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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
- 2 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Medical
- 3 Debt Relief Act; to provide certain income tax consequences; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be

- 2 <u>cited as the Medical Debt Relief Act.</u>
- 3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Medical Debt Relief Act:
- 4 (1) Bad debt expense means the cost of care for which a health care
- 5 provider expected payment from the patient or a third-party payor, but
- 6 which the health care provider subsequently determines to be
- 7 uncollectible;
- 8 (2) Eligible resident means an individual eligible for relief who:
- 9 <u>(a) Is a resident of the State of Nebraska; and</u>
- 10 (b) Has a household income at or below four hundred percent of the
- 11 <u>federal poverty guidelines or has medical debt equal to five percent or</u>
- 12 more of the individual's household income;
- 13 <u>(3) Health care provider means:</u>
- 14 (a) A facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure
- 15 Act; and
- 16 (b) A health care professional licensed under the Uniform
- 17 Credentialing Act;
- 18 (4) Medical debt means an obligation to pay money arising from the
- 19 <u>receipt of health care services;</u>
- 20 <u>(5) Medical debt relief means the discharge of a patient's medical</u>
- 21 <u>debt;</u>
- 22 (6) Medical debt relief coordinator means a person, company,
- 23 partnership, or other entity that is able to discharge medical debt of an
- 24 eligible resident in a manner that does not result in taxable income for
- 25 the eligible resident; and
- 26 <u>(7) Program means the Medical Debt Relief Program established in</u>
- 27 section 3 of this act.
- Sec. 3. (1) The Medical Debt Relief Program is established for the
- 29 purpose of discharging medical debt of eligible residents by contracting
- 30 with a medical debt relief coordinator as described in subsection (3) of
- 31 this section. The State Treasurer shall administer the program.

- 1 (2) Money appropriated to the State Treasurer or otherwise
- 2 contributed for the program shall be used exclusively for the program,
- 3 including contracting with a medical debt relief coordinator and
- 4 providing money to be used by the medical debt relief coordinator to
- 5 discharge medical debt of eligible residents. Money used in contracting
- 6 with a medical debt relief coordinator may also be used for the payment
- 7 of services provided by the medical debt relief coordinator to discharge
- 8 medical debt of eligible residents based on a budget approved by the
- 9 State Treasurer.
- 10 (3)(a) The State Treasurer shall enter into a contract with a
- 11 medical debt relief coordinator to purchase and discharge medical debt
- 12 owed by eligible residents with money allocated for the program.
- 13 <u>(b) The State Treasurer shall implement a competitive bidding</u>
- 14 process to determine which medical debt relief coordinator to use, unless
- 15 the State Treasurer determines that only a single medical debt relief
- 16 coordinator has the capacity and willingness to carry out the duties
- 17 specified in the Medical Debt Relief Act.
- 18 (c) In contracting with the State Treasurer, a medical debt relief
- 19 coordinator shall adhere to the following:
- 20 (i) The medical debt relief coordinator shall review the medical
- 21 <u>debt accounts of each health care provider willing to donate or sell</u>
- 22 medical debt accounts in this state;
- 23 (ii) The medical debt relief coordinator may negotiate for and elect
- 24 to buy the dischargeable medical debt from a health care provider that
- 25 identifies the accounts described in subdivision (3)(c)(i) of this
- 26 <u>section as a bad debt expense and agrees to sell the debt for less than</u>
- 27 the original value;
- 28 (iii) After the purchase and discharge of medical debt from a health
- 29 care provider, the medical debt relief coordinator shall notify all
- 30 eligible residents whose medical debt has been discharged under the
- 31 program, in a manner approved by the State Treasurer, that they no longer

