 6 support for safety and security for the public schools. Duties of the
- 7 director include, but are not limited to:
- 8 (1) Collecting safety and security plans, required pursuant to rules
- 9 and regulations of the State Department of Education relating to
- 10 accreditation of schools, and other school security information from each
- 11 school system in Nebraska. School districts shall provide the state
- 12 school security director with the safety and security plans of the school
- 13 district and any other security information requested by the director,
- 14 but any plans or information submitted by a school district may be
- 15 withheld by the department pursuant to subdivision (8) of section
- 16 84-712.05;
- 17 (2) Recommending minimum standards for school security on or before
- 18 January 1, 2016, to the State Board of Education;
- 19 (3) Conducting an assessment of the security of each public school
- 20 building, which assessment shall be completed by August 31, 2019;
- 21 (4) Identifying deficiencies in school security based on the minimum
- 22 standards adopted by the State Board of Education and making
- 23 recommendations to school boards for remedying such deficiencies;
- 24 (5) Establishing security awareness and preparedness tools and
- 25 training programs for public school staff;
- 26 (6) Establishing research-based model instructional programs for
- 27 staff, students, and parents to address the underlying causes for violent
- 28 attacks on schools;
- 29 (7) Overseeing suicide awareness and prevention training in public
- 30 schools pursuant to section 79-2,146;
- 31 (8) Establishing tornado preparedness standards which shall include,

1 but not be limited to, ensuring that every school conducts at least two

- 2 tornado drills per year;
- 3 (9) Collecting behavioral awareness and intervention training plans
- 4 and certifying compliance or noncompliance with section 2 of this act to
- 5 the Commissioner of Education for each school district;
- 6 (10) (9) Responding to inquiries and requests for assistance
- 7 relating to school security from private, denominational, and parochial
- 8 schools; and
- 9 (11) (10) Recommending curricular and extracurricular materials to
- 10 assist school districts in preventing and responding to cyberbullying and
- 11 digital citizenship issues.
- 12 Sec. 10. Section 79-1001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 13 2020, is amended to read:
- 14 79-1001 Sections 79-1001 to 79-1033 <u>and section 11 of this act</u>shall
- 15 be known and may be cited as the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities
- 16 Support Act.
- 17 Sec. 11. (1) For school fiscal year 2021-22 and each school fiscal
- 18 year thereafter, using data from the fall personnel report filed pursuant
- 19 to section 79-804 for the immediately preceding school fiscal year, each
- 20 school district shall receive behavioral training funding paid from the
- 21 Behavioral Training Cash Fund for each school within such school district
- 22 that has any grade above kindergarten, including, but not limited to, a
- 23 special education school, an alternative school, or a focus school.
- 24 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section,
- 25 the behavioral training funding for each school described in subsection
- 26 (1) of this section shall equal the base training reimbursement plus any
- 27 <u>additional training reimbursement units calculated pursuant to this</u>
- 28 section.
- 29 <u>(3) The base training reimbursement shall be two thousand dollars.</u>
- 30 (4) Each school that has a full-time teacher equivalent greater than
- 31 or equal to eighty teachers shall qualify for additional training

- 1 reimbursement units as follows:
- 2 <u>(a) Three additional training reimbursement units for each school</u>
- 3 with a full-time teacher equivalent greater than or equal to two hundred
- 4 forty teachers;
- 5 (b) Two additional training reimbursement units for each school with
- 6 <u>a full-time teacher equivalent greater than or equal to one hundred sixty</u>
- 7 teachers but less than two hundred forty teachers; and
- 8 (c) One additional training reimbursement unit for each school with
- 9 a full-time teacher equivalent greater than or equal to eighty teachers
- 10 but less than one hundred sixty teachers.
- 11 (5) The amount to be paid for each additional training reimbursement
- 12 unit for each school fiscal year shall equal the ratio of (a) the
- 13 <u>difference of the amount available for distribution in the Behavioral</u>
- 14 Training Cash Fund on August 10 immediately preceding such school fiscal
- 15 year minus the total of the base training reimbursements for all school
- 16 <u>districts divided by (b) the total additional training reimbursement</u>
- 17 units for all school districts.
- 18 <u>(6) For any school fiscal year when the amount available for</u>
- 19 distribution in the Behavioral Training Cash Fund on August 10
- 20 <u>immediately preceding such school fiscal year is less than the total of</u>
- 21 the base training reimbursements for all schools as calculated pursuant
- 22 to subsection (3) of this section, the base training reimbursements shall
- 23 be reduced proportionally such that the total of the base training
- 24 reimbursements for all schools equals the amount available for
- 25 distribution. Payment shall not be made for any additional training
- 26 <u>reimbursement units pursuant to subsections (4) and (5) of this section</u>
- 27 for such school fiscal year.
- 28 (7) For school fiscal year 2021-22, each school district shall
- 29 qualify for behavioral training funding. For school fiscal year 2022-23
- 30 and each school fiscal year thereafter, each school district in
- 31 compliance with the behavioral awareness and intervention training

