## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 264**

Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

Read first time January 15, 2025

Committee: Appropriations

1	A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 43-2607,
2	48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03,
3	79-810, 79-1021, 79-1064, 79-1104.02, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-302,
4	81-407, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1216, 81-1230,
5	81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,185, 81-12,187,
6	81-12,193, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-15,168, 81-15,174, 81-15,175,
7	82-139, 84-612, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-1920, 85-2009, 86-324, 86-333,
8	86-1028, and 86-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
9	sections 8-604, 13-3315, 29-1823, 37-1804, 48-621, 55-901,
10	60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308,
11	68-911, 68-996, 71-5328, 72-1001, 75-109.01, 75-1101, 77-4025,
12	77-6919, 77-6928, and 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative
13	Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions
14	relating to investment and transfers of funds; to change provisions
15	of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act and the Nebraska
16	Transformational Projects Act; to provide for termination of
17	applicability of the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate
18	provisions relating to translation services under the Medical
19	Assistance Act, a pilot program regarding patients with complex
20	health needs, and reimbursement of counties for defendants lodged in
21	county jails; to eliminate the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, the
22	Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act, the Nebraska
23	Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act, the Prescription Drug Donation

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1	Program Act, the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act, and the
2	Small Business Assistance Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to
3	provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to
4	outright repeal sections 2-405, 2-406, 2-407, 2-408, 2-409, 2-410,
5	57-1601, 57-1602, 57-1603, 57-1604, 57-1605, 57-1606, 57-1607,
6	57-1608, 57-1609, 57-1610, 57-1611, 57-1612, 57-1613, 57-1614,
7	57-1615, 57-1616, 57-1617, 57-1618, 57-1619, 57-1620, 57-1621,
8	57-1622, 57-1623, 57-1624, 68-1010, 71-2496, 71-2497, 71-2498,
9	71-2499, 71-24,100, 71-24,101, 71-24,102, 81-829.06, 81-829.07,
10	81-829.08, 81-829.09, 81-829.10, 81-829.11, 81-12,232, 81-12,233,
11	81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, 81-12,244, 84-622,
12	86-1301, 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1304, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307,
13	86-1308, 86-1309, 86-1310, 86-1311, 86-1312, and 86-1313, Reissue
14	Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

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

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- Section 1. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,500,000 from the
- 2 Military Installation Development and Support Fund to the Site and
- 3 Building Development Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June
- 4 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 5 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 6 Services.
- 7 Sec. 2. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$65,000,000 from the
- 8 Water Recreation Enhancement Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 9 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts
- 10 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 11 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 12 Sec. 3. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance of
- 13 the Economic Development Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 14 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 15 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 16 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 17 Sec. 4. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance of
- 18 the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 19 <u>2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 20 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 21 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 22 Sec. 5. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$10,000,000 from the
- 23 Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 24 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 25 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 26 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 27 Sec. 6. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$8,000,000 from the
- 28 Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 29 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts
- 30 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 31 Department of Administrative Services.

- Sec. 7. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$6,000,000 from the Jobs
- 2 <u>and Economic Development Initiative Fund to the General Fund on or after</u>
- 3 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 4 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 5 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 6 Sec. 8. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,500,000 from the
- 7 Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash
- 8 Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June
- 9 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 10 <u>administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative</u>
- 11 Services.
- 12 Sec. 9. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the
- 13 State Recreation Road Fund to the State Park Cash Revolving Fund on or
- 14 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 15 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 16 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 17 Sec. 10. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the
- 18 Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund to the Education Future Fund on or after
- 19 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 20 <u>amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of</u>
- 21 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 22 **Sec. 11.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the
- 23 State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 24 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 25 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 26 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 27 Sec. 12. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the
- 28 Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund to the
- 29 General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on
- 30 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
- 31 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

- 1 Sec. 13. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,250,000 from the
- 2 <u>Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund to the Education Future</u>
- 3 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 4 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 5 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 6 Sec. 14. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the
- 7 Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund to the Education Future
- 8 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 9 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 10 <u>budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 11 Sec. 15. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the
- 12 Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund to the General Fund on or
- 13 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 14 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 15 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 16 Sec. 16. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 17 of the Customized Job Training Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 18 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 19 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 20 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 21 **Sec. 17.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the
- 22 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 23 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 24 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 25 the Department of Administrative Services.
- Sec. 18. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,700,000 from the
- 27 <u>Nebraska Education Improvement Fund to the Education Future Fund on or</u>
- 28 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 29 <u>such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget</u>
- 30 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 31 Sec. 19. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,750,000 from the

- 1 Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 2 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 3 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 4 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 5 Sec. 20. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the
- 6 Employment Security Administration Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 7 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 8 <u>amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of</u>
- 9 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 10 Sec. 21. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 11 <u>Workforce Development Program Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after</u>
- 12 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 13 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 14 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 15 Sec. 22. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 16 Certification Fund to the Education Future Fund on or after July 1, 2025,
- 17 but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as
- 18 <u>directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 19 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 20 Sec. 23. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 21 Unclaimed Property Trust Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 22 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts
- 23 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 24 Department of Administrative Services.
- 25 **Sec. 24.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 26 Records Management Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 27 <u>2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 28 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 29 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 30 **Sec. 25.** The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 31 of the Job Training Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,

- 1 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts
- 2 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 3 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 4 Sec. 26. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the
- 5 Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund to the General Fund
- 6 on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates
- 7 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 8 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 9 Sec. 27. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the
- 10 Treasury Management Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 11 <u>2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 12 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 13 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 14 Sec. 28. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$400,000 from the
- 15 Engineers and Architects Regulation Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 16 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 17 <u>amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of</u>
- 18 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 19 **Sec. 29.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$300,000 from the
- 20 <u>Tuition Recovery Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund on or after July</u>
- 21 <u>1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such</u>
- 22 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 23 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 24 Sec. 30. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the
- 25 Marijuana and Controlled Substances Tax Administration Cash Fund to the
- 26 <u>Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division Cash Fund on or after</u>
- 27 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 28 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 29 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 30 Sec. 31. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the Early
- 31 Childhood Program Training Fund to the Education Future Fund on or after

- 1 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 2 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 3 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 4 Sec. 32. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 5 Department of Banking and Finance Settlement Cash Fund to the General
- 6 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 7 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 8 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 9 Sec. 33. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the
- 10 Public Service Commission Regulation Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 11 July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 12 <u>amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of</u>
- 13 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 14 Sec. 34. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 15 of the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund to the General Fund on or
- 16 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 17 <u>such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget</u>
- 18 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 19 Sec. 35. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the
- 20 Private Postsecondary Career Schools Cash Fund to the Education Future
- 21 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 22 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 23 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 24 Sec. 36. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the
- 25 Sector Partnership Program Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 26 <u>2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 27 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 28 Department of Administrative Services.
- 29 Sec. 37. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the Real
- 30 Property Appraiser Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but
- 31 on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed

- 1 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 2 Administrative Services.
- 3 Sec. 38. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$150,000 from the
- 4 Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Fund to the General
- 5 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 6 <u>dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the</u>
- 7 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 Sec. 39. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$800,000 from the State
- 9 Department of Education Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund on or
- 10 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 11 <u>such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget</u>
- 12 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 13 Sec. 40. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$150,000 from the
- 14 Appraisal Management Company Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 15 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts
- 16 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 17 Department of Administrative Services.
- 18 Sec. 41. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the
- 19 Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025,
- 20 but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as
- 21 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 22 Department of Administrative Services.
- 23 Sec. 42. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the
- 24 Historical Society Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but
- 25 on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed
- 26 <u>by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 27 Administrative Services.
- Sec. 43. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$100,000 from the
- 29 Contractor and Professional Employer Organization Registration Cash Fund
- 30 to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30,
- 31 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget

1 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative

- 2 <u>Services.</u>
- 3 **Sec. 44.** The State Treasurer shall transfer \$38,000 from the
- 4 Support Nebraska History Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 5 <u>1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such</u>
- 6 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 7 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 Sec. 45. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$26,243 from the Public
- 9 Service Commission Pipeline Regulation Fund to the General Fund on or
- 10 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 11 <u>such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget</u>
- 12 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 13 Sec. 46. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$25,000 from the 211
- 14 Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before
- 15 June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
- 16 <u>budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 17 Administrative Services.
- 18 Sec. 47. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 19 of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund to the General Fund on
- 20 or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and
- 21 in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 22 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 23 Sec. 48. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 24 of the Biotechnology Development Cash Fund to the General Fund on or
- 25 after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in
- 26 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 27 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- Sec. 49. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 29 of the Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts Fund to the General
- 30 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 31 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the

- 1 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 2 Sec. 50. The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance
- 3 of the Nebraska Competitive Telephone Marketplace Fund to the General
- 4 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 5 <u>dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the</u>
- 6 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 7 **Sec. 51.** <u>The State Treasurer shall transfer \$76,156 from the</u>
- 8 Nebraska Legislative Shared Information System Cash Fund to the General
- 9 Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such
- 10 <u>dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the</u>
- 11 <u>budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 12 Sec. 52. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$354,000 from the
- 13 Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 14 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 15 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 16 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 17 Sec. 53. The State Treasurer shall transfer an amount as directed
- 18 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 19 Administrative Services, pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of section
- 20 82-331, not to exceed \$1,000,000, from the General Fund to the Nebraska
- 21 <u>Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31, 2025, or as soon</u>
- 22 thereafter as administratively possible.
- 23 Sec. 54. The State Treasurer shall transfer an amount as directed
- 24 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 25 Administrative Services, pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of section
- 26 <u>82-331, not to exceed \$1,000,000, from the General Fund to the Nebraska</u>
- 27 <u>Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31, 2026, or as soon</u>
- 28 thereafter as administratively possible.
- 29 Sec. 55. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the
- 30 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund to the General Fund on or after
- 31 July 1, 2026, but on or before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such

- 1 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 2 <u>the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 3 Sec. 56. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the
- 4 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 5 <u>2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 6 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 7 Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 Sec. 57. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the
- 9 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
- 10 <u>2026, but on or before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts</u>
- 11 <u>as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the</u>
- 12 <u>Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 13 **Sec. 58.** <u>The State Treasurer shall transfer the remaining balance</u>
- 14 from the Lead Service Line Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July
- 15 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 16 <u>amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of</u>
- 17 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 18 Sec. 59. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the
- 19 <u>Vehicle Title Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund</u>
- 20 to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but on or before June 30,
- 21 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 22 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 23 Services.
- 24 Sec. 60. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
- 25 Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund to the
- 26 General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but on or before June 30, 2027, on
- 27 <u>such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of</u>
- 28 <u>the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 29 Sec. 61. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the
- 30 Department of Motor Vehicles Ignition Interlock Fund to the General Fund
- 31 on or after July 1, 2026, but on or before June 30, 2027, on such dates

- 1 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 2 <u>division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 3 Sec. 62. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$250,000 from the
- 4 Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund to the Education Future Fund on
- 5 or after July 1, 2025, but on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and
- 6 in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 7 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 Sec. 63. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the
- 9 Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund to the
- 10 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on
- or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 12 <u>the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 13 <u>Administrative Services.</u>
- 14 Sec. 64. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the
- 15 Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund to the
- 16 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but on
- 17 <u>or before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by</u>
- 18 <u>the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 19 <u>Administrative Services.</u>
- 20 Sec. 65. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the
- 21 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund to the Operator's License Services
- 22 System Replacement and Maintenance Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but on
- 23 or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 24 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 25 Administrative Services.
- Sec. 66. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$6,000,000 from the
- 27 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund to the Operator's License Services
- 28 System Replacement and Maintenance Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but on
- 29 or before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 30 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 31 Administrative Services.

- Sec. 67. Section 8-604, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 8-604 (1) The Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund is hereby
- 4 created. The fund shall be used solely for the purposes of administering
- 5 and enforcing the laws specified in section 8-601, except that transfers
- 6 may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the
- 7 <u>Legislature</u>.
- 8 (2) Any money in the Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund fund
- 9 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 10 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 11 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment
- 12 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the
- 13 General Fund.
- 14 Sec. 68. Section 13-3315, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 15 2024, is amended to read:
- 16 13-3315 The Inland Port Authority Fund is created. The fund shall be
- 17 used by the State Treasurer to carry out section 13-3314. The fund shall
- 18 consist of transfers by the Legislature and any federal funds which may
- 19 become available for the purposes of the Municipal Inland Port Authority
- 20 Act. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by
- 21 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
- 22 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Until July 1, 2025, any
- 23 Any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be
- 24 credited to the fund. Beginning July 1, 2025, any investment earnings
- 25 from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General
- 26 Fund.
- 27 Sec. 69. Section 29-1823, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 28 2024, is amended to read:
- 29 29-1823 (1) If at any time prior to or during trial it appears that
- 30 the defendant has become mentally incompetent to stand trial, such
- 31 disability may be called to the attention of the district or county court

by the county attorney or city attorney, by the defendant, or by any 1 person for the defendant. The judge of the district or county court of 2 the county where the defendant is to be tried shall have the authority to 3 determine whether or not the defendant is competent to stand trial. The 4 5 judge may also cause such medical, psychiatric, or psychological examination of the defendant to be made as he or she deems warranted and 6 hold such hearing as he or she deems necessary. The cost of the 7 examination, when ordered by the court, shall be the expense of the 8 9 county in which the crime is charged. The judge may allow any physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist a reasonable fee for his or her services, 10 which amount, when determined by the judge, shall be certified to the 11 county board which shall cause payment to be made. Should the judge 12 13 determine after a hearing that the defendant is mentally incompetent to 14 stand trial and that there is a substantial probability that the defendant will become competent within the reasonably foreseeable future, 15 16 the judge shall order the defendant to be committed to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide appropriate treatment to restore 17 competency. This may include commitment to a state hospital for the 18 19 mentally ill, another appropriate state-owned or state-operated facility, or a contract facility or provider pursuant to an alternative treatment 20 plan proposed by the department and approved by the court under 21 22 subsection (2) of this section until such time as the disability may be 23 removed.

- (2)(a) If the department determines that treatment by a contract facility or provider is appropriate, the department shall file a report outlining its determination and such alternative treatment plan with the court. Within twenty-one days after the filing of such report, the court shall hold a hearing to determine whether such treatment is appropriate. The court may approve or deny such alternative treatment plan.
- 30 (b) A defendant shall not be eligible for treatment by a contract 31 facility or provider under this subsection if the judge determines that

- 1 the public's safety would be at risk.
- 2 (3) Within sixty days after entry of the order committing the
  3 defendant to the department, and every sixty days thereafter until either
  4 the disability is removed or other disposition of the defendant has been
  5 made, the court shall hold a hearing to determine (a) whether the
  6 defendant is competent to stand trial or (b) whether or not there is a
  7 substantial probability that the defendant will become competent within
  8 the reasonably foreseeable future.
- 9 (4) If it is determined that there is not a substantial probability 10 defendant will become competent within the reasonably foreseeable future, then the state shall either (a) commence the 11 applicable civil commitment proceeding that would be required to commit 12 any other person for an indefinite period of time or (b) release the 13 defendant. If during the period of time between the sixty-day review 14 hearings set forth in subsection (3) of this section it is the opinion of 15 16 the department that the defendant is competent to stand trial, the department shall file a report outlining its opinion with the court and 17 within seven days after such report being filed the court shall hold a 18 hearing to determine whether or not the defendant is competent to stand 19 trial. The state shall pay the cost of maintenance and care of the 20 defendant during the period of time ordered by the court for treatment to 21 22 remove the disability.
- (5) The defendant, by and through counsel, may move to be discharged from the offenses charged in the complaint or information for the reason that there is not a substantial probability that the defendant will become competent within the reasonably foreseeable future.
- 27 (6) In determining whether there is a substantial probability that a
  28 defendant will become competent in the reasonably foreseeable future, the
  29 court shall take into consideration the likely length of any sentence
  30 that would be imposed upon the defendant. If the court discharges the
  31 defendant, the court shall state whether such discharge is with or

- 1 without prejudice.
- 2 (7)(a) If a judge orders a defendant to be committed to the
- 3 Department of Health and Human Services to receive treatment to restore
- 4 competency and such defendant remains lodged in the county jail, the
- 5 department shall reimburse the county for lodging the defendant.
- 6 (b) Costs of lodging the defendant shall include the daily rate of
- 7 lodging the defendant, food, medical services, transportation, and any
- 8 other necessary costs incurred by the county to lodge the defendant.
- 9 (c) The daily rate of lodging the defendant shall be one hundred
- 10 dollars per day for each day or portion thereof after the first thirty
- 11 days that the defendant is lodged in the county jail after a
- 12 determination by a judge that the defendant is required to be restored to
- 13 competency. On July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the department
- 14 shall adjust the amount to be reimbursed to the county jails by an amount
- 15 equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for
- 16 All Urban Consumers, as published by the United States Department of
- 17 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve months ending on June
- 18 30 of such year.
- 19 (d) For purposes of this section, medical services has the same
- 20 meaning as provided in subsection (2) of section 47-701.
- 21 Sec. 70. Section 37-1804, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2024, is amended to read:
- 23 37-1804 (1) The Water Recreation Enhancement Fund is created. The
- 24 fund shall be administered by the Game and Parks Commission. The State
- 25 Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money transferred to the fund by
- 26 the Legislature and such donations, gifts, bequests, or other money
- 27 received from any federal or state agency or public or private source.
- 28 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the fund
- 29 shall be used for water and recreational projects pursuant to the Water
- 30 Recreation Enhancement Act or for campground expansion projects, road
- 31 repair projects, and general infrastructure and maintenance projects.