- 1 have specified medical debt owed to the relevant health care provider;
- 2 (iv) A medical debt relief coordinator shall make its best efforts
- 3 to ensure parity and equity in the purchasing and discharging of medical
- 4 debt to ensure that all eligible residents have an equal opportunity of
- 5 receiving medical debt relief regardless of their geographical location
- 6 or their race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin;
- 7 (v) A medical debt relief coordinator shall report to the State
- 8 <u>Treasurer summary statistics regarding eligible residents whose medical</u>
- 9 debt has been discharged; and
- 10 <u>(vi) A medical debt relief coordinator may not attempt to seek</u>
- 11 payment from an eligible resident for medical debt purchased by the
- 12 medical debt relief coordinator.
- 13 (d) A medical debt relief coordinator shall continue to fulfill its
- 14 <u>contractual obligations to the State Treasurer until all money contracted</u>
- 15 to the medical debt relief coordinator is exhausted, regardless of
- 16 whether money allocated to the program has been exhausted.
- 17 (e) If a medical debt relief coordinator attempts to seek payment
- 18 from an eligible resident for medical debt purchased by the medical debt
- 19 relief coordinator or fails to carry out the responsibilities described
- 20 <u>in its contract with the State Treasurer, the medical debt relief</u>
- 21 coordinator shall be considered in breach of contract and the contract
- 22 provisions that apply in the case of a breach of contract shall apply.
- 23 (f) Health care providers that are willing to sell medical debt to
- 24 the medical debt relief coordinator shall provide necessary information
- 25 to, and otherwise coordinate with, the medical debt relief coordinator as
- 26 <u>needed to carry out the purposes of the Medical Debt Relief Act.</u>
- 27 Sec. 4. <u>(1) On or before October 1, 2025, and on or before October</u>
- 28 <u>1 of each year thereafter for as long as medical debt relief coordinators</u>
- 29 are fulfilling their contractual obligations under the Medical Debt
- 30 Relief Act, the State Treasurer shall submit an annual report regarding
- 31 the program in accordance with this section.

- 1 (2) Each report under this section shall contain the following
- 2 <u>information for the most recently completed fiscal year:</u>
- 3 (a) The amount of medical debt purchased and discharged under the
- 4 program;
- 5 (b) The number of eliqible residents who received medical debt
- 6 relief under the program;
- 7 (c) The characteristics of such eligible residents as described in
- 8 <u>subdivision (3)(c)(iv) of section 3 of this act;</u>
- 9 (d) The number of such eligible residents whose income was
- 10 <u>calculated at one hundred percent, one hundred fifty percent, and two</u>
- 11 <u>hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines;</u>
- 12 <u>(e) The number and characteristics of the health care providers from</u>
- 13 whom medical debt was purchased and discharged;
- 14 (f) The number and characteristics of the medical debt relief
- 15 coordinators contracted with for the purposes of purchasing and
- 16 discharging medical debt; and
- 17 (q) The number of private individuals and private entities that made
- 18 a contribution to the Medical Debt Relief Fund and the total amount of
- 19 <u>such contributions</u>.
- 20 (3) Each report under this section shall be submitted electronically
- 21 <u>to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature.</u>
- 22 Sec. 5. (1) The amount of interest and principal balance of medical
- 23 <u>debt discharged under the program shall not be considered income for</u>
- 24 income tax purposes as provided in section 77-2716.
- 25 (2) Contributions to the Medical Debt Relief Fund made by any
- 26 private individual or private entity shall be tax deductible for income
- 27 tax purposes as provided in section 77-2716.
- 28 Sec. 6. <u>The Medical Debt Relief Fund is created. The fund shall be</u>
- 29 <u>administered by the State Treasurer and shall be used to carry out the</u>
- 30 Medical Debt Relief Act. The fund shall consist of money transferred to
- 31 the fund by the Legislature and money donated as gifts, bequests, or

- 1 other contributions from public or private entities. Any money in the
- 2 <u>fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment</u>
- 3 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 4 State Funds Investment Act.
- 5 Sec. 7. The State Treasurer may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 6 regulations to carry out the Medical Debt Relief Act.
- 7 Sec. 8. Section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 77-2716 (1) The following adjustments to federal adjusted gross
- 10 income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall
- 11 be made for interest or dividends received:
- 12 (a)(i) There shall be subtracted interest or dividends received by
- 13 the owner of obligations of the United States and its territories and
- 14 possessions or of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the
- 15 United States to the extent includable in gross income for federal income
- 16 tax purposes but exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the
- 17 United States; and
- 18 (ii) There shall be subtracted interest received by the owner of
- 19 obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions or
- 20 authorities which are Build America Bonds to the extent includable in
- 21 gross income for federal income tax purposes;
- 22 (b) There shall be subtracted that portion of the total dividends
- 23 and other income received from a regulated investment company which is
- 24 attributable to obligations described in subdivision (a) of this
- 25 subsection as reported to the recipient by the regulated investment
- 26 company;
- 27 (c) There shall be added interest or dividends received by the owner
- 28 of obligations of the District of Columbia, other states of the United
- 29 States, or their political subdivisions, authorities, commissions, or
- 30 instrumentalities to the extent excluded in the computation of gross
- 31 income for federal income tax purposes except that such interest or

