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LEGISLATIVE BILL 490

Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for health aid;
- 3 and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$5,000,000 from Federal
2 Funds for FY2023-24 and (2) \$5,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2024-25
3 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 514, Health
4 Aid. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds
5 allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State
6 Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
7 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended.

8 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24
9 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
10 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for
11 FY2024-25 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be
12 used for such purpose.

13 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
14 FY2023-24 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds and for FY2024-25 \$5,000,000 Federal
15 Funds for a grant program for a model system of care for individuals who
16 have recovered from COVID-19 with persistent symptoms. The grant shall be
17 awarded to a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to provide
18 interdisciplinary research.

19 The model system of care shall be a comprehensive program to address
20 persistent COVID-19 symptoms and include the following activities:

- 21 (1) Post-COVID-19 research;
- 22 (2) Post-COVID-19 clinics;
- 23 (3) Mental health services expanded to address cognitive and
24 psychiatric needs of post-COVID-19 patients; and
- 25 (4) Educational materials for health care providers and the public.

26 Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be
27 restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are
28 necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this
29 section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be
30 reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military
31 Department, Agency No. 31, Program No. 191.

1 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
2 passed and approved according to law.