- 1 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction
- 2 of the Legislature. Any money in the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund
- 3 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 4 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 5 State Funds Investment Act. Prior to October 1, 2024, any investment
- 6 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the
- 7 fund. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment
- 8 of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 9 (2) For any amount credited to the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund
- 10 from a source other than a transfer authorized by the Legislature, the
- 11 State Treasurer shall transfer an equal amount from the Water Recreation
- 12 Enhancement Fund to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund at
- 13 the end of the fiscal year in which such funds were credited, on such
- 14 dates as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 15 the Department of Administrative Services to be used pursuant to section
- 16 61-405.
- 17 Sec. 71. Section 43-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 18 amended to read:
- 19 43-2607 There is hereby created the Early Childhood Program Training
- 20 Fund. The fund shall be administered by the State Department of Education
- 21 and shall be used to enhance, provide, and coordinate training for
- 22 providers of programs. Emphasis shall be placed on the coordination of
- 23 and dissemination of information about existing training opportunities.
- 24 Such training may include:
- 25 (1) Programs targeted to parents needing or using child care to
- 26 assist them in selecting optimum child care settings;
- 27 (2) Specialized training regarding the care of children with special
- 28 needs; and
- 29 (3) Programs concerning health, safety, or developmental needs of
- 30 children.
- 31 The department may contract with any public or private entity to

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- 1 provide such training. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 2 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 3 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
- 4 Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the Education Future Fund at
- 5 <u>the direction of the Legislature.</u>
- 6 Sec. 72. Section 48-621, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2024, is amended to read:
- 8 48-621 (1) The administrative fund shall consist of the Employment
- 9 Security Administration Fund and the Employment Security Special
- 10 Contingent Fund. Each fund shall be maintained as a separate and distinct
- 11 account in all respects, as follows:
- (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to 12 13 be known as the Employment Security Administration Fund. All money credited to this fund is hereby appropriated and made available to the 14 Commissioner of Labor, except that transfers may be made from the fund to 15 16 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. All money in the 17 Employment Security Administration Fund this fund shall be expended solely for the purposes and in the amounts found necessary as defined by 18 the specific federal programs, state statutes, and contract obligations 19 for the proper and efficient administration of all programs of the 20 Department of Labor, except that transfers may be made from the fund to 21 the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The Employment 22 Security Administration Fund fund shall consist of all money appropriated 23 24 by this state and all money received from the United States of America or 25 any agency thereof, including the Department of Labor and the Railroad Retirement Board, or from any other source for such purpose. Money 26 received from any agency of the United States or any other state as 27 28 compensation for services or facilities supplied to such agency, any amounts received pursuant to any surety bond or insurance policy for 29 losses sustained by the Employment Security Administration Fund or by 30

reason of damage to equipment or supplies purchased from money in such

1 fund, and any proceeds realized from the sale or disposition of any equipment or supplies which may no longer be necessary for the proper 2 3 administration of such programs shall also be credited to this fund. All money in the Employment Security Administration Fund shall be deposited, 4 administered, and disbursed in the same manner and under the same 5 conditions and requirements as provided by law for other special funds in 6 7 the state treasury. Any balances in this fund, except balances of money therein appropriated from the General Fund of this state, shall not lapse 8 9 at any time. Fund balances shall be continuously available to the commissioner for expenditure consistent with the Employment Security Law. 10 Any money in the Employment Security Administration Fund available for 11 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to 12 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds 13 14 Investment Act; and

(b) There is hereby created in the state treasury a special fund to 15 16 be known as the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the 17 Legislature. Any money in the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund 18 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 19 20 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment 21 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the 22 23 General Fund. All money collected under section 48-655 as interest on 24 delinguent contributions, less refunds, shall be credited to the Employment Security Special Contingent Fund from the clearing account of 25 the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of each calendar quarter. 26 Such money shall not be expended or available for expenditure in any 27 28 manner to permit substitution for, or a corresponding reduction in, 29 federal funds which, in the absence of such money, would be available to finance expenditures for the administration of the unemployment insurance 30 law. However, nothing in this section shall prevent the money in the 31

- 1 Employment Security Special Contingent Fund from being used as a
- 2 revolving fund to cover necessary and proper expenditures under the law
- 3 for which federal, state, or contractual funds are owed but have not yet
- 4 been received. Upon receipt of such funds, covered expenditures shall be
- 5 charged against such funds. Money in the Employment Security Special
- 6 Contingent Fund may only be used by the Commissioner of Labor as follows:
- 7 (i) To replace within a reasonable time any money received by this
- 8 state pursuant to section 302 of the federal Social Security Act, as
- 9 amended, and required to be paid under section 48-622;
- 10 (ii) To meet special extraordinary and contingent expenses which are
- 11 deemed essential for good administration but which are not provided in
- 12 grants from the Secretary of Labor of the United States. No expenditures
- 13 shall be made from this fund for this purpose except on written
- 14 authorization by the Governor at the request of the Commissioner of
- 15 Labor; and
- 16 (iii) To be transferred to the Job Training Cash Fund.
- 17 (2)(a) Money credited to the account of this state in the
- 18 Unemployment Trust Fund by the United States Secretary of the Treasury
- 19 pursuant to section 903 of the Social Security Act may not be
- 20 requisitioned from this state's account or used except:
- 21 (i) For the payment of benefits pursuant to section 48-619; and
- 22 (ii) For the payment of expenses incurred for the administration of
- 23 the Employment Security Law and public employment offices. Money
- 24 requisitioned or used for this purpose must be pursuant to a specific
- 25 appropriation by the Legislature. Any such appropriation law shall
- 26 specify the amount and purposes for which the money is appropriated and
- 27 must be enacted before expenses may be incurred and money may be
- 28 requisitioned. Such appropriation is subject to the following conditions:
- 29 (A) Money may be obligated for a limited period ending not more than
- 30 two years after the effective date of the appropriation law; and
- 31 (B) An obligated amount shall not exceed the aggregate amounts

- 1 transferred to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of the
- 2 Social Security Act less the aggregate of amounts used by this state
- 3 pursuant to the Employment Security Law and amounts charged against the
- 4 amounts transferred to the account of this state.
- 5 (b) For purposes of subdivision (2)(a)(ii)(B) of this section,
- 6 amounts appropriated for administrative purposes shall be charged against
- 7 transferred amounts when the obligation is entered into.
- 8 (c) The appropriation, obligation, and expenditure or other
- 9 disposition of money appropriated under this subsection shall be
- 10 accounted for in accordance with standards established by the United
- 11 States Secretary of Labor.
- 12 (d) Money appropriated as provided in this subsection for the
- 13 payment of administration expenses shall be requisitioned as needed for
- 14 the payment of obligations incurred under such appropriation. Upon
- 15 requisition, administration expenses shall be credited to the Employment
- 16 Security Administration Fund from which such payments shall be made.
- 17 Money so credited shall, until expended, remain a part of the Employment
- 18 Security Administration Fund. If not immediately expended, credited money
- 19 shall be returned promptly to the account of this state in the
- 20 Unemployment Trust Fund.
- 21 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (2)(a) of this section, money
- 22 credited with respect to federal fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001 shall
- 23 be used solely for the administration of the unemployment compensation
- 24 program and are not subject to appropriation by the Legislature.
- 25 Sec. 73. Section 48-3405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 48-3405 (1) The Sector Partnership Program Fund is created. The fund
- 28 shall be administered by the Department of Labor. The fund shall be used
- 29 to pursue sector partnership activities, including, but not limited to,
- 30 labor availability and skills gap studies by the Department of Labor and
- 31 the Department of Economic Development pursuant to the Sector Partnership

- 1 Program Act. The fund may also be used for administrative costs of the
- 2 Department of Labor and the Department of Economic Development associated
- 3 with sector partnership activities.
- 4 (2) The fund shall consist of such money as is: (a) Transferred to
- 5 the fund from the Job Training Cash Fund and the Nebraska Training and
- 6 Support Cash Fund; (b) otherwise appropriated to the fund by the
- 7 Legislature; (c) donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions to
- 8 the fund from public or private entities; and (d) made available by any
- 9 department or agency of the United States if so directed by such
- 10 department or agency. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 11 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 12 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
- 13 Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 14 <u>direction of the Legislature.</u>
- 15 Sec. 74. Section 50-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 50-501 (1) The Bioscience Steering Committee is created. The
- 18 committee shall consist of the chairperson of the Revenue Committee of
- 19 the Legislature or his or her designee, the chairperson of the
- 20 Appropriations Committee or his or her designee, and three members of the
- 21 Legislature selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.
- 22 The executive board shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson of
- 23 the committee.
- 24 (2) The committee shall conduct a study to measure the impact of the
- 25 bioscience economy in Nebraska and prepare a strategic plan for growing
- 26 the bioscience economy in Nebraska. The strategic plan shall report on
- 27 any progress or remaining work since the last study conducted on the
- 28 bioscience industry. The strategic plan shall further propose strategies
- 29 for developing the bioscience economy and shall include, but not be
- 30 limited to, strategies to (a) stimulate job growth in the fields of
- 31 science, technology, and engineering throughout Nebraska, (b) encourage

- 1 individuals and organizations engaged in the biotechnology businesses to
- 2 locate and expand in Nebraska, (c) capture and commercialize technology
- 3 that is discovered and developed in Nebraska, (d) grow Nebraska's
- 4 investment capital market and incentivize investment in life science
- 5 start-up companies, and (e) develop Nebraska's biotechnology workforce in
- 6 cooperation with higher education institutions. The strategic plan shall
- 7 estimate the wealth and number of jobs generated from expanding the
- 8 bioscience economy.
- 9 (3) The committee, in consultation with the executive board, shall
- 10 commission a nonprofit corporation to provide research, analysis, and
- 11 recommendations to the committee for the development of the study and
- 12 strategic plan. The nonprofit corporation shall be incorporated pursuant
- 13 to the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, shall be organized exclusively
- 14 for nonprofit purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(6) of the
- 15 Internal Revenue Code as defined in section 49-801.01, shall be engaged
- 16 in activities to facilitate and promote the growth of life sciences
- 17 within Nebraska, and shall be dedicated to the development and growth of
- 18 the bioscience economy.
- 19 (4) The committee shall prepare and present electronically to the
- 20 Legislature a statewide strategic plan for the bioscience economy during
- 21 the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session, for consideration by
- 22 the Legislature.
- 23 (5)(a) The Biotechnology Development Cash Fund is created. The money
- 24 in the fund shall be used to commission the nonprofit corporation and
- 25 provide access to resources necessary for developing the study and
- 26 strategic plan.
- 27 (b) The fund may receive gifts, bequests, grants, or other
- 28 contributions or donations from public or private entities. Any money in
- 29 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 30 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 31 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund

- 1 <u>to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.</u>
- Sec. 75. Section 55-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 55-901 (1) The Military Installation Development and Support Fund is
- 5 created. The fund shall be used to contribute to construction,
- 6 development, or support for any military installation, located in
- 7 Nebraska, for purposes of improving mission retention and recruitment;
- 8 supporting the morale, health, and mental wellness of military members
- 9 and families; and growing the economic impact of military installations
- 10 in Nebraska. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall administer the
- 11 fund. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the Legislature
- 12 and any gifts, grants, or bequests from any source, including federal,
- 13 state, public, and private sources, for such purposes. Transfers may be
- 14 <u>made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the</u>
- 15 <u>Legislature.</u> Any money in the <u>Military Installation Development and</u>
- 16 Support Fund fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 17 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 18 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any
- 19 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be
- 20 credited to the General Fund.
- 21 (2) The Military Installation Development and Support Fund may be
- 22 used for any project that directly supports any military installation
- 23 located in Nebraska.
- 24 (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall require a match of
- 25 public or private funding in an amount equal to or greater than one-half
- 26 of the total cost of any project described in subsection (2) of this
- 27 section prior to authorizing an expenditure from the fund.
- 28 (4) For purposes of this section, military installation means a
- 29 base, camp, post, station, yard, center, armory, or other activity under
- 30 the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the
- 31 Nebraska Military Department.

- Sec. 76. Section 57-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 57-1411 The Public Service Commission Pipeline Regulation Fund is
- 4 created. The fund shall be administered by the commission. The fund shall
- 5 be used by the commission to carry out the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act.
- 6 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the
- 7 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
- 8 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from
- 9 the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 10 Sec. 77. Section 60-3,201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 11 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 12 60-3,201.01 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall build and
- 13 maintain a new motor carrier services system for processing the issuance
- of vehicle registrations pursuant to section 60-3,198 and the assessment
- 15 of the motor fuel tax under the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act. The
- 16 Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date for the
- 17 new system which date is on or before July 1, 2025.
- 18 (2) The Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and Maintenance
- 19 Fund is created. The fund shall consist of amounts credited under section
- 20 60-3,202. The fund shall be used for the building, implementation, and
- 21 maintenance of a new motor carrier services system for processing the
- 22 issuance of vehicle registrations pursuant to section 60-3,198 and the
- 23 assessment of the motor fuel tax under the International Fuel Tax
- 24 Agreement Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at
- 25 the direction of the Legislature.
- 26 (3) Any money in the Motor Carrier Services System Replacement and
- 27 Maintenance Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 28 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 29 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any
- 30 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be
- 31 credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 78. Section 60-1505, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 60-1505 The Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and
- 4 Maintenance Cash Fund is hereby created. The fund shall be administered
- 5 by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Revenue credited to the fund shall
- 6 include fees collected by the department from participation in any
- 7 multistate electronic data security program, except as otherwise
- 8 specifically provided by law, and funds transferred as provided in
- 9 section 60-3,186. The fund shall be used by the department to pay for
- 10 costs associated with the acquisition, implementation, maintenance,
- 11 support, upgrades, and replacement of the Vehicle Title and Registration
- 12 System. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 13 <u>direction of the Legislature.</u> Any money in the <u>Vehicle Title and</u>
- 14 Registration System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund fund available
- 15 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
- 16 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 17 Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from
- 18 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 19 Sec. 79. Section 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 20 2024, is amended to read:
- 21 60-1513 The Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund is hereby
- 22 created. The fund shall be administered by the Director of Motor
- 23 Vehicles. In addition to money credited or remitted to the fund, the fund
- 24 may also receive reimbursement from counties. The fund shall be used by
- 25 the Department of Motor Vehicles to carry out its duties as deemed
- 26 necessary by the Director of Motor Vehicles, except that transfers from
- 27 the fund to the General Fund, the Operator's License Services System
- 28 Replacement and Maintenance Fund, or the Vehicle Title and Registration
- 29 System Replacement and Maintenance Cash Fund may be made at the direction
- 30 of the Legislature. Any money in the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash
- 31 Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment

- 1 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 2 State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment
- 3 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the
- 4 General Fund.
- 5 The State Treasurer shall transfer five million three hundred
- 6 twenty-five thousand dollars from the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash
- 7 Fund to the Vehicle Title and Registration System Replacement and
- 8 Maintenance Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2017, as directed by the
- 9 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 10 Administrative Services.
- 11 Sec. 80. Section 61-218, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2024, is amended to read:
- 13 61-218 (1) The Water Resources Cash Fund is created. The fund shall
- 14 be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Any money in the
- 15 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 16 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 17 State Funds Investment Act.
- 18 (2) The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund such money as is
- 19 (a) transferred to the fund by the Legislature, (b) paid to the state as
- 20 fees, deposits, payments, and repayments relating to the fund, both
- 21 principal and interest, (c) donated as gifts, bequests, or other
- 22 contributions to such fund from public or private entities, (d) made
- 23 available by any department or agency of the United States if so directed
- 24 by such department or agency, (e) transferred allocated pursuant to
- 25 section 81-15,175, and (f) received by the state for settlement of claims
- 26 relating to interstate river compacts or decrees.
- 27 (3)(a) The fund shall be expended by the department in any area that
- 28 has adopted an integrated management plan as provided in section 46-715.
- 29 (b) The fund shall be used in any such area:
- 30 (i) To aid management actions taken to reduce consumptive uses of
- 31 water;

- 1 (ii) To enhance streamflows or ground water recharge or;
- 2 (iii) For any other activity deemed necessary by the department in
- 3 the development and implementation of an integrated management plan.  $\dot{\tau}$
- 4 (iv) For purposes of the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act; or
- 5  $\qquad$  (v) For purposes of projects or proposals described in the grant
- 6 application as set forth in subdivision (2)(h) of section 81-15,175.
- 7 (c) To the extent funds are not expended pursuant to subdivision (b)
- 8 of this subsection, the department may conduct a statewide assessment of
- 9 short-term and long-term water management activities and funding needs to
- 10 meet statutory requirements in sections 46-713 to 46-718 and 46-739 and
- 11 any requirements of an interstate compact or decree or formal state
- 12 contract or agreement.
- 13 (d) The fund shall not be used to pay for administrative expenses or
- 14 any salaries for any political subdivision.
- 15 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that three million three
- 16 hundred thousand dollars be transferred each fiscal year from the General
- 17 Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund for FY2011-12 through FY2022-23,
- 18 except that for FY2012-13 it is the intent of the Legislature that four
- 19 million seven hundred thousand dollars be transferred from the General
- 20 Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund. It is the intent of the
- 21 Legislature that the State Treasurer credit any money received from any
- 22 Republican River Compact settlement to the Water Resources Cash Fund in
- 23 the fiscal year in which it is received.
- (4)(a) (5)(a) Expenditures from the Water Resources Cash Fund may be
- 25 made to natural resources districts eligible under subsection (3) of this
- 26 section for activities to either achieve a sustainable balance of
- 27 consumptive water uses or assure compliance with an interstate compact or
- 28 decree or a formal state contract or agreement and shall require a match
- 29 of local funding in an amount equal to or greater than forty percent of
- 30 the total cost of carrying out the eligible activity. The department
- 31 shall, no later than August 1 of each year, beginning in 2007, determine

- 1 the amount of funding that will be made available to natural resources
- 2 districts from the Water Resources Cash Fund and notify natural resources
- 3 districts of this determination. The department shall adopt and
- 4 promulgate rules and regulations governing application for and use of the
- 5 Water Resources Cash Fund by natural resources districts. Such rules and
- 6 regulations shall, at a minimum, include the following components:
- 7 (i) Require an explanation of how the planned activity will achieve
- 8 a sustainable balance of consumptive water uses or will assure compliance
- 9 with an interstate compact or decree or a formal state contract or
- 10 agreement as required by section 46-715 and the controls, rules, and
- 11 regulations designed to carry out the activity; and
- 12 (ii) A schedule of implementation of the activity or its components,
- including the local match as set forth in subdivision (4)(a) (5)(a) of
- 14 this section.
- 15 (b) Any natural resources district that fails to implement and
- 16 enforce its controls, rules, and regulations as required by section
- 17 46-715 shall not be eliqible for funding from the Water Resources Cash
- 18 Fund until it is determined by the department that compliance with the
- 19 provisions required by section 46-715 has been established.
- 20 <u>(5)</u> The Department of Natural Resources shall submit
- 21 electronically an annual report to the Legislature no later than October
- 22 1 of each year detailing , beginning in the year 2007, that shall detail
- 23 the use of the Water Resources Cash Fund in the previous year. The report
- 24 shall provide:
- 25 (a) Details regarding the use and cost of activities carried out by
- 26 the department; and
- 27 (b) Details regarding the use and cost of activities carried out by
- 28 each natural resources district that received funds from the Water
- 29 Resources Cash Fund.
- 30 (7)(a) Prior to the application deadline for fiscal year 2011-12,
- 31 the Department of Natural Resources shall apply for a grant of nine

- 1 million nine hundred thousand dollars from the Nebraska Environmental
- 2 Trust Fund, to be paid out in three annual installments of three million
- 3 three hundred thousand dollars. The purposes listed in the grant
- 4 application shall be consistent with the uses of the Water Resources Cash
- 5 Fund provided in this section and shall be used to aid management actions
- 6 taken to reduce consumptive uses of water, to enhance streamflows, to
- 7 recharge ground water, or to support wildlife habitat in any river basin
- 8 determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or
- 9 designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713.
- 10 (b) If the application is granted, funds received from such grant
- 11 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Water
- 12 Resources Cash Fund for the purpose of supporting the projects set forth
- 13 in the grant application. The department shall include in its grant
- 14 application documentation that the Legislature has authorized a transfer
- 15 of three million three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund
- 16 into the Water Resources Cash Fund for each of fiscal years 2011-12 and
- 17 2012-13 and has stated its intent to transfer three million three hundred
- 18 thousand dollars to the Water Resources Cash Fund for fiscal year
- 19 <del>2013-14.</del>
- 20 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department apply
- 21 for an additional three-year grant that would begin in fiscal year
- 22 2014-15, an additional three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental
- 23 Trust Fund that would begin in fiscal year 2017-18, and an additional
- 24 three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund that would
- 25 begin in fiscal year 2020-21 if the criteria established in subsection
- 26 (4) of section 81-15,175 are achieved.
- 27 (8) The department shall establish a subaccount within the Water
- 28 Resources Cash Fund for the accounting of all money received as a grant
- 29 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund as the result of an
- 30 application made pursuant to subsection (7) of this section. At the end
- 31 of each calendar month, the department shall calculate the amount of

interest earnings accruing to the subaccount and shall notify the State 1

- 2 Treasurer who shall then transfer a like amount from the Water Resources
- 3 Cash Fund to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.
- 4 (6) (9) Any funds transferred from the Nebraska Environmental Trust
- 5 Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund shall be expended in accordance
- with the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act section 81-15,168. 6
- 7 (7) (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million dollars from
- the Water Resources Cash Fund to the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Cash 8
- 9 Fund as soon as administratively possible after July 19, 2024, but before
- 10 June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
- budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of 11
- Administrative Services. 12
- 13 Sec. 81. Section 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2024, is amended to read: 14
- 61-305 (1) The Perkins County Canal Project Fund is created. The 15
- fund shall be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The 16
- 17 State Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money transferred by the
- Legislature and such grants, loans, donations, gifts, bequests, or other 18
- 19 money received from any federal or state agency or public or private
- source for use by the department for the canal project. Any fees 20
- collected for water delivery may be credited to the fund. Any money in 21
- 22 the Perkins County Canal Project Fund available for investment shall be
- 23 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Until July 1,
- 25 2025, any Any investment earnings from investment of money in the Perkins
- County Canal Project Fund shall be credited to such fund , except that 26
- 27 for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, such investment earnings
- 28 shall be credited as provided in section 84-622. Beginning July 1, 2025,
- 29 any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be
- credited to the General Fund. 30
- 31 (2)(a) The department shall use the Perkins County Canal Project

- 1 Fund to identify the optimal route and purchase land for and develop,
- 2 construct, manage, and operate the Perkins County Canal as outlined by
- 3 the South Platte River Compact and to contract with an independent firm
- 4 for the purposes of completing a study of such canal. The study shall
- 5 include, but may not be limited to, the following:
- 6 (i) Costs of completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs as
- 7 outlined in the South Platte River Compact;
- 8 (ii) A timeline for completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs
- 9 as outlined in the South Platte River Compact;
- 10 (iii) A cost-effectiveness study examining alternatives, including
- 11 alternatives that may reduce environmental or financial impacts; and
- 12 (iv) The impacts of the canal on drinking water supplies for the
- 13 cities of Lincoln and Omaha.
- (b) The department shall provide the findings of such study
- 15 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and present the findings
- 16 at a public hearing held by the Appropriations Committee of the
- 17 Legislature on or before December 31, 2022.
- 18 Sec. 82. Section 61-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 19 2024, is amended to read:
- 20 61-405 (1) The Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund is
- 21 created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Natural
- 22 Resources. The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money
- 23 transferred to the fund by the Legislature and such donations, gifts,
- 24 bequests, or other money received from any federal or state agency or
- 25 public or private source. The fund shall be used for water and
- 26 recreational projects pursuant to the Jobs and Economic Development
- 27 Initiative Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund,
- 28 the Cash Reserve Fund, or the Roads Operations Cash Fund at the direction
- 29 of the Legislature. Any money in the Jobs and Economic Development
- 30 Initiative Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 31 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the

- 1 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Prior to October 1, 2024, any
- 2 investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be
- 3 credited to the fund. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings
- 4 from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General
- 5 Fund.
- 6 (2) An amount, not to exceed twenty million dollars, shall be
- 7 available for site selection costs, feasibility and public water supply
- 8 studies, and flood mitigation costs of the Department of Natural
- 9 Resources related to any projects pursuant to the Jobs and Economic
- 10 Development Initiative Act. The Department of Natural Resources shall, in
- 11 cooperation with impacted communities, including, but not limited to, any
- 12 city of the primary class and metropolitan utilities district, contract
- 13 with an independent consultant to conduct a study on the consequences of
- 14 any lake located in the Lower Platte River Basin to the public water
- 15 supply of such communities. Such study shall consider all aspects of
- 16 water quality, water quantity, and water infrastructure, and any other
- 17 issues necessary to protect the public water supply, including the impact
- 18 to future water supply opportunities to the impacted communities.
- 19 (3) No funds shall be expended for any project, other than those
- 20 enumerated in subsection (2) of this section, from the Jobs and Economic
- 21 Development Initiative Fund unless the Director of Natural Resources
- 22 certifies to the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 23 Department of Administrative Services that the Department of Natural
- 24 Resources has conducted any environmental, hydrological, or other
- 25 feasibility studies the director deems necessary to establish the
- 26 feasibility of any projects pursuant to the Jobs and Economic Development
- 27 Initiative Act and that, based on the results of such studies, the
- 28 director has deemed the projects feasible.
- 29 Sec. 83. Section 66-2308, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 30 2024, is amended to read:
- 31 66-2308 (1) The Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund is created.

1 The department shall administer the fund to provide per diems and travel

- 2 and lodging reimbursement to members of the work group as provided under
- 3 section 66-2305. The fund shall consist of money transferred by the
- 4 Legislature. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at
- 5 <u>the direction of the Legislature</u> The State Treasurer shall transfer two
- 6 hundred thousand dollars to the fund from the General Fund as soon as
- 7 administratively possible after May 27, 2023.
- 8 (2) The Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund terminates on July 31,
- 9 2028, and the State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the fund on
- 10 such date to the General Fund.
- 11 Sec. 84. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2024, is amended to read:
- 13 68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care
- 14 and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social
- 15 Security Act, including, but not limited to:
- 16 (a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- 17 (b) Laboratory and X-ray services;
- 18 (c) Nursing facility services;
- 19 (d) Home health services;
- 20 (e) Nursing services;
- 21 (f) Clinic services;
- 22 (g) Physician services;
- 23 (h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;
- 24 (i) Nurse practitioner services;
- 25 (j) Nurse midwife services;
- 26 (k) Pregnancy-related services;
- 27 (1) Medical supplies;
- 28 (m) Mental health and substance abuse services;
- 29 (n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment
- 30 services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral
- 31 health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;

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- 1 (o) Rural health clinic services; and
- 2 (p) Federally qualified health center services.
- 3 (2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section,
- 4 medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related
- 5 services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal
- 6 Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:
- 7 (a) Prescribed drugs;
- 8 (b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental
- 9 disabilities;
- 10 (c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons
- 11 with disabilities;
- 12 (d) Dental services;
- 13 (e) Rehabilitation services;
- 14 (f) Personal care services;
- 15 (g) Durable medical equipment;
- 16 (h) Medical transportation services;
- 17 (i) Vision-related services;
- 18 (j) Speech therapy services;
- 19 (k) Physical therapy services;
- 20 (1) Chiropractic services;
- 21 (m) Occupational therapy services;
- 22 (n) Optometric services;
- 23 (o) Podiatric services;
- 24 (p) Hospice services;
- 25 (q) Mental health and substance abuse services;
- (r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and
- 27 (s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities,
- 28 including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational
- 29 service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for
- 30 medical assistance.
- 31 (3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state

- 1 plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- 2 Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for
- 3 community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health
- 4 services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the
- 5 recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska
- 6 Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.
- 7 (4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation
- 8 with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan
- 9 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as
- 10 necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services
- 11 when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education
- 12 program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic
- 13 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical
- 14 transportation services; mental health services; nursing services;
- 15 occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy
- 16 services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for
- 17 individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-
- 18 related services.
- 19 (5)(a) No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall provide
- 20 coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical assistance
- 21 program for all eligible recipients who have a prescription for such
- 22 device.
- 23 (b) Effective August 1, 2024, eligible recipients shall include all
- 24 individuals who meet local coverage determinations, as defined in section
- 25 1869(f)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as such act
- 26 existed on January 1, 2024, and shall include individuals with
- 27 gestational diabetes.
- 28 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that no more than six
- 29 hundred thousand dollars be appropriated annually from the Medicaid
- 30 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, as described in section 68-996, for the
- 31 purpose of implementing subdivision (5)(b) of this section. Any amount in

- 1 excess of six hundred thousand dollars shall be funded by the Medicaid
- 2 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.
- 3 (6) On or before October 1, 2023, the department shall seek federal
- 4 approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare
- 5 and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment or waiver to extend
- 6 postpartum coverage for beneficiaries from sixty days to at least six
- 7 months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from
- 8 submitting a state plan amendment for twelve months.
- 9 (7)(a) No later than October 1, 2025, the department shall submit a
- 10 medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to the federal Centers for
- 11 Medicare and Medicaid Services to designate two medical respite
- 12 facilities to reimburse for services provided to an individual who is:
- 13 (i) Homeless; and
- 14 (ii) An adult in the expansion population.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection:
- 16 (i) Adult in the expansion population means an adult (A) described
- 17 in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) as such section existed on January
- 18 1, 2024, and (B) not otherwise eligible for medicaid as a mandatory
- 19 categorically needy individual;
- 20 (ii) Homeless has the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11302 as
- 21 such section existed on January 1, 2024;
- 22 (iii) Medical respite care means short-term housing with supportive
- 23 medical services; and
- 24 (iv) Medical respite facility means a residential facility that
- 25 provides medical respite care to homeless individuals.
- 26 (c) The department shall choose two medical respite facilities, one
- 27 in a city of the metropolitan class and one in a city of the primary
- 28 class, best able to serve homeless individuals who are adults in the
- 29 expansion population.
- 30 (d) Once such waiver or state plan amendment is approved, the
- 31 department shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services

- 1 Committee of the Legislature on or before November 30 each year, which
- 2 provides the (i) number of homeless individuals served at each facility,
- 3 (ii) cost of the program, and (iii) amount of reduction in health care
- 4 costs due to the program's implementation.
- 5 (e) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
- 6 carry out this subsection.
- 7 (f) The services described in subdivision (7)(a) of this section
- 8 shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as
- 9 described in section 68-996.
- 10 (8)(a) No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide
- 11 coverage for an electric personal-use breast pump for every pregnant
- 12 woman covered under the medical assistance program, or child covered
- 13 under the medical assistance program if the pregnant woman is not
- 14 covered, beginning at thirty-six weeks gestation or the child's date of
- 15 birth, whichever is earlier. The electric personal-use breast pump shall
- 16 be capable of (i) sufficiently supporting milk supply, (ii) double and
- 17 single side pumping, and (iii) suction power ranging from zero mmHg to
- 18 two hundred fifty mmHg. No later than January 1, 2025, the department
- 19 shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits
- 20 for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child
- 21 covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not
- 22 covered under such program.
- 23 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for
- 24 lactation consultation visits shall be equal to an amount that is a one
- 25 hundred forty-five percent rate increase over the current lactation
- 26 consultation rate paid by the department.
- 27 (9)(a) No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall provide
- 28 coverage, and reimbursement to providers, for all necessary translation
- 29 and interpretation services for eligible recipients utilizing a medical
- 30 assistance program service. The department shall take all actions
- 31 necessary to maximize federal funding to carry out this subsection.