- 1 dividends shall not be added if received by a corporation which is a
- 2 regulated investment company;
- 3 (d) There shall be added that portion of the total dividends and
- 4 other income received from a regulated investment company which is
- 5 attributable to obligations described in subdivision (c) of this
- 6 subsection and excluded for federal income tax purposes as reported to
- 7 the recipient by the regulated investment company; and
- 8 (e)(i) Any amount subtracted under this subsection shall be reduced
- 9 by any interest on indebtedness incurred to carry the obligations or
- 10 securities described in this subsection or the investment in the
- 11 regulated investment company and by any expenses incurred in the
- 12 production of interest or dividend income described in this subsection to
- 13 the extent that such expenses, including amortizable bond premiums, are
- 14 deductible in determining federal taxable income.
- 15 (ii) Any amount added under this subsection shall be reduced by any
- 16 expenses incurred in the production of such income to the extent
- 17 disallowed in the computation of federal taxable income.
- 18 (2) There shall be allowed a net operating loss derived from or
- 19 connected with Nebraska sources computed under rules and regulations
- 20 adopted and promulgated by the Tax Commissioner consistent, to the extent
- 21 possible under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, with the laws of the
- 22 United States. For a resident individual, estate, or trust, the net
- 23 operating loss computed on the federal income tax return shall be
- 24 adjusted by the modifications contained in this section. For a
- 25 nonresident individual, estate, or trust or for a partial-year resident
- 26 individual, the net operating loss computed on the federal return shall
- 27 be adjusted by the modifications contained in this section and any
- 28 carryovers or carrybacks shall be limited to the portion of the loss
- 29 derived from or connected with Nebraska sources.
- 30 (3) There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for
- 31 all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the amount of

- 1 any state income tax refund to the extent such refund was deducted under
- 2 the Internal Revenue Code, was not allowed in the computation of the tax
- 3 due under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, and is included in federal
- 4 adjusted gross income.
- 5 (4) Federal adjusted gross income, or, for a fiduciary, federal
- 6 taxable income shall be modified to exclude the portion of the income or
- 7 loss received from a small business corporation with an election in
- 8 effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code or from a limited
- 9 liability company organized pursuant to the Nebraska Uniform Limited
- 10 Liability Company Act that is not derived from or connected with Nebraska
- 11 sources as determined in section 77-2734.01.
- 12 (5) There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income or,
- 13 for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income dividends
- 14 received or deemed to be received from corporations which are not subject
- 15 to the Internal Revenue Code.
- 16 (6) There shall be subtracted from federal taxable income a portion
- 17 of the income earned by a corporation subject to the Internal Revenue
- 18 Code of 1986 that is actually taxed by a foreign country or one of its
- 19 political subdivisions at a rate in excess of the maximum federal tax
- 20 rate for corporations. The taxpayer may make the computation for each
- 21 foreign country or for groups of foreign countries. The portion of the
- 22 taxes that may be deducted shall be computed in the following manner:
- 23 (a) The amount of federal taxable income from operations within a
- 24 foreign taxing jurisdiction shall be reduced by the amount of taxes
- 25 actually paid to the foreign jurisdiction that are not deductible solely
- 26 because the foreign tax credit was elected on the federal income tax
- 27 return;
- 28 (b) The amount of after-tax income shall be divided by one minus the
- 29 maximum tax rate for corporations in the Internal Revenue Code; and
- 30 (c) The result of the calculation in subdivision (b) of this
- 31 subsection shall be subtracted from the amount of federal taxable income