- 1 requirements provided in section 2 of this act, as certified by the state
- 2 school security director, shall be eligible for behavioral training
- 3 <u>funding</u>.
- 4 (8) Funds received from the Behavioral Training Cash Fund pursuant
- 5 to this section shall be considered special grant funds and shall not be
- 6 <u>included</u> in the calculation of formula resources pursuant to section
- 7 79-1017.01.
- 8 (9) Behavioral training funding shall be distributed directly to
- 9 school districts from the Behavioral Training Cash Fund in the same
- 10 manner as and in conjunction with funds distributed pursuant to section
- 11 79-1022.
- 12 Sec. 12. Section 79-1022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 13 2020, is amended to read:
- 14 79-1022 (1) On or before <u>June 10, 2021</u> May 1, 2020, and on or before
- 15 March 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall determine the
- 16 amounts to be distributed to each local system for the ensuing school
- 17 fiscal year pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities
- 18 Support Act and shall certify the amounts to the Director of
- 19 Administrative Services, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and each local
- 20 system. On or before June 10, 2021 May 1, 2020, and on or before March 1
- 21 of each year thereafter, the department shall report the necessary
- 22 funding level for the ensuing school fiscal year to the Governor, the
- 23 Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and the Education Committee
- 24 of the Legislature. The report submitted to the committees of the
- 25 Legislature shall be submitted electronically. Except as otherwise
- 26 provided in this subsection, certified state aid amounts, including
- 27 adjustments pursuant to section 79-1065.02, shall be shown as budgeted
- 28 non-property-tax receipts and deducted prior to calculating the property
- 29 tax request in the local system's general fund budget statement as
- 30 provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts pursuant to section 79-1024.
- 31 (2) Except as provided in this subsection, subsection (8) of section

- 1 79-1016, and sections 79-1005, 79-1033, and 79-1065.02, the amounts
- 2 certified pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed
- 3 in ten as nearly as possible equal payments on the last business day of
- 4 each month beginning in September of each ensuing school fiscal year and
- 5 ending in June of the following year, except that when a local system is
- 6 to receive a monthly payment of less than one thousand dollars, such
- 7 payment shall be one lump-sum payment on the last business day of
- 8 December during the ensuing school fiscal year.
- 9 Sec. 13. Section 79-1022.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 10 2020, is amended to read:
- 11 79-1022.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
- 12 certification of state aid pursuant to section 79-1022, certification of
- 13 budget authority pursuant to section 79-1023, and certification of
- 14 applicable allowable reserve percentages pursuant to section 79-1027
- 15 completed prior to the effective date of this act February 13, 2020, for
- 16 school fiscal year 2021-22 is 2020-21 are null and void.
- 17 Sec. 14. Section 79-1031.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 18 2020, is amended to read:
- 19 79-1031.01 The Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall
- 20 annually include the amount necessary to fund the state aid that will be
- 21 certified to school districts on or before June 10, 2021 May 1, 2020, and
- 22 on or before March 1 of each year thereafter for each ensuing school
- 23 fiscal year in its recommendations to the Legislature to carry out the
- 24 requirements of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.
- 25 Sec. 15. Original sections 9-812, 79-258, 79-2,144, 79-1001,
- 26 79-1022, 79-1022.02, and 79-1031.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 27 Supplement, 2020, are repealed.
- 28 Sec. 16. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 29 passed and approved according to law.