- 1 (b) The services described in subdivision (9)(a) of this section
- 2 shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as
- 3 described in section 68-996.
- 4 Sec. 85. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 5 2024, is amended to read:
- 6 68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created.
- 7 The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to
- 8 subdivision (3) of section 68-995.
- 9 (2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under
- 10 subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for services
- 11 addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical
- 12 Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, providing system
- 13 improvements, providing evidence-based early intervention home visitation
- 14 programs, providing medical respite services, translation and
- 15 interpretation services, providing coverage for continuous glucose
- 16 monitors as described in section 68-911, providing other services
- 17 sustaining access to care, the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, and
- 18 providing grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility
- 19 Incentive Grant Program as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall
- 20 only be used for the purposes described in this section.
- 21 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 22 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 23 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning
- 24 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the
- 25 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- Sec. 86. Section 71-5328, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 27 2024, is amended to read:
- 28 71-5328 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 29 (a) Department means the Department of Environment and Energy;
- 30 (b) Metropolitan utilities district means a district created
- 31 pursuant to section 14-2101; and

- 1 (c) Qualified labor training organization means any job training
- 2 service provider headquartered in the State of Nebraska with a
- 3 demonstrated history of providing workforce training relevant to the
- 4 skilled labor necessary for the removal and replacement of lead service
- 5 lines.
- 6 (2) The Lead Service Line Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be
- 7 administered by the department. The fund shall consist of funds
- 8 transferred by the Legislature. The fund shall be used for grants under
- 9 subsections (3) and (4) of this section. Transfers may be made from the
- 10 fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money
- 11 in the Lead Service Line Cash Fund fund available for investment shall be
- 12 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 13 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 14 (3) The department shall utilize not more than twenty percent of the
- 15 money in the Lead Service Line Cash Fund for the purpose of providing
- 16 grants to qualified labor training organizations for the following:
- 17 (a) Infrastructure expenditures necessary to establish a lead
- 18 service line training facility or for any expenditures necessary to
- 19 establish a lead service line training program; or
- 20 (b) Labor training or any educational programming expenditures
- 21 necessary to provide the proper trade skills necessary for laborers and
- 22 plumbers to replace lead service lines.
- 23 (4) The department shall utilize all remaining money in the Lead
- 24 Service Line Cash Fund for the purpose of providing grants to
- 25 metropolitan utilities districts for the following:
- 26 (a) Removing and replacing lead service lines;
- 27 (b) Repaying debt incurred for any loan received by the metropolitan
- 28 utilities district for the purpose of replacing lead service lines,
- 29 including any loan or loans under the federal Drinking Water State
- 30 Revolving Fund or any other loan incurred specifically for the purpose of
- 31 removing lead service lines;

- 1 (c) Providing information to residents on the benefits of removing
- 2 lead service lines;
- 3 (d) Performing necessary construction, assessment, mapping, or any
- 4 other labor, management, or contracted services required for and
- 5 associated with removing and replacing lead service lines; or
- 6 (e) Acquiring any equipment, materials, or supplies necessary to
- 7 replace lead service lines.
- 8 (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
- 9 carry out this section.
- 10 Sec. 87. Section 72-1001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 11 2024, is amended to read:
- 12 72-1001 The Nebraska Capital Construction Fund is created. The fund
- 13 shall consist of revenue and transfers credited to the fund as authorized
- 14 by law. Money shall be appropriated from the fund to state agencies for
- 15 making payments on projects as determined by the Legislature, including,
- 16 but not limited to, purchases of land, structural improvements to land,
- 17 acquisition of buildings, construction of buildings, including
- 18 architectural and engineering costs, replacement of or major repairs to
- 19 structural improvements to land or buildings, additions to existing
- 20 structures, remodeling of buildings, and acquisition of equipment and
- 21 furnishings of new or remodeled buildings. The fund shall be administered
- 22 by the State Treasurer as a multiple-agency-use fund and appropriated to
- 23 state agencies as determined by the Legislature. Transfers may be made
- 24 from the fund to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund at the direction of
- 25 the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund
- 26 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 27 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 28 State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from investment of
- 29 money in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund shall be credited to such
- 30 fund , except that for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, any
- 31 investment earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska Capital

- 1 Construction Fund from transfers credited to such fund that are
- 2 designated for the construction of a new state prison shall be credited
- 3 as provided in section 84-622.
- 4 Sec. 88. Section 72-2401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 72-2401 The Ferguson House Fund is created. The fund shall be used
- 7 by the state building division of the Department of Administrative
- 8 <u>Services</u> Nebraska Environmental Trust Board only for the operation,
- 9 administration, maintenance, restoration, and renovation of the Ferguson
- 10 House and grounds. Revenue credited to the fund may consist of rental or
- 11 other income related to the Ferguson House as well as gifts, grants, and
- 12 bequests. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
- 13 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 14 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 15 Sec. 89. Section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 16 2024, is amended to read:
- 17 75-109.01 Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, the
- 18 Public Service Commission shall have jurisdiction, as prescribed, over
- 19 the following subjects:
- 20 (1) Common carriers, generally, pursuant to sections 75-101 to
- 21 75-158;
- 22 (2) Grain pursuant to the Grain Dealer Act and the Grain Warehouse
- 23 Act and sections 89-1,104 to 89-1,108;
- 24 (3) Manufactured homes and recreational vehicles pursuant to the
- 25 Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles;
- 26 (4) Modular housing units pursuant to the Nebraska Uniform Standards
- 27 for Modular Housing Units Act;
- 28 (5) Motor carrier registration, licensure, and safety pursuant to
- 29 sections 75-301 to 75-343, 75-369.03, 75-370, and 75-371;
- 30 (6) Pipeline carriers and rights-of-way pursuant to the Major Oil
- 31 Pipeline Siting Act, the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, and sections

- 1 75-501 to 75-503. If the provisions of Chapter 75 are inconsistent with
- 2 the provisions of the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act, the provisions of
- 3 the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act control;
- 4 (7) Railroad carrier safety pursuant to sections 74-918, 74-919,
- 5 74-1323, and 75-401 to 75-430;
- 6 (8) Telecommunications carriers pursuant to the Automatic Dialing-
- 7 Announcing Devices Act, the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems
- 8 Act, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act, the 911 Service System Act,
- 9 the Intrastate Pay-Per-Call Regulation Act, the Nebraska
- 10 Telecommunications Regulation Act, the Nebraska Telecommunications
- 11 Universal Service Fund Act, the Telecommunications Relay System Act, the
- 12 Telephone Consumer Slamming Prevention Act, sections 86-574 to 86-578  $_{ au}$
- 13 <u>and</u> 86-1031 <del>, 86-1307, and 86-1308</del>;
- 14 (9) Transmission lines and rights-of-way pursuant to sections 70-301
- 15 and 75-702 to 75-724;
- 16 (10) Water service pursuant to the Water Service Regulation Act; and
- 17 (11) Jurisdictional utilities governed by the State Natural Gas
- 18 Regulation Act. If the provisions of Chapter 75 are inconsistent with the
- 19 provisions of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, the provisions of the
- 20 State Natural Gas Regulation Act control.
- 21 Sec. 90. Section 75-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2024, is amended to read:
- 23 75-1101 (1) For purposes of this section, 211 Information and
- 24 Referral Network means a statewide information and referral network
- 25 providing information to the public regarding disaster and emergency
- 26 response and health and human services provided by public and private
- 27 entities throughout the state.
- 28 (2) The Public Service Commission shall award a grant annually to a
- 29 211 Information and Referral Network which submits an application and
- 30 meets the requirements of this section.
- 31 (3) To be eligible for a grant, the 211 Information and Referral

- 1 Network shall update the information and referral services on the network
- 2 at least annually, shall geographically index the services to provide
- 3 information on a county-by-county basis, and shall be accredited as
- 4 meeting the standards for service delivery and quality by the Alliance of
- 5 Information and Referral Systems or a similar organization approved by
- 6 the commission.
- 7 (4) The grant may be used to establish a website which includes
- 8 links to providers of health and human services, the name, address, and
- 9 telephone number of any organization listed on the website, a description
- 10 of the type of services provided by the organization, and other
- 11 information to educate the public about the health and human services
- 12 available on a geographic basis. The grant may also be used to provide
- 13 access to the network twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week,
- 14 through telephone access and website access.
- 15 (5) There is hereby created the 211 Cash Fund. The fund shall be
- 16 used solely for the purpose of providing grants pursuant to this section
- 17 and associated administrative costs, except that transfers may be made
- 18 from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 19 All money received by the Public Service Commission for such grants shall
- 20 be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the 211 Cash Fund such
- 21 fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by
- 22 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
- 23 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- Sec. 91. Section 76-3219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 76-3219 The board shall collect all fees and other revenue pursuant
- 27 to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act and shall
- 28 remit such fees and revenue to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 29 Appraisal Management Company Fund, which is hereby created. The fund
- 30 shall be used to implement, administer, and enforce the act. Any money in
- 31 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state

1 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the

- 2 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. <u>Transfers may be made from the fund</u>
- 3 to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 4 Sec. 92. Section 77-2911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 77-2911 The Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Fund
- 7 is created. The fund shall be administered by the Nebraska State
- 8 Historical Society and shall consist of all fees credited to the fund
- 9 pursuant to section 77-2907. The fund shall be used to administer and
- 10 enforce the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act. Any
- 11 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 12 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 13 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund
- 14 to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 15 Sec. 93. Section 77-4025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 16 2024, is amended to read:
- 17 77-4025 (1) There is hereby created a cash fund in the Department of
- 18 Revenue to be known as the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund. All
- 19 revenue collected or received by the Tax Commissioner from the license
- 20 fees, certification fees, and taxes imposed by the Tobacco Products Tax
- 21 Act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Tobacco
- 22 Products Administration Cash Fund, except that all such revenue relating
- 23 to electronic nicotine delivery systems shall be remitted to the State
- 24 Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.
- 25 (2) All costs required for administration of the Tobacco Products
- 26 Tax Act shall be paid from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund.
- 27 Credits and refunds allowed under the act shall be paid from the Tobacco
- 28 Products Administration Cash Fund. Any receipts, after credits and
- 29 refunds, in excess of the amounts sufficient to cover the costs of
- 30 administration may be transferred to the General Fund at the direction of
- 31 the Legislature.

- 1 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten nine million dollars from 2 the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by 3 4 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of 5 Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer nine million dollars from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund to the General 6 7 Fund on or before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the 8 9 Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer nine million dollars from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund 10 to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2028, on such dates and in such 11 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of 12 the Department of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall 13 14 transfer nine million dollars from the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2029, on such dates 15 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget 16 17 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- (4) Any money in the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- Sec. 94. Section 77-4310.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 24 77-4310.03 There is hereby created the Marijuana and Controlled Substances Tax Administration Cash Fund. Money in the fund shall be used 25 by the Tax Commissioner for the purposes of administering, collecting, 26 and enforcing the tax imposed by section 77-4303, except that transfers 27 may be made from the fund to the General Fund or the Department of 28 Revenue Property Assessment Division Cash Fund at the direction of the 29 Legislature. Any money in the Marijuana and Controlled Substances Tax 30 Administration Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by 31

- 1 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
- 2 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 3 Sec. 95. Section 77-6919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 77-6919 (1) To earn the incentives set forth in the Urban
- 6 Redevelopment Act, the taxpayer shall file an application for an
- 7 agreement with the Director of Economic Development.
- 8 (2) The application shall:
- 9 (a) Identify the taxpayer applying for incentives;
- 10 (b) Identify the location or locations where the new investment and
- 11 employment will occur, including documentation to show that each such
- 12 location is a qualified location;
- 13 (c) State the estimated, projected amount of new investment and the
- 14 estimated, projected number of new equivalent employees; and
- 15 (d) Include an application fee of five hundred dollars. The fee
- 16 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska
- 17 Incentives Fund.
- 18 (3) Subject to the limit in subsection (4) of this section, the
- 19 director shall approve the application and authorize the total amount of
- 20 incentives expected to be earned if he or she is satisfied that the
- 21 qualified location or locations meet the requirements established in
- 22 section 77-6920 and such requirements will be reached within the required
- 23 time period.
- 24 (4) The director shall not approve further applications once the
- 25 expected incentives from the approved projects total eight million
- 26 dollars. All but one hundred dollars of the application fee shall be
- 27 refunded to the applicant if the application is not approved for any
- 28 reason.
- 29 (5) Applications for incentives shall be considered in the order in
- 30 which they are received.
- 31 (6) The director has ninety days to approve a complete application.

- 1 (7) After approval, the taxpayer and the director shall enter into a 2 written agreement. As part of such agreement, the taxpayer shall agree to increase the levels of employment and investment required by the act and 3 4 the director, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall, in consideration 5 of the taxpayer's agreement, agree to allow the taxpayer to use the incentives contained in the Urban Redevelopment Act up to the total 6 7 amount that were authorized by the director at the time of approval. The application and all supporting documentation, to the extent approved, 8 9 shall be considered a part of the agreement. The agreement shall state:
- 10 (a) The levels of employment and investment required by the act for the project;
- 12 (b) The time period under the act in which the required levels must 13 be met;
- 14 (c) The documentation the taxpayer will need to supply when claiming 15 an incentive under the act;
- 16 (d) The date the application was filed; and
- 17 (e) The maximum amount of incentives authorized.
- (8) The application, the agreement, all supporting information, and 18 all other information reported to the Director of Economic Development 19 shall be kept confidential by the director, except for the name of the 20 taxpayer, the location of the project, the estimated amounts of increased 21 employment and investment stated in the application, the date of the 22 23 complete application, the date the agreement was signed, and the 24 information required to be reported by section 77-6928. The application, the agreement, and all supporting information shall be provided by the 25 director to the Department of Revenue. The director shall disclose, to 26 any municipalities in which project locations exist, the approval of an 27 application and the execution of an agreement under this section. The Tax 28 Commissioner shall also notify each municipality of the amount and 29 taxpayer identity for each refund of local option sales and use taxes of 30 the municipality within thirty days after the refund is allowed or 31

- 1 approved. Disclosures shall be kept confidential by the municipality
- 2 unless publicly disclosed previously by the taxpayer or by the State of
- 3 Nebraska.
- 4 (9) There shall be no new applications for incentives filed under
- 5 this section after the effective date of this act December 31, 2031.
- 6 Sec. 96. Section 77-6928, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2024, is amended to read:
- 8 77-6928 (1) On or before July 15, <u>2025</u> <del>2024</del>, and on or before July
- 9 15 of each year thereafter, the Director of Economic Development shall
- 10 prepare a report that includes:
- 11 (a) The total amount of investment at qualified locations in the
- 12 previous calendar year by taxpayers who are receiving incentives pursuant
- 13 to the Urban Redevelopment Act;
- 14 (b) The total number of equivalent employees added in the previous
- 15 calendar year by taxpayers who are receiving incentives pursuant to the
- 16 act; and
- 17 (c) The total amount of credits claimed and refunds approved in the
- 18 previous calendar year under the act.
- 19 (2) The report shall also provide information on project-specific
- 20 total incentives used every two years for each approved project,
- 21 including (a) the identity of the taxpayer, (b) the qualified location of
- 22 the project, and (c) the total credits used and refunds approved during
- 23 the immediately preceding two years expressed as a single, aggregated
- 24 total. The incentive information required to be reported under this
- 25 subsection shall not be reported for the first year the taxpayer attains
- 26 the required employment and investment thresholds. The information on
- 27 first-year incentives used shall be combined with and reported as part of
- 28 the second year. Thereafter, the information on incentives used for
- 29 succeeding years shall be reported for each project every two years and
- 30 shall include information on two years of credits used and refunds
- 31 approved. The incentives used shall include incentives that have been

- 1 approved by the Director of Economic Development, but not necessarily
- 2 received, during the previous two calendar years.
- 3 (3) On or before September 1, 2025 2024, and on or before September
- 4 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Economic Development shall
- 5 present the report electronically to the Appropriations Committee of the
- 6 Legislature. Any supplemental information requested by three or more
- 7 committee members shall be presented within thirty days after the
- 8 request.
- 9 (4) No information shall be provided in the report that is protected
- 10 by state or federal confidentiality laws.
- 11 Sec. 97. Section 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2024, is amended to read:
- 13 77-7304 (1) The School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund is
- 14 created. The fund shall only be used pursuant to the School District
- 15 Property Tax Relief Act. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 16 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 17 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
- 18 Act.
- 19 (2)(a) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven hundred fifty
- 20 million dollars from the General Fund to the School District Property Tax
- 21 Relief Credit Fund in fiscal year 2024-25, on such dates and in such
- 22 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 23 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 24 (b) The State Treasurer shall transfer It is the intent of the
- 25 Legislature that seven hundred eighty million dollars be transferred from
- 26 the General Fund to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund
- 27 in fiscal year 2025-26.
- 28 (c) <u>The State Treasurer shall transfer</u> <del>It is the intent of the</del>
- 29 Legislature that eight hundred eight million dollars be transferred from
- 30 the General Fund to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund
- 31 in fiscal year 2026-27.

- 1 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that eight hundred thirty-
- 2 eight million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the School
- 3 District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund in fiscal year 2027-28.
- 4 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that eight hundred seventy
- 5 million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the School
- 6 District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund in fiscal year 2028-29.
- 7 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature that nine hundred two
- 8 million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the School
- 9 District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund in fiscal year 2029-30.
- 10 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount transferred
- 11 from the General Fund to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit
- 12 Fund in fiscal year 2030-31 and each fiscal year thereafter be equal to
- 13 the total amount transferred in the preceding fiscal year increased by
- 14 three percent.
- 15 Sec. 98. Section 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 79-810 (1) Certificates and permits shall be issued by the
- 18 commissioner upon application on forms prescribed and provided by him or
- 19 her which shall include the applicant's social security number.
- 20 (2) Each certificate or permit issued by the commissioner shall
- 21 indicate the area of authorization to teach, provide special services, or
- 22 administer and any areas of endorsement for which the holder qualifies.
- 23 During the term of any certificate or permit issued by the commissioner,
- 24 additional endorsements may be made on the certificate or permit if the
- 25 holder submits an application, meets the requirements for issuance of the
- 26 additional endorsements, and pays a nonrefundable fee as set by the
- 27 commissioner, not to exceed fifty-five dollars.
- 28 (3) The department shall make available on a portal on the
- 29 department's website the option or ability for an individual with a
- 30 certificate or permit to apply for an endorsement. Such portal shall also
- 31 include a list of courses that an individual with a certificate or permit

- 1 may take to add an endorsement to such certificate or permit. The
- 2 commissioner shall allow an individual with a certificate or permit the
- 3 following alternative methods of obtaining an endorsement:
- 4 (a) Taking a subject-specific content examination in designated
- 5 endorsement areas and indicating such subject as an endorsement on such
- 6 individual's certificate or permit based solely on passage of the
- 7 examination; or
- 8 (b) Completing an approved program of equivalent professional
- 9 education in a designated endorsement area that is provided by an
- 10 accredited public school.
- 11 (4) The Certification Fund is created. Any fee received by the
- department under sections 79-806 to 79-815 shall be remitted to the State
- 13 Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall be used by the
- 14 department in paying the costs of certifying educators pursuant to such
- 15 sections and to carry out subsection (3) of section 79-808. For issuance
- 16 of a certificate or permit valid in all schools, the nonrefundable fee
- 17 shall be set by the commissioner, not to exceed sixty-five dollars.
- 18 Transfers may be made from the <u>Certification</u> Professional Practices
- 19 Commission Fund to the Education Future Fund at the direction of the
- 20 Legislature. The State Treasurer shall transfer any money remaining in
- 21 the Professional Practices Commission Fund on July 19, 2024, to the
- 22 Certification Fund as soon after such date as administratively possible.
- 23 Any money in the Certification Fund available for investment shall be
- 24 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 25 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- Sec. 99. Section 79-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 79-1021 (1) The Education Future Fund is created. The fund shall be
- 29 administered by the department and shall consist of money transferred to
- 30 the fund by the Legislature. Transfers may be made from the Education
- 31 Future Fund to the Computer Science and Technology Education Fund at the

- 1 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Education Future Fund
- 2 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 3 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 4 State Funds Investment Act.
- 5 (2) The fund shall be used only for the following purposes, in order
- 6 of priority:
- 7 (a) To fully fund equalization aid under the Tax Equity and
- 8 Educational Opportunities Support Act;
- 9 (b) To fund reimbursements related to special education under
- 10 section 79-1142;
- 11 (c) To fund foundation aid under the Tax Equity and Educational
- 12 Opportunities Support Act;
- 13 (d) To increase funding for school districts in a way that results
- 14 in direct property tax relief, which means a dollar-for-dollar
- 15 replacement of property taxes by a state funding source;
- 16 (e) To provide funding for a grant program created by the
- 17 Legislature to address teacher turnover rates and keep existing teachers
- 18 in classrooms;
- 19 (f) To provide funding to increase career and technical educational
- 20 classroom opportunities for students, including, but not limited to,
- 21 computer science education. Such funding must provide students with the
- 22 academic and technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to
- 23 succeed in future careers;
- 24 (g) To provide funding for a grant program created by the
- 25 Legislature to provide students the opportunity to have a mentor who will
- 26 continuously engage with the student directly to aid in the student's
- 27 professional growth and give ongoing support and encouragement to the
- 28 student;
- 29 (h) To provide funding for extraordinary increases in special
- 30 education expenditures to allow school districts with large, unexpected
- 31 special education expenditures to more easily meet the needs of all

- 1 students;
- 2 (i) To provide funding to help recruit teachers throughout the state
- 3 by utilizing apprenticeships through a teacher apprenticeship program and
- 4 an alternative certification process;
- 5 (j) To provide funding to develop and implement a professional
- 6 learning system to help provide sustained professional learning and
- 7 training regarding evidence-based reading instruction and for a grant
- 8 program relating to dyslexia research; and
- 9 (k) To provide funding for a pilot project administered by the State
- 10 Department of Education to provide menstrual products to school
- 11 districts.
- 12 (3)(a) The State Treasurer shall transfer one billion dollars from
- 13 the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year 2023-24, on
- 14 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
- 15 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 16 (b) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty million
- 17 dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year
- 18 2024-25, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 19 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 20 Services.
- 21 (c) The State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred seventy million
- 22 dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year
- 23 2025-26, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 24 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 25 <u>Services.</u>
- 26 <u>(d) The State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred eighty-five</u>
- 27 million dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in
- 28 <u>fiscal year 2026-27, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the</u>
- 29 <u>budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 30 Administrative Services.
- 31 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that four hundred million

1 dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund

- 2 <u>in fiscal year 2027-28.</u>
- 3 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature that four hundred fifteen
- 4 million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Education
- 5 Future Fund in fiscal year 2028-29 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- 6 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that two hundred fifty
- 7 million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Education
- 8 Future Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- 9 **Sec. 100.** Section 79-1064, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 79-1064 The State Department of Education Cash Fund is created.
- 12 Except as to other revenue the disposition of which is otherwise provided
- 13 for, all sums of money received by the State Department of Education from
- 14 the sale of goods and materiel, fees from any training program or
- 15 services rendered, and any revenue such department may receive from any
- 16 other source shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 17 State Department of Education Cash Fund. The State Treasurer shall
- 18 disburse such amounts in the fund as are available and considered
- 19 incident to the administration and operation of the State Department of
- 20 Education. Money in the State Department of Education Cash Fund may be
- 21 transferred to the General Fund or the Education Future Fund at the
- 22 direction of the Legislature. All disbursements for the State Department
- 23 of Education Cash Fund shall be made upon vouchers issued by the State
- 24 Department of Education and warrants drawn by the Director of
- 25 Administrative Services. Any money in the State Department of Education
- 26 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 27 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 28 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 29 Sec. 101. Section 79-1104.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 30 is amended to read:
- 31 79-1104.02 (1) The Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund,

- 1 consisting of the interest, earnings, and proceeds from the Early
- 2 Childhood Education Endowment Fund and the earnings from the private
- 3 endowment created by the endowment provider and any additional private
- 4 donations made directly thereto, shall be used exclusively to provide
- 5 funds for the Early Childhood Education Grant Program for at-risk
- 6 children from birth to age three as set forth in this section, except
- 7 that transfers may be made from the Early Childhood Education Endowment
- 8 <u>Cash Fund to the Education Future Fund at the direction of the</u>
- 9 Legislature.
- 10 (2) Grants provided by this section shall be to school districts and
- 11 cooperatives of school districts for early childhood education programs
- 12 for at-risk children from birth to age three, as determined by the board
- 13 of trustees pursuant to criteria set forth by the board of trustees.
- 14 School districts and cooperatives of school districts may establish
- 15 agreements with other public and private entities to provide services or
- 16 operate programs.
- 17 (3) Each program selected for a grant pursuant to this section may
- 18 be provided a grant for up to one-half of the total budget of such
- 19 program per year. Programs selected for grant awards may receive
- 20 continuation grants subject to the availability of funding and the
- 21 submission of a continuation plan which meets the requirements of the
- 22 board of trustees.
- 23 (4) Programs shall be funded across the state and in urban and rural
- 24 areas to the fullest extent possible.
- 25 (5) Each program selected for a grant pursuant to this section shall
- 26 meet the requirements described in subsection (2) of section 79-1103,
- 27 except that the periodic evaluations of the program are to be specified
- 28 by the board of trustees and the programs need not include continuity
- 29 with programs in kindergarten and elementary grades and need not include
- 30 instructional hours that are similar to or less than the instructional
- 31 hours for kindergarten. The programs may continue to serve at-risk

children who turn three years of age during the program year until the end of the program year, as specified by the board of trustees.

- 3 (6) The board of trustees may issue grants to early childhood 4 education programs entering into agreements pursuant to subsection (2) of this section with child care providers if the child care provider enrolls 5 in the quality rating and improvement system described in the Step Up to 6 Quality Child Care Act prior to the beginning of the initial grant 7 period. Child care providers shall participate in training approved by 8 9 the Early Childhood Training Center which is needed for participation or advancement in the quality rating and improvement system. 10
- (7) The board of trustees shall require child care providers in 11 programs receiving grants under this section to obtain a step three 12 13 rating or higher on the quality scale described in section 71-1956 within three years of the starting date of the initial grant period to continue 14 funding the program. The board of trustees shall require the child care 15 16 provider to maintain a step three rating or higher on such quality scale after three years from the starting date of the initial grant period to 17 continue funding the program. 18
- 19 (8) If a child care provider fails to achieve or maintain a step 20 three rating or higher on the quality scale described in such section 21 after three years from the starting date of the initial grant period, the 22 child care provider shall obtain and maintain the step three rating on 23 such quality scale before any new or continuing grants may be issued for 24 programs in which such child care provider participates.
- (9) Any school district entering into agreements pursuant to subsection (2) of this section with child care providers must employ or contract with, either directly or indirectly, a program coordinator holding a certificate as defined in section 79-807.
- (10) Up to ten percent of the total amount deposited in the Early
  Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund each fiscal year may be reserved
  by the board of trustees for evaluation and technical assistance for the

1 Early Childhood Education Grant Program with respect to programs for at-

- 2 risk children from birth to age three.
- 3 Sec. 102. Section 79-2510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 79-2510 (1) The Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund is created.
- 6 The fund shall be administered by the department and shall consist of
- 7 transfers pursuant to section 79-3501, repayments of grant funds, and
- 8 interest payments received in the course of administering the Expanded
- 9 Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act. The fund shall be used to carry
- 10 out the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act. Transfers may be
- 11 <u>made from the fund to the Education Future Fund at the direction of the</u>
- 12 <u>Legislature.</u> Any money in the <u>Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Fund</u>
- 13 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 14 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 15 State Funds Investment Act.
- 16 (2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
- 17 department, may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out
- 18 the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act.
- 19 Sec. 103. Section 79-3501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 20 amended to read:
- 21 79-3501 (1) For fiscal years through fiscal year 2023-24, the money
- 22 available to be used for education pursuant to subdivision (3)(b) of
- 23 section 9-812 shall be transferred to the Nebraska Education Improvement
- 24 Fund.
- 25 (2) For fiscal years 2024-25 through 2028-29, the money available to
- 26 be used for education pursuant to subdivision (3)(b) of section 9-812
- 27 shall be transferred as follows:
- 28 (a) Eight percent to the Behavioral Training Cash Fund;
- (b) Two percent to the College Pathway Program Cash Fund;
- 30 (c) Seven percent to the Community College Gap Assistance Program
- 31 Fund;

1 (d) Ten percent to the State Department of Education Improvement

- 2 Grant Fund;
- 3 (e) Three percent to fund distance education incentives pursuant to
- 4 section 79-1337;
- 5 (f) One percent to the Door to College Scholarship Fund;
- 6 (g) Eight percent to the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund;
- 7 (h) One and one-half percent to the Expanded Learning Opportunity
- 8 Grant Fund;
- 9 (i) One and one-half percent to the Mental Health Training Cash
- 10 Fund; and
- 11 (j) Fifty-eight percent to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund.
- 12 (3) For fiscal year 2029-30 and each fiscal year thereafter, the
- money available to be used for education pursuant to subdivision (3)(b)
- of section 9-812 shall be transferred as the Legislature may direct.
- 15 (4)(a) The Nebraska Education Improvement Fund is created. The fund
- 16 shall consist of money transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this
- 17 section and any other funds transferred by the Legislature. Transfers may
- 18 be made from the fund to the Education Future Fund at the direction of
- 19 the Legislature. The Nebraska Education Improvement Fund fund shall be
- 20 allocated, after actual and necessary administrative expenses, as
- 21 provided in this subsection for fiscal years 2016-17 through 2023-24. A
- 22 portion of each allocation for fiscal year 2023-24 may be retained by the
- 23 agency to which the allocation is made or the agency administering the
- 24 fund to which the allocation is made for actual and necessary expenses
- 25 incurred by such agency for administration, evaluation, and technical
- 26 assistance related to the purposes of the allocation, except that no
- 27 amount of the allocation to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund may be
- 28 used for such purposes.
- 29 (b) For fiscal years 2017-18 through 2023-24, an amount equal to ten
- 30 percent of the revenue received by the Nebraska Education Improvement
- 31 Fund in the prior fiscal year shall be retained in the fund at all times

- 1 plus any interest earned during the current fiscal year. The balance of
- 2 the fund on July 26, 2024, less three percent of the money received for
- 3 the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2023-24, shall be transferred to the
- 4 Behavioral Training Cash Fund.
- 5 (c) For fiscal year 2023-24, the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund
- 6 shall be allocated as follows:
- 7 (i) One percent of the allocated funds to the Expanded Learning
- 8 Opportunity Grant Fund to carry out the Expanded Learning Opportunity
- 9 Grant Program Act;
- 10 (ii) Seventeen percent of the allocated funds to the State
- 11 Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund to be used for competitive
- 12 innovation grants pursuant to section 79-1054;
- (iii) Nine percent of the allocated funds to the Community College
- 14 Gap Assistance Program Fund to carry out the community college gap
- 15 assistance program;
- 16 (iv) Eight percent of the allocated funds to the Excellence in
- 17 Teaching Cash Fund to carry out the Excellence in Teaching Act;
- 18 (v) Sixty-two percent of the allocated funds to the Nebraska
- 19 Opportunity Grant Fund to carry out the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act in
- 20 conjunction with appropriations from the General Fund; and
- 21 (vi) Three percent of the allocated funds to fund distance education
- 22 incentives pursuant to section 79-1337.
- 23 (d) For fiscal year 2029-30 and each fiscal year thereafter, the
- 24 Nebraska Education Improvement Fund shall be allocated as the Legislature
- 25 may direct.
- 26 (e) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 27 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 28 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 29 (5) A portion of each transfer pursuant to subdivisions (2)(c), (e),
- 30 (f), (g), (h), and (i) of this section may be retained by the agency
- 31 administering the fund to which such transfer is made for actual and