- 1 used in subdivision (a) of this subsection. The result of such
- 2 calculation, if greater than zero, shall be subtracted from federal
- 3 taxable income.
- 4 (7) Federal adjusted gross income shall be modified to exclude any
- 5 amount repaid by the taxpayer for which a reduction in federal tax is
- 6 allowed under section 1341(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 7 (8)(a) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and
- 8 fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be reduced, to the extent
- 9 included, by income from interest, earnings, and state contributions
- 10 received from the Nebraska educational savings plan trust created in
- 11 sections 85-1801 to 85-1817 and any account established under the
- 12 achieving a better life experience program as provided in sections
- 13 77-1401 to 77-1409.
- 14 (b) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and
- 15 fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be reduced by any contributions
- 16 as a participant in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust or
- 17 contributions to an account established under the achieving a better life
- 18 experience program made for the benefit of a beneficiary as provided in
- 19 sections 77-1401 to 77-1409, to the extent not deducted for federal
- 20 income tax purposes, but not to exceed five thousand dollars per married
- 21 filing separate return or ten thousand dollars for any other return. With
- 22 respect to a qualified rollover within the meaning of section 529 of the
- 23 Internal Revenue Code from another state's plan, any interest, earnings,
- 24 and state contributions received from the other state's educational
- 25 savings plan which is qualified under section 529 of the code shall
- 26 qualify for the reduction provided in this subdivision. For contributions
- 27 by a custodian of a custodial account including rollovers from another
- 28 custodial account, the reduction shall only apply to funds added to the
- 29 custodial account after January 1, 2014.
- 30 (c) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 31 January 1, 2021, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,

- 1 federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced, to the extent included in
- 2 the adjusted gross income of an individual, by the amount of any
- 3 contribution made by the individual's employer into an account under the
- 4 Nebraska educational savings plan trust owned by the individual, not to
- 5 exceed five thousand dollars per married filing separate return or ten
- 6 thousand dollars for any other return.
- 7 (d) Federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and
- 8 fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be increased by:
- 9 (i) The amount resulting from the cancellation of a participation
- 10 agreement refunded to the taxpayer as a participant in the Nebraska
- 11 educational savings plan trust to the extent previously deducted under
- 12 subdivision (8)(b) of this section; and
- 13 (ii) The amount of any withdrawals by the owner of an account
- 14 established under the achieving a better life experience program as
- 15 provided in sections 77-1401 to 77-1409 for nonqualified expenses to the
- 16 extent previously deducted under subdivision (8)(b) of this section.
- 17 (9)(a) For income tax returns filed after September 10, 2001, for
- 18 taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1, 2006, under
- 19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, federal adjusted gross
- 20 income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall
- 21 be increased by eighty-five percent of any amount of any federal bonus
- 22 depreciation received under the federal Job Creation and Worker
- 23 Assistance Act of 2002 or the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003,
- 24 under section 168(k) or section 1400L of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 25 1986, as amended, for assets placed in service after September 10, 2001,
- and before December 31, 2005.
- 27 (b) For a partnership, limited liability company, cooperative,
- 28 including any cooperative exempt from income taxes under section 521 of
- 29 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limited cooperative
- 30 association, subchapter S corporation, or joint venture, the increase
- 31 shall be distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons, or

- 1 beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use against
- 2 their income tax liabilities.
- 3 (c) For a corporation with a unitary business having activity both
- 4 inside and outside the state, the increase shall be apportioned to
- 5 Nebraska in the same manner as income is apportioned to the state by
- 6 section 77-2734.05.
- 7 (d) The amount of bonus depreciation added to federal adjusted gross
- 8 income or, for corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income by
- 9 this subsection shall be subtracted in a later taxable year. Twenty
- 10 percent of the total amount of bonus depreciation added back by this
- 11 subsection for tax years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1,
- 12 2003, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, may be
- 13 subtracted in the first taxable year beginning or deemed to begin on or
- 14 after January 1, 2005, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 15 amended, and twenty percent in each of the next four following taxable
- 16 years. Twenty percent of the total amount of bonus depreciation added
- 17 back by this subsection for tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or
- 18 after January 1, 2003, may be subtracted in the first taxable year
- 19 beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006, under the
- 20 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and twenty percent in each of
- 21 the next four following taxable years.
- 22 (10) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 23 January 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2006, under the Internal Revenue
- 24 Code of 1986, as amended, federal adjusted gross income or, for
- 25 corporations and fiduciaries, federal taxable income shall be increased
- 26 by the amount of any capital investment that is expensed under section
- 27 179 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is in excess
- 28 of twenty-five thousand dollars that is allowed under the federal Jobs
- 29 and Growth Tax Act of 2003. Twenty percent of the total amount of
- 30 expensing added back by this subsection for tax years beginning or deemed
- 31 to begin on or after January 1, 2003, may be subtracted in the first

- 1 taxable year beