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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055

Introduced by Crawford, 45.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section
- 2 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to create
- 3 a fund; to provide for its use; to state intent; to repeal the
- 4 original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

3 81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training Cash Fund.
4 The fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Economic
5 Development. Money may be transferred to the fund pursuant to subdivision
6 (1)(b)(iii) of section 48-621 and from the Cash Reserve Fund at the
7 direction of the Legislature. The department shall establish a subaccount
8 for all money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training
9 Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2005.

10 (2) The money in the Job Training Cash Fund or the subaccount
11 established in subsection (1) of this section shall be used (a) to
12 provide reimbursements for job training activities, including employee
13 assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job training, training
14 equipment costs, and other reasonable costs related to helping industry
15 and business locate or expand in Nebraska, (b) to provide upgrade skills
16 training of the existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology
17 or the introduction of new product lines, (c) ~~to provide grants pursuant~~
18 ~~to section 81-1210.02,~~ (d) as provided in section 79-2308, or (d) (e) as
19 provided in section 48-3405. The department shall give a preference to
20 job training activities carried out in whole or in part within an
21 enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act.

22 (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within the fund to
23 provide training grants for training employees and potential employees of
24 businesses that (a) employ twenty-five or fewer employees on the
25 application date, (b) employ, or train for potential employment,
26 residents of rural areas of Nebraska, or (c) are located in or employ, or
27 train for potential employment, residents of high-poverty areas as
28 defined in section 81-1203. The department shall calculate the amount of
29 prior year investment income earnings accruing to the fund and allocate
30 such amount to the subaccount for training grants under this subsection.
31 The subaccount shall also be used as provided in the Teleworker Job

1 ~~Creation Act and as provided in section 81-1210.02.~~ The department shall
2 give a preference to training grants for businesses located in whole or
3 in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise
4 Zone Act.

5 ~~(4) On the effective date of this act any funds that were dedicated~~
6 ~~to carrying out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03 but were not yet~~
7 ~~expended shall be transferred to the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund. The State~~
8 ~~Treasurer shall transfer:~~

9 ~~(a) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the Job Training Cash~~
10 ~~Fund to the General Fund no later than July 15 of 2015 and 2016; and~~

11 ~~(b) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the Job Training Cash~~
12 ~~Fund to the Sector Partnership Program Fund on or before July 15, 2016.~~

13 (5) Any money in the Job Training Cash Fund available for investment
14 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
15 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
16 Act.

17 Sec. 2. The Intern Nebraska Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be
18 used to carry out sections 81-1210.01 to 81-1210.03. The fund shall
19 consist of money transferred to the fund by the Legislature, other funds
20 as appropriated by the Legislature, and money donated as gifts, bequests,
21 or other contributions from public or private entities. Any money in the
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. It is the intent of the Legislature that one
25 million five hundred thousand dollars be transferred from the General
26 Fund to the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund each biennium beginning in
27 FY2018-19 and each biennium thereafter.

28 Sec. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation
29 for the Business Innovation Act in the Department of Economic Development
30 shall be reduced by one million five hundred thousand dollars beginning
31 in FY2018-19.

1 Sec. 4. Original section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.

3 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
4 passed and approved according to law.