- 1 necessary expenses incurred by such agency for administration,
- 2 evaluation, and technical assistance related to the purposes of the
- 3 transfer.
- 4 (6)(a) On or before September 20, 2022, and on or before each
- 5 September 20 thereafter, (i) any department or agency receiving a
- 6 transfer or acting as the administrator for a fund receiving a transfer
- 7 pursuant to subsection (2) or (4) of this section, (ii) any recipient or
- 8 subsequent recipient of money from any such fund, and (iii) any service
- 9 contractor responsible for managing any portion of any such fund or any
- 10 money disbursed from any such fund on behalf of any entity shall prepare
- 11 and submit an annual report to the Auditor of Public Accounts in a manner
- 12 prescribed by the auditor for the immediately preceding July 1 through
- 13 June 30 fiscal year detailing information regarding the use of such fund
- 14 or such money.
- 15 (b) The Auditor of Public Accounts shall annually compile a summary
- 16 of the annual reports received pursuant to subdivision (6)(a) of this
- 17 section, any audits related to transfers pursuant to subsection (2) or
- 18 (4) of this section conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and any
- 19 findings or recommendations related to such transfers into a consolidated
- 20 annual report and shall submit such consolidated annual report
- 21 electronically to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2023, and on or
- 22 before each January 1 thereafter.
- 23 (c) For purposes of this subsection, recipient, subsequent
- 24 recipient, or service contractor means a nonprofit entity that expends
- 25 funds transferred pursuant to subsection (2) or (4) of this section to
- 26 carry out a state program or function, but does not include an individual
- 27 who is a direct beneficiary of such a program or function.
- 28 (7) On or before December 31, 2027, the Education Committee of the
- 29 Legislature shall electronically submit recommendations to the Clerk of
- 30 the Legislature regarding how the money used for education from the State
- 31 Lottery Operation Trust Fund should be allocated to best advance the

educational priorities of the state for the five-year period beginning 1

- 2 with fiscal year 2029-30.
- 3 Sec. 104. Section 81-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 81-302 The Department of Banking and Finance Settlement Cash Fund is
- created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Banking and 6
- 7 Finance. The fund shall consist of money received by the state in
- resulting from regulatory or judicial resolution 8 settlements of
- 9 financial, securities, or consumer issues in which the department is
- 10 designated as a recipient and any investment income earned on the fund.
- The Department of Administrative Services may for accounting purposes 11
- create subfunds of the fund to segregate awards or allocations received 12
- 13 pursuant to different orders or settlements. The fund may be used by the
- Department of Banking and Finance for any allowable legal purposes as 14
- determined by the Director of Banking and Finance. Any money in the fund 15
- available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 16
- 17 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the 18
- General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. 19
- Sec. 105. Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 20
- 21 amended to read:
- 22 81-407 The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund is hereby
- created. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized 23
- 24 Legislature. The Department of Labor shall administer the fund to provide
- 25 workforce development grants. Transfers may be made from the fund to the
- General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the 26
- Workforce Development Program Cash Fund fund available for investment 27
- shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the 28
- Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment 29
- Act. 30
- Sec. 106. Section 81-1210.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 31

- 1 is amended to read:
- 2 81-1210.04 (1) The Intern Nebraska Cash Fund is created. The fund
- 3 shall be used to carry out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03. The fund
- 4 shall consist of money transferred to the fund by the Legislature and
- 5 money donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions from public or
- 6 private entities. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
- 7 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 8 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may
- 9 be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the
- 10 <u>Legislature</u>.
- 11 (2) The Department of Economic Development, or any entity with which
- 12 the department contracts for such purpose, may use up to five percent of
- 13 any appropriation to carry out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 for
- 14 administrative services.
- 15 Sec. 107. Section 81-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 81-1211 The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund is created in
- 18 the Department of Economic Development. The fund shall receive transfers
- 19 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as authorized by the Legislature.
- 20 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the The department shall
- 21 use the entirety of the fund to award a grant to a city of the
- 22 metropolitan class to carry out lead-based paint hazard control on owner-
- 23 occupied properties, contingent upon formal notification by the United
- 24 States Department of Housing and Urban Development that it intends to
- 25 award a grant to a city of the metropolitan class to carry out the
- 26 federal Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42
- 27 U.S.C. 4852, as such section existed on January 1, 2015. No more than
- 28 fifteen percent of the grant proceeds may be used for administrative
- 29 expenses. It is the intent of the Legislature that any grant awarded from
- 30 the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund shall be applied to the
- 31 congressional district grant allocations as established under section

- 1 58-708. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 2 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 3 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may
- 4 <u>be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the</u>
- 5 <u>Legislature</u>.
- 6 Sec. 108. Section 81-1213.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 7 is amended to read:
- 8 81-1213.02 The Economic Development Cash Fund is created. The
- 9 Department of Economic Development shall administer the fund to provide a
- 10 grant to a community college serving a city of the metropolitan class to
- 11 partner with a four-year public university serving a city of the
- 12 metropolitan class to offer microcredentials to support education
- 13 expansion, curricula development, and staff hires to meet demand for
- 14 microchip fabrication and microelectronics manufacturing in the state in
- 15 conjunction with the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce
- 16 Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act, Public Law 116-283. The fund
- 17 shall consist of money transferred by the Legislature and gifts, grants,
- 18 or beguests from any source, including money remitted to the fund from
- 19 any other federal, state, public, and private sources. Any money in the
- 20 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 21 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 22 State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the
- 23 <u>General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.</u>
- Sec. 109. Section 81-1216, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 81-1216 The Customized Job Training Cash Fund is created. Funds in
- 27 the Customized Job Training Cash Fund shall be used for (1) general
- 28 administrative costs of awarding job training reimbursement grants under
- 29 the Customized Job Training Act and (2) job training reimbursement
- 30 grants. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 31 <u>direction of the Legislature.</u> Any money in the <u>Customized Job Training</u>

- 1 <u>Cash Fund</u> available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 2 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 3 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 4 Sec. 110. Section 81-1230, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 81-1230 (1) The Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund is created.
- 7 Funding for the grant program described in section 81-1229 shall come
- 8 from the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund. The Rural Workforce
- 9 Housing Investment Fund may include revenue from appropriations from the
- 10 Legislature, grants, private contributions, and other sources. Ir
- 11 addition, the State Treasurer shall make a one-time transfer of seven
- 12 million three hundred thousand dollars on or before October 1, 2017, from
- 13 the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Rural Workforce Housing
- 14 Investment Fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund
- 15 <u>at the direction of the Legislature.</u> Any money in the Rural Workforce
- 16 Housing Investment Fund available for investment shall be invested by the
- 17 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
- 18 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 19 (2) The department shall administer the Rural Workforce Housing
- 20 Investment Fund and may seek additional private or nonstate funds to use
- 21 in the grant program, including, but not limited to, contributions from
- 22 the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and other interested parties.
- 23 (3) Interest earned by the department on grant funds shall be
- 24 applied to the grant program.
- 25 (4) If a nonprofit development organization fails to engage in the
- 26 initial qualified activity within twenty-four months after receiving
- 27 initial grant funding, the nonprofit development organization shall
- 28 return the grant funds to the department for credit to the General Fund.
- 29 (5) If a nonprofit development organization fails to allocate any
- 30 remaining initial grant funding on a qualified activity within twenty-
- 31 four months after engaging in the initial qualified activity, the

- 1 nonprofit development organization shall return such unallocated grant
- 2 funds to the department for credit to the Rural Workforce Housing
- 3 Investment Fund.
- 4 (6) Beginning July 1, 2027, any funds held by the department in the
- 5 Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund shall be transferred to the
- 6 General Fund.
- 7 Sec. 111. Section 81-12,176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 8 is amended to read:
- 9 81-12,176 (1) Private dollars means dollars donated to the applicant
- 10 specifically for the project by any combination of one or more of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (a) An individual;
- 13 (b) An organization that is exempt from income tax under section
- 14 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- 15 (c) Any nongovernmental organization; -
- 16 (d) The University of Nebraska; or
- 17 <u>(e) Any federal or local governmental entity.</u>
- 18 (2) Private dollars does not include any direct or indirect funding
- 19 from any federal, state, or local government.
- 20 Sec. 112. Section 81-12,177, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 21 is amended to read:
- 22 81-12,177 Project means an investment by the applicant of at least
- 23 one billion six hundred million dollars at one qualified location which
- 24 is made to carry out the requirements for the qualified location to be
- 25 included in the program described in Title VII, Subtitle C, section 740
- 26 of Public Law 116-92.
- 27 Sec. 113. Section 81-12,178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 28 is amended to read:
- 29 81-12,178 Qualified location means any parcel of real property, or
- 30 contiguous or adjacent parcels of real property, within the State of
- 31 Nebraska that is or are owned by the applicant, and such other parcels

- 1 owned by the applicant that are necessary to support the applicant's
- 2 project at such parcel or parcels. The Except to the extent required for
- 3 a project to be included in the program described in Title VII, Subtitle
- 4 C, section 740 of Public Law 116-92, the award made for a qualified
- 5 location may not be used for athletic or recreational purposes, except
- 6 that a qualified location may contain space, totaling less than ten
- 7 percent of the facility square footage at the project, that may be used
- 8 for food service or for exercise or recreational purposes as is commonly
- 9 used for the health and well-being of employees, students, and patients.
- 10 Sec. 114. Section 81-12,182, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 11 is amended to read:
- 12 81-12,182 (1) In order to be eligible to receive the matching funds
- 13 allowed in the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act, the applicant
- 14 shall file an application with the director, on a form developed by the
- 15 director, requesting an agreement.
- 16 (2) The application shall:
- 17 (a) Identify the project, including the qualified location of such
- 18 project, and state that the applicant is pursuing a partnership with the
- 19 federal government pursuant to Title VII, Subtitle C, section 740 of
- 20 Public Law 116-92 for the project;
- 21 (a) (b) State the estimated, projected amount of total new
- 22 investment at the project, which shall not be less than one billion six
- 23 hundred million dollars, including the estimated, projected amount of
- 24 private dollars and matching funds;
- 25 (b) (c) Include an independent assessment of the economic impact to
- 26 Nebraska from the project and its construction, which shall be performed
- 27 by a professional economist or economics firm which is not in the regular
- 28 employ of the applicant. The assessment must show, to the reasonable
- 29 satisfaction of the director, an economic impact to Nebraska of at least
- 30 two billion seven hundred million dollars during the planning and
- 31 construction period and at least four billion six hundred million dollars

- 1 during the ten-year period beginning either when construction is
- 2 commenced or when the application is approved;
- 3 (c) (d) Include approval of the project and of submission of the
- 4 application by the governing body of the applicant. Approval of the
- 5 project may be subject to other federal, state, and local government
- 6 approvals needed to complete the project and subject to obtaining the
- 7 funding, financing, and donations needed for the project;
- 8  $\underline{\text{(d)}}$  (e) State the E-Verify number or numbers that will be used by
- 9 the applicant for employees at the qualified location as provided by the
- 10 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; and
- 11 <u>(e)</u> (f) Contain a nonrefundable application fee of twenty-five
- 12 thousand dollars. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
- 13 credit to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund.
- 14 (3) An application must be complete to establish the date of the
- 15 application. An application shall be considered complete once it contains
- 16 the items listed in subsection (2) of this section.
- 17 (4) Once satisfied that the application is complete and that the
- 18 applicant is eligible to receive the matching funds allowed in the
- 19 Nebraska Transformational Projects Act, the director shall approve the
- 20 application.
- 21 (5) There shall be no new applications filed under this section
- 22 after December 31, 2025. Any complete application filed on or before
- 23 December 31, 2025, shall be considered by the director and approved if
- 24 the location and applicant qualify for approval. Agreements may be
- 25 executed with regard to any complete application filed on or before
- 26 December 31, 2025.
- 27 Sec. 115. Section 81-12,185, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 28 is amended to read:
- 29 81-12,185 (1) Subject to section 81-12,188, an applicant shall, upon
- 30 the applicant's receipt of a commitment of one billion private project
- 31 being selected for the program established under Title VII, Subtitle C,

- 1 section 740 of Public Law 116-92 and the receipt of one billion federal
- 2 dollars, be entitled to receive, from the State of Nebraska, <u>fifteen</u>
- 3 percent of the total approved project proportional to committed funds,
- 4 including funds, up to fifty million dollars each year and up to three
- 5 <u>hundred million dollars total</u> three hundred million dollars as matching
- 6 funds for the three hundred million dollars of private dollars received
- 7 by the applicant by the end of the continuation period.
- 8 (2) Subject to section 81-12,188, the state shall pay the available
- 9 matching funds to the applicant on an annual basis.
- 10 Sec. 116. Section 81-12,187, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 11 is amended to read:
- 12 81-12,187 (1) The applicant must make an investment of one billion
- 13 six hundred million dollars at the project , of which at least one
- 14 billion dollars shall come from federal funding, before the end of the
- 15 transformational period. If the applicant fails to reach such threshold,
- 16 all of the matching funds paid to the applicant under the Nebraska
- 17 Transformational Projects Act shall be repaid by the applicant to the
- 18 director, and the applicant shall be entitled to no matching funds for
- 19 the project.
- 20 (2) The applicant must maintain the required level of investment for
- 21 the entire continuation period. If the applicant fails to maintain the
- 22 required level of investment for the entire continuation period, all of
- 23 the matching funds paid to the applicant under the act shall be repaid by
- 24 the applicant to the director, and the applicant shall be entitled to no
- 25 matching funds for the project.
- 26 (3) If the applicant fails to receive, before the end of the
- 27 continuation period, one billion three hundred million dollars of
- 28 donations of private dollars to be used for the project, then all
- 29 matching funds paid to the applicant under the act shall be repaid by the
- 30 applicant to the director.
- 31 (4) The repayment required by this section shall not occur if the

- 1 failure to receive a donation, or achieve or maintain the required level
- 2 of investment, was caused by an act of God or a national emergency.
- 3 Sec. 117. Section 81-12,193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 81-12,193 (1) The Nebraska Transformational Project Fund is hereby
- 6 created. The fund shall receive money from application fees paid under
- 7 the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act and from appropriations from
- 8 the Legislature, grants, private contributions, repayments of matching
- 9 funds, and all other sources. Any money in the fund available for
- 10 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- 11 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 12 Investment Act.
- 13 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Treasurer
- 14 shall transfer an amount not to exceed three hundred million dollars to
- 15 the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund. Such transfers shall only
- 16 occur after the applicant has <u>secured</u> been selected for participation in
- 17 the program described in Title VII, Subtitle C, section 740 of Public Law
- 18 116-92 and commitments totaling one billion three hundred million dollars
- 19 in total investment , including only federal dollars and private
- 20 donations, have been secured. In no case shall any transfer occur before
- 21 fiscal year 2025-26. Distributions shall only be made from the fund in
- 22 amounts equal to the amount of private dollars received by the applicant
- 23 for the project, up to fifty million dollars each year.
- 24 (3) Any money remaining in the fund after all obligations have been
- 25 met shall be transferred to the General Fund.
- Sec. 118. Section 81-12,243, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 27 is amended to read:
- 28 81-12,243 (1) The Economic Recovery Contingency Fund is created. The
- 29 fund shall consist of transfers by the Legislature to carry out the
- 30 Economic Recovery Act. Transfers may be made from the Economic Recovery
- 31 Contingency Fund to the General Fund or the Museum Construction and

- 1 Maintenance Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the
- 2 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 3 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 4 State Funds Investment Act. Until July 1, 2025, investment Investment
- 5 earnings on and after July 1, 2023, shall be credited to the fund.
- 6 Beginning July 1, 2025, any investment earnings from investment of money
- 7 in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 8 (2) The Department of Economic Development may review the projects
- 9 listed in the coordination plan and the appendices by the Economic
- 10 Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature dated January 10, 2023, and
- 11 shall prioritize the use of the fund on projects listed in the
- 12 coordination plan followed by the projects in the appendices.
- 13 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven hundred fifty thousand
- 14 dollars from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the Museum
- 15 Construction and Maintenance Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but before
- 16 December 31, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
- 17 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 18 Administrative Services. The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen
- 19 million dollars from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the Museum
- 20 Construction and Maintenance Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before
- 21 December 31, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
- 22 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 23 Administrative Services.
- 24 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer thirty million dollars from
- 25 the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the Inland Port Authority Fund
- 26 no later than five business days after April 17, 2024, for the purpose of
- 27 creating and operating an innovation district by an inland port authority
- 28 and for any other purpose authorized under the Municipal Inland Port
- 29 Authority Act.
- 30 (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer any unobligated funds
- 31 remaining in the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund on July 31, 2026, to

- 1 the Inland Port Authority Fund.
- 2 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from
- 3 the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund to the Museum Construction and
- 4 Maintenance Fund on or after January 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2026,
- 5 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator
- 6 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 7 Sec. 119. Section 81-12,245, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 8 is amended to read:
- 9 81-12,245 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall use any
- 10 funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under
- 11 the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as follows:
- 12 (a) No more than thirty-five million dollars to eligible projects
- 13 that are located within a congressional district which contains a city of
- 14 the metropolitan class. Within a city of the metropolitan class, grants
- 15 shall be given to multipurpose community facilities;
- 16 (b) No less than forty million dollars to eligible projects that are
- 17 located within a congressional district which contains a city of the
- 18 primary class;
- 19 (c) No less than forty million dollars to eligible projects that are
- 20 located within a congressional district which does not contain a city of
- 21 the metropolitan class or a city of the primary class. Grants under this
- 22 subdivision shall be awarded to eligible projects in cities of the second
- 23 class and villages; and
- 24 (d) No more than five million dollars of such federal funds for the
- 25 administration by the department of funds received from the federal
- 26 Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan
- 27 Act of 2021.
- 28 (2) Any funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects
- 29 Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 utilized for
- 30 eligible broadband infrastructure projects shall be administered in a
- 31 manner consistent with the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, except that the

- 1 matching funds requirement in section 86-1304 shall not apply to such
- 2 federal funding for broadband projects.
- 3 (2) (3) The department shall, beginning July 1, 2022, through July
- 4 15, 2022, allow a qualified public or private entity to apply for a grant
- 5 using funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund
- 6 under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The department may
- 7 open additional grant application periods as needed until all funds are
- 8 allocated.
- 9 (3) (4) Grants under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be
- 10 restricted to eligible projects located within or adjacent to one or more
- 11 qualified census tracts or economic redevelopment areas as defined in
- 12 section 81-12,153 in a city of the metropolitan class. Priority for
- 13 grants under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be given to a city
- 14 of the metropolitan class in partnership with a nonprofit organization
- 15 for eligible projects for the rehabilitation or expansion of existing
- 16 multipurpose community facilities.
- 17 Sec. 120. Section 81-15,168, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 18 is amended to read:
- 19 81-15,168 It is the intent of the Legislature to establish the
- 20 Nebraska Environmental Trust for the purpose of conserving, enhancing,
- 21 and restoring the natural physical and biological environment in
- 22 Nebraska, which includes, but is not limited to, including the air, land,
- 23 ground water, and surface water, flora and fauna, prairies and forests,
- 24 wildlife, and wildlife habitat, and natural areas of aesthetic or scenic
- 25 values. The current and future well-being of the state and its citizens
- 26 is vitally dependent on outdoor recreation, healthy public infrastructure
- 27 <u>and</u> a safe and clean environment <del>and requires a dynamic, proactive</del>
- 28 approach to address environmental needs. The trust shall complement
- 29 existing governmental and private efforts by encouraging and leveraging
- 30 the use of private resources on environmental needs with the greatest
- 31 potential impact on future environmental quality in Nebraska. The trust

- 1 shall develop a long-range environmental focus which encompasses the
- 2 vision of all Nebraskans regarding the future of the environment and
- 3 shall join public and private efforts in achieving the collective
- 4 environmental goals of Nebraska's citizens.
- 5 Sec. 121. Section 81-15,174, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 6 is amended to read:
- 7 81-15,174 (1) The Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund is created. The
- 8 fund shall be maintained in the state accounting system as a cash fund.
- 9 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fund shall be used to
- 10 carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act, including
- 11 the payment of administrative costs. Money in the fund shall include
- 12 proceeds credited pursuant to section 9-812 and proceeds designated by
- 13 the board pursuant to section 81-15,173. Transfers may be made from the
- 14 Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund at the
- 15 direction of the Legislature, and any money so transferred shall be
- 16 expended in accordance with section 81-15,168.
- 17 <u>(2) Beginning in July 2025, the State Treasurer shall, on the last</u>
- 18 day of each month, transfer a percentage of the money credited to the
- 19 <u>fund during such month as follows:</u>
- 20 (a) Twenty-five percent to the Water Resources Cash Fund; and
- 21 (b) Twenty-five percent to the State Park Cash Revolving Fund.
- 22 (3) Any money in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund fund
- 23 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 24 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 25 State Funds Investment Act. Any Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment
- 26 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the
- 27 General Fund.
- 28 Sec. 122. Section 81-15,175, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 29 is amended to read:
- 30 81-15,175 (1) The board may make an annual allocation each fiscal
- 31 year from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Nebraska

- 1 Environmental Endowment Fund as provided in section 81-15,174.01. The
- 2 board shall make annual allocations from the Nebraska Environmental Trust
- 3 Fund and may make annual allocations each fiscal year from the Nebraska
- 4 Environmental Endowment Fund for projects which conform to the
- 5 environmental categories of the board established pursuant to section
- 6 81-15,176 and to the extent the board determines those projects to have
- 7 merit. The board shall establish a calendar annually for receiving and
- 8 evaluating proposals and awarding grants. To evaluate the economic,
- 9 financial, and technical feasibility of proposals, the board may
- 10 establish subcommittees, request or contract for assistance, or establish
- 11 advisory groups. Private citizens serving on advisory groups shall be
- reimbursed for expenses pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 13 (2) The board shall establish rating systems for ranking proposals
- 14 which meet the board's environmental categories and other criteria. The
- 15 rating systems shall include, but not be limited to, the following
- 16 considerations:
- 17 (a) Conformance with categories established pursuant to section
- 18 81-15, 176;
- 19 (b) Amount of funds committed from other funding sources;
- 20 (c) Encouragement of public-private partnerships;
- 21 (d) Geographic mix of projects over time;
- 22 (e) Cost-effectiveness and economic impact;
- 23 (f) Direct environmental impact; and
- 24 (g) Environmental benefit to the general public and the long-term
- 25 nature of such public benefit. ; and
- 26 (h) Applications recommended by the Director of Natural Resources
- 27 and submitted by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to
- 28 subsection (7) of section 61-218 shall be awarded fifty priority points
- 29 in the ranking process for the 2011 grant application if the Legislature
- 30 has authorized annual transfers of three million three hundred thousand
- 31 dollars to the Water Resources Cash Fund for each of fiscal years 2011-12

- 1 and 2012-13 and has stated its intent to transfer three million three
- 2 hundred thousand dollars to the Water Resources Cash Fund in fiscal year
- 3 2013-14. Priority points shall be awarded if the proposed programs set
- 4 forth in the grant application are consistent with the purposes of
- 5 reducing consumptive uses of water, enhancing streamflows, recharging
- 6 ground water, or supporting wildlife habitat in any river basin
- 7 determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or
- 8 designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713.
- 9 (3) A grant awarded under this section pursuant to an application
- 10 made under subsection (7) of section 61-218 shall be paid out in the
- 11 following manner:
- 12 (a) The initial three million three hundred thousand dollar
- 13 installment shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 14 Water Resources Cash Fund no later than fifteen business days after the
- 15 date that the grant is approved by the board;
- 16 (b) The second three million three hundred thousand dollar
- 17 installment shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 18 Water Resources Cash Fund no later than May 15, 2013; and
- 19 (c) The third three million three hundred thousand dollar
- 20 installment shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 21 Water Resources Cash Fund no later than May 15, 2014, if the Legislature
- 22 has authorized a transfer of three million three hundred thousand dollars
- 23 from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund for fiscal year
- 24 <del>2013-14.</del>
- 25 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of
- 26 Natural Resources apply for an additional three-year grant from the
- 27 Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund that would begin in fiscal year
- 28 2014-15, a three-year grant that would begin in fiscal year 2017-18, and
- 29 a three-year grant that would begin in fiscal year 2020-21 and such
- 30 application shall be awarded fifty priority points in the ranking process
- 31 as set forth in subdivision (2)(h) of this section if the following

- 1 criteria are met:
- 2 (a) The Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature has examined
- 3 options for water funding and has submitted a report electronically to
- 4 the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2012,
- 5 setting forth:
- 6 (i) An outline and priority listing of water management and funding
- 7 needs in Nebraska, including instream flows, residential, agricultural,
- 8 recreational, and municipal needs, interstate obligations, water quality
- 9 issues, and natural habitats preservation;
- 10 (ii) An outline of statewide funding options which create a
- 11 dedicated, sustainable funding source to meet the needs set forth in the
- 12 report; and
- 13 (iii) Recommendations for legislation;
- 14 (b) The projects and activities funded by the department through
- 15 grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund under this section have
- 16 resulted in enhanced streamflows, reduced consumptive uses of water,
- 17 recharged ground water, supported wildlife habitat, or otherwise
- 18 contributed towards conserving, enhancing, and restoring Nebraska's
- 19 ground water and surface water resources. On or before July 1, 2014, the
- 20 department shall submit electronically a report to the Natural Resources
- 21 Committee of the Legislature providing demonstrable evidence of the
- 22 benefits accrued from such projects and activities; and
- 23 (c) In addition to the grant reporting requirements of the trust, on
- 24 or before July 1, 2014, the department provides to the board a report
- 25 which includes documentation that:
- 26 (i) Expenditures from the Water Resources Cash Fund made to natural
- 27 resources districts have met the matching fund requirements provided in
- 28 subdivision (5)(a) of section 61-218;
- 29 (ii) Ten percent or less of the matching fund requirements has been
- 30 provided by in-kind contributions for expenses incurred for projects
- 31 enumerated in the grant application. In-kind contributions shall not

- 1 include land or land rights; and
- 2 (iii) All other projects and activities funded by the department
- 3 through grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund under this
- 4 section were matched not less than forty percent of the project or
- 5 activity cost by other funding sources.
- 6 (3) (5) The board may establish a subcommittee to rate grant
- 7 applications. If the board uses a subcommittee, the meetings of such
- 8 subcommittee shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act. The subcommittee
- 9 shall (a) use the rating systems established by the board under
- 10 subsection (2) of this section, (b) assign a numeric value to each rating
- 11 criterion, combine these values into a total score for each application,
- 12 and rank the applications by the total scores, (c) recommend an amount of
- 13 funding for each application, which amount may be more or less than the
- 14 requested amount, and (d) submit the ranked list and recommended funding
- 15 to the board for its approval or disapproval.
- 16 (4) (6) The board may commit funds to multiyear projects, subject to
- 17 available funds and appropriations. No commitment shall exceed three
- 18 years without formal action by the board to renew the grant or contract.
- 19 Multiyear commitments may be exempt from the rating process except for
- 20 the initial application and requests to renew the commitment.
- 21 (5) (7) The board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 22 and publish guidelines governing allocations from the fund. The board
- 23 shall conduct annual reviews of existing projects for compliance with
- 24 project goals and grant requirements.
- 25 (6) (8) Every five years the board may evaluate the long-term
- 26 effects of the projects it funds. The evaluation may assess a sample of
- 27 such projects. The board may hire an independent consultant to conduct
- 28 the evaluation and may report the evaluation findings to the Legislature
- 29 and the Governor. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be
- 30 submitted electronically.
- 31 Sec. 123. Section 82-139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 82-139 The Support Nebraska History Cash Fund is created. The fund
- 3 shall consist of money credited to the fund under section 60-3,256 and
- 4 any other gifts, bequests, grants, or other contributions or donations to
- 5 the fund from public or private entities. The Nebraska State Historical
- 6 Society shall administer and distribute the Support Nebraska History Cash
- 7 Fund. The fund shall be expended to promote the history of Nebraska on
- 8 the Internet, to support history education for children in Nebraska, and
- 9 for costs directly related to the administration of the fund. Any money
- 10 in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 11 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 12 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. <u>Transfers may be made from the fund</u>
- 13 to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 14 Sec. 124. Section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund
- 17 known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the
- 18 State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.
- 19 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve
- 20 Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of
- 21 Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund
- 22 is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall
- 23 include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant
- 24 to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of
- 25 Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.
- 26 (3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash
- 27 Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of
- 28 Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue
- 29 sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.
- 30 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen million eight hundred
- 31 forty-one thousand dollars from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the

- 1 Cash Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such
- 2 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 3 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 4 (5) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred sixty-six million
- 5 six hundred seventy-three thousand five hundred eighty dollars from the
- 6 Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after
- 7 July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts
- 8 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 9 Department of Administrative Services.
- 10 (4) (6) No funds shall be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to
- 11 fulfill the obligations created under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive
- 12 Act unless the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund after such transfer will
- 13 be at least equal to five hundred million dollars.
- 14 (5) (7) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from
- 15 the Cash Reserve Fund to the School Safety and Security Fund as soon as
- 16 administratively possible after September 2, 2023, on such dates and in
- 17 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 18 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 19 (8) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million dollars from
- 20 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Risk Loss Trust on or before June 30, 2024,
- 21 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator
- 22 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 23 (9) The State Treasurer shall transfer eleven million three hundred
- 24 twenty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Health and
- 25 Human Services Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but on or before June
- 26 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 27 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 28 Services.
- 29 (10) The State Treasurer shall transfer five hundred seventy-four
- 30 million five hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the
- 31 Perkins County Canal Project Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such

- 1 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 2 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 3 (11) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million one hundred
- 4 fifteen thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Public Safety
- 5 Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such
- 6 dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 7 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 (12) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from
- 9 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System
- 10 Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on
- 11 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
- 12 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 13 <u>(6)</u> <del>(13)</del> The State Treasurer shall transfer two million four hundred
- 14 twenty-five thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska
- 15 Public Safety Communication System Revolving Fund on or after July 1,
- 16 2024, but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as
- 17 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 18 Department of Administrative Services.
- 19 (14) The State Treasurer shall transfer seventy million dollars from
- 20 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment
- 21 Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates
- 22 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 23 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 24 (15) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million dollars from the
- 25 Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on or after
- 26 July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts
- 27 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 28 Department of Administrative Services.
- 29 (16) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty million dollars from
- 30 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Economic Development Cash Fund on or after
- 31 July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts

- 1 as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 2 Department of Administrative Services.
- 3 (17) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred forty million
- 4 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency
- 5 Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates
- 6 and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 7 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 (18) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the
- 9 Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund on
- 10 or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in
- 11 such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 12 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 13 (19) The State Treasurer shall transfer four hundred forty million
- 14 dollars from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund on or after July
- 15 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as
- 16 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
- 17 Department of Administrative Services.
- 18 (7) (20) The State Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars
- 19 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2024,
- 20 but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed
- 21 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 22 Administrative Services.
- 23 (8) <del>(21)</del> The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-nine million four
- 24 hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars from the Cash Reserve
- 25 Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2024,
- 26 but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed
- 27 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 28 Administrative Services.
- 29 (22) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million five hundred
- 30 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Materiel Division
- 31 Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on

- 1 such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
- 2 the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 3 (23) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the
- 4 Cash Reserve Fund to the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund on or
- 5 after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such
- 6 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 7 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 8 (24) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-eight million dollars
- 9 from the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund to the Cash
- 10 Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such
- 11 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 12 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 13 (25) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from
- 14 the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Insurance Fund on or before July 10,
- 15 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 16 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 17 Services.
- 18 (9) <del>(26)</del> The State Treasurer shall transfer three million five
- 19 hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Health and
- 20 Human Services Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but on or before June
- 21 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
- 22 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 23 Services.
- 24 (10) (27) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million two
- 25 hundred fifty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State
- 26 Insurance Fund as soon as possible after April 2, 2024, on such dates and
- 27 in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
- 28 division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 29 (28) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from
- 30 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Municipality Infrastructure Aid Fund on or
- 31 after July 1, 2024, but before July 15, 2024, on such dates and in such

- 1 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 2 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 3 (11) (29) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-five million
- 4 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund
- 5 on or before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed
- 6 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 7 Administrative Services.
- 8 (12) (30) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars
- 9 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund on or
- 10 after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 11 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 12 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 13 (13) The State Treasurer shall transfer eleven million five hundred
- 14 thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital
- 15 Construction Fund on or before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such
- 16 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 17 the Department of Administrative Services.
- 18 <u>(14) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dol</u>lars from
- 19 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or
- 20 before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 21 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 22 Administrative Services.
- 23 <u>(15) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from</u>
- 24 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or
- 25 before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 26 <u>the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 27 Administrative Services.
- 28 (16) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
- 29 <u>the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or</u>
- 30 before June 30, 2028, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 31 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of

- 1 Administrative Services.
- 2 (17) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
- 3 the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or
- 4 before June 30, 2029, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 5 <u>the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of</u>
- 6 Administrative Services.
- 7 (18) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
- 8 <u>the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or</u>
- 9 <u>before June 30, 2030, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by</u>
- 10 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 11 <u>Administrative Services.</u>
- 12 <u>(19) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from</u>
- 13 <u>the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Transformational Project Fund on or</u>
- 14 before June 30, 2031, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
- 15 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 16 Administrative Services.
- 17 (20) (31) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer two
- 18 hundred million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Education
- 19 Future Fund General Fund on or after July 1, 2028 2026, but before June
- 20 30, 2029 2027, if the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund on July 1, 2026,
- 21 after accounting for the transfers in this section, does not fall below
- 22 sixteen percent of the amount appropriated, excluding encumbered and
- 23 certified reappropriations, from the General Fund for fiscal year
- $24 \frac{2026-27}{1}$
- 25 Sec. 125. Section 85-1643, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 85-1643 (1) The Private Postsecondary Career Schools Cash Fund is
- 28 created. All fees collected pursuant to the Private Postsecondary Career
- 29 School Act shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 30 fund. The fund shall be used only for the purpose of administering the
- 31 act, except that transfers may be made from the fund to the Education

1 Future Fund at the direction of the Legislature. No fees shall be subject

- 2 to refund.
- 3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, fees
- 4 collected pursuant to the act shall be the following:
- 5 (a) Initial application for authorization to operate, two hundred
- 6 dollars plus twenty dollars per program of study offered;
- 7 (b) Renewal application for authorization to operate, one hundred
- 8 dollars plus twenty dollars per program of study offered, except that the
- 9 board may establish a variable fee schedule based upon the prior school
- 10 year's gross tuition revenue as provided by the school pursuant to
- 11 section 85-1656;
- 12 (c) Approval to operate a branch facility, one hundred dollars;
- 13 (d) Late submission of application, fifty dollars;
- 14 (e) Initial agent's permit, fifty dollars;
- 15 (f) Agent's permit renewal, twenty dollars;
- 16 (g) Accreditation or reaccreditation, one hundred dollars;
- 17 (h) Initial authorization to award an associate degree, one hundred
- 18 dollars;
- (i) Significant program change, fifty dollars;
- 20 (j) Change of name or location, twenty-five dollars; and
- 21 (k) Additional new program, one hundred dollars.
- 22 (3) Fees for out-of-state schools may include, but shall not exceed
- 23 the following:
- 24 (a) Certificate of approval to recruit, five hundred dollars
- 25 annually;
- 26 (b) Initial agent's permit, one hundred dollars; and
- 27 (c) Agent's permit renewal, forty dollars.
- 28 (4)(a) The board shall consult with the advisory council established
- 29 pursuant to section 85-1607 regarding any increase in fees under the act.
- 30 Beginning with fiscal year 2006-07 and each year thereafter, the board in
- 31 consultation with the advisory council shall establish fees sufficient to

- 1 cover the total cost of administration, except that such fees shall not
- 2 exceed one hundred ten percent of the previous year's total cost. Such
- 3 fees shall be set out in the rules and regulations adopted and
- 4 promulgated by the board.
- 5 (b) Total cost of administration shall be determined by an annual
- 6 audit of:
- 7 (i) Salaries and benefits or portions thereof for those department
- 8 employees who administer the act;
- 9 (ii) Operating costs such as rent, utilities, and supplies;
- 10 (iii) Capital costs such as office equipment, computer hardware, and
- 11 computer software;
- 12 (iv) Costs for travel by employees of the department, including car
- 13 rental, gas, and mileage charges; and
- (v) Other reasonable and necessary costs as determined by the board.
- 15 Sec. 126. Section 85-1654, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 85-1654 The Tuition Recovery Cash Fund is hereby established. The
- 18 fund shall be a cash fund used to receive assessments imposed under
- 19 section 85-1656 and to pay claims authorized under section 85-1657.
- 20 <u>Transfers may be made from the fund to the Education Future Fund at the</u>
- 21 <u>direction of the Legislature</u>. Any money in the <u>Tuition Recovery Cash Fund</u>
- 22 fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 23 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 24 State Funds Investment Act. Any interest earned by the fund shall accrue
- 25 to the fund.
- Sec. 127. Section 85-1920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 85-1920 The Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund is created. Money in the
- 29 fund shall include amounts transferred pursuant to section 79-3501 from
- 30 the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund or, until June 30, 2024, the
- 31 Nebraska Education Improvement Fund. All amounts accruing to the Nebraska

- 1 Opportunity Grant Fund shall be used to carry out the Nebraska
- 2 Opportunity Grant Act, except that transfers may be made from the fund to
- 3 the Education Future Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money
- 4 in the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund fund available for investment
- 5 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 6 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
- 7 Act.
- 8 Sec. 128. Section 85-2009, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 85-2009 (1) The Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund is
- 11 created. The fund shall be under the direction of the committee and shall
- 12 be administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
- 13 Education. The fund shall consist of money received pursuant to section
- 14 79-3501, any other money received by the state in the form of grants or
- 15 gifts from nonfederal sources, such other amounts as may be transferred
- or otherwise accrue to the fund, and any investment income earned on the
- 17 fund. The fund shall be used to carry out the community college gap
- 18 assistance program pursuant to the Community College Gap Assistance
- 19 Program Act. <u>Transfers may be made from the fund to the Education</u> Future
- 20 Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Community
- 21 <u>College Gap Assistance Program Fund</u> fund available for investment shall
- 22 be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska
- 23 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 24 Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of
- 25 money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 26 (2) In addition to community college gap assistance awarded to
- 27 students, money in the Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund may
- 28 also be used by the committee:
- (a) To establish application and funding procedures; and
- 30 (b) To assist other eligible institutions as specified in contracts
- 31 entered into pursuant to subsection (4) of section 85-2010 in defraying

- 1 the costs of direct staff support services, including, but not limited
- 2 to, marketing, outreach, applications, interviews, and assessments
- 3 related to the community college gap assistance program.
- 4 (3) Each community college may use up to ten percent of any money
- 5 received from the fund to defray the costs of direct staff support
- 6 services, including, but not limited to, marketing, outreach,
- 7 applications, interviews, and assessments.
- 8 Sec. 129. Section 86-324, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 86-324 (1) The Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund is
- 11 hereby created. The fund shall provide the assistance necessary to make
- 12 universal access to telecommunications services available to all persons
- 13 in the state consistent with the policies set forth in the Nebraska
- 14 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act. Only eligible
- 15 telecommunications companies designated by the commission shall be
- 16 eligible to receive support to serve high-cost areas from the fund. A
- 17 telecommunications company that receives such support shall use that
- 18 support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities
- 19 and services for which the support is intended. Any such support should
- 20 be explicit and sufficient to achieve the purpose of the act.
- 21 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 86-124, in addition to
- 22 other provisions of the act, and to the extent not prohibited by federal
- 23 law, the commission:
- 24 (a) Shall have authority and power to subject eligible
- 25 telecommunications companies to service quality, customer service, and
- 26 billing regulations. Such regulations shall apply only to the extent of
- 27 any telecommunications services or offerings made by an eligible
- 28 telecommunications company which are eligible for support by the fund.
- 29 The commission shall be reimbursed from the fund for all costs related to
- 30 drafting, implementing, and enforcing the regulations and any other
- 31 services provided on behalf of customers pursuant to this subdivision;

- 1 (b) Shall have authority and power to issue orders carrying out its
  2 responsibilities and to review the compliance of any eligible
  3 telecommunications company receiving support for continued compliance
  4 with any such orders or regulations adopted pursuant to the act;
- (c) May withhold all or a portion of the funds to be distributed from any telecommunications company failing to continue compliance with the commission's orders or regulations;
- (d) Shall withhold support distributed from the fund from any 8 9 telecommunications company using or providing any communications equipment or service deemed to pose a threat to national security 10 identified on the Covered List developed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 1.50002, 11 as such regulation existed on January 1, 2023, and published by the 12 Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the Federal Communications 13 Commission pursuant to the federal Secure and Trusted Communications 14 Networks Act of 2019, 47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., as such act existed on 15 16 January 1, 2023, and the rules adopted pursuant to such act by the Federal Communications Commission on November 11, 2022, in its Report and 17 FCC 22-84. telecommunications company 18 Any that 19 discontinues, or replaces any communications equipment or service 20 identified on the Covered List described in this subdivision compliance with federal law shall not be required to obtain any 21 additional permits from any state agency or political subdivision in the 22 23 removal, discontinuance, or replacement of such communications equipment 24 or service as long as the state agency or political subdivision is 25 properly notified of the necessary replacements and the replacement of any communications equipment is similar to the existing communications 26 27 equipment;
- (e) Shall require every telecommunications company to contribute to any universal service mechanism established by the commission pursuant to state law. The commission shall require, as reasonably necessary, an annual audit of any telecommunications company to be performed by a

- 1 third-party certified public accountant to insure the billing,
- 2 collection, and remittance of a surcharge for universal service. The
- 3 costs of any audit required pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid by
- 4 the telecommunications company being audited;
- 5 (f) Shall require an audit of information provided by a
- 6 telecommunications company to be performed by a third-party certified
- 7 public accountant for purposes of calculating universal service fund
- 8 payments to such telecommunications company. The costs of any audit
- 9 required pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid by the
- 10 telecommunications company being audited; and
- 11 (g) May administratively fine pursuant to section 75-156 any person
- 12 who violates the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act.
- 13 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 14 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 15 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 16 (4)(a) Transfers may be made from earnings on the Nebraska
- 17 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the 211 Cash Fund or the
- 18 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 19 (b) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million two hundred
- 20 seventy-five thousand dollars on July 1, 2023, from the earnings on the
- 21 Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the 211 Cash Fund.
- 22 The State Treasurer shall transfer one million four hundred fifty-five
- 23 thousand dollars on July 1, 2024, from the earnings on the Nebraska
- 24 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to the 211 Cash Fund.
- 25 (c) Until July 1, 2025 Beginning October 1, 2024, through June 30,
- 26 <del>2027</del>, any investment earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska
- 27 Telecommunications Universal Service Fund remaining after transfers to
- 28 the 211 Cash Fund shall be credited to the General Fund. Beginning July
- 29 <u>1, 2025, any investment earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska</u>
- 30 <u>Telecommunications Universal Service Fund shall be credited to the</u>
- 31 General Fund.

- 1 Sec. 130. Section 86-333, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 2 amended to read:
- 86-333 (1) The Nebraska Broadband Office may create and maintain an official Nebraska location fabric broadband access map showing broadband availability and quality of service for all serviceable locations in Nebraska utilizing any federal funding that is made available for such purpose. For purposes of this section, serviceable location means any residence, dwelling, business, or building where an entity provides or may provide broadband services.
- 10 (2) The Nebraska Broadband Office may contract with private parties to create, improve, and maintain the map. When contracting with private 11 parties, the office shall give preference to contractors providing 12 13 mapping services to the Federal Communications Commission. The office may collect from providers of broadband services any information necessary to 14 establish and update the map. Any information provided to the office by a 15 provider of broadband services pursuant to this section that is 16 17 confidential, proprietary, or a trade secret as defined in section 87-502 shall be treated as such by the office. 18
- 19 (3) Any recipient of support from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund shall comply with the provisions of this section. 20 21 Any grant recipient under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, including 22 any entity that operates as an eligible telecommunications carrier in 23 Nebraska as defined in section 86-1302 that wishes to participate in the 24 Broadband Bridge Program created under section 86-1303, either directly 25 or as a challenging party under section 86-1307, shall comply with the provisions of this section. Any grant recipient of federal broadband 26 funding administered by the Nebraska Broadband Office shall comply with 27 the provisions of this section. 28
- (4) After the Federal Communications Commission completes the national Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric and accompanying National Broadband Availability Map, the Nebraska Broadband Office shall annually

- 1 evaluate whether the continued maintenance of any annually updated
- 2 Nebraska location fabric broadband access map created and maintained in
- 3 accordance with this section is necessary. The office shall report its
- 4 annual findings pursuant to this subsection to the Transportation and
- 5 Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.
- 6 (5) The Nebraska Broadband Office shall utilize funding provided by
- 7 the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program authorized
- 8 under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law
- 9 117-58, to carry out this section.
- 10 Sec. 131. Section 86-1028, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 86-1028 (1) The 911 Service System Fund is created. The fund shall
- 13 consist of surcharges collected pursuant to sections 86-457 and 86-904,
- 14 money transferred from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, any federal funds
- 15 received for implementation and development of 911 service, and any other
- 16 money designated for credit to the 911 Service System Fund. The fund
- 17 shall be used for the costs of administering the fund, for the purposes
- 18 specified in section 86-465 unless otherwise directed by federal law with
- 19 respect to any federal funds, and for the purposes specified in the 911
- 20 Service System Act. The costs of administering the 911 Service System
- 21 Fund shall be kept to a minimum.
- 22 (2) The fund shall not be subject to any fiscal-year limitation or
- 23 lapse provision of unexpended balance at the end of any fiscal year or
- 24 biennium. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
- 25 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 26 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning July
- 27 <u>1, 2025, any investment earnings from investment of money in</u> , and for
- 28 the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, any interest earned by
- 29 the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 30 (3) Money in the 911 Service System Fund may be used to pay for
- 31 costs incurred by or on behalf of governing bodies or public safety

- 1 answering points to provide 911 service that are determined by the
- 2 commission to be eligible for funding. The commission is not required to
- 3 provide funding from the 911 Service System Fund to more than one public
- 4 safety answering point in any county. Each entity that receives
- 5 disbursements from the fund under this subsection shall make a full
- 6 accounting of the money in a manner and form prescribed by the
- 7 commission.
- 8 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the Enhanced
- 9 Wireless 911 Fund on July 1, 2018, to the 911 Service System Fund.
- 10 Sec. 132. Section 86-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 86-1403 (1) The Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program
- 13 is created. The commission shall administer the program. The purposes of
- 14 the program are to:
- 15 (a) Propel Nebraska agricultural producers to lead the nation in
- 16 precision agriculture connectivity, sustainability, traceability, and
- 17 autonomy to accelerate rural economic development; and
- 18 (b) Provide high-speed Internet service to farm sites as defined in
- 19 section 77-1359 in unserved areas of the state as defined in section
- 20 <del>86-1302</del>.
- 21 (2) For the purpose of carrying out the program, the commission may
- 22 utilize funds provided to the state through the federal Broadband Equity,
- 23 Access, and Deployment Program, not to exceed two million dollars per
- 24 year.
- 25 **Sec. 133.** Sections 80, 88, 120, 121, 122, and 134 of this act
- 26 become operative on July 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become
- 27 operative on their effective date.
- 28 **Sec. 134.** Original sections 72-2401, 81-15,168, 81-15,174, and
- 29 81-15,175, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 61-218,
- 30 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
- 31 **Sec. 135.** Original sections 43-2607, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411,

- 1 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1021, 79-1064, 79-1104.02,
- 2 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-302, 81-407, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02,
- 3 81-1216, 81-1230, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,185,
- 4 81-12,187, 81-12,193, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 82-139, 84-612, 85-1643,
- 5 85-1654, 85-1920, 85-2009, 86-324, 86-333, 86-1028, and 86-1403, Reissue
- 6 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 13-3315, 29-1823,
- 7 37-1804, 48-621, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-305, 61-405,
- 8 66-2308, 68-911, 68-996, 71-5328, 72-1001, 75-109.01, 75-1101, 77-4025,
- 9 77-6919, 77-6928, and 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 10 2024, are repealed.
- 11 Sec. 136. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 12 2-405, 2-406, 2-407, 2-408, 2-409, 2-410, 57-1601, 57-1602, 57-1603,
- 13 57-1604, 57-1605, 57-1606, 57-1607, 57-1608, 57-1609, 57-1610, 57-1611,
- 14 57-1612, 57-1613, 57-1614, 57-1615, 57-1616, 57-1617, 57-1618, 57-1619,
- 15 57-1620, 57-1621, 57-1622, 57-1623, 57-1624, 68-1010, 71-2496, 71-2497,
- 16 71-2498, 71-2499, 71-24,100, 71-24,101, 71-24,102, 81-829.06, 81-829.07,
- 17 81-829.08, 81-829.09, 81-829.10, 81-829.11, 81-12,232, 81-12,233,
- 18 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, 81-12,244, 84-622, 86-1301,
- 19 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1304, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307, 86-1308, 86-1309,
- 20 86-1310, 86-1311, 86-1312, and 86-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 21 Nebraska.
- 22 **Sec. 137.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 23 passed and approved according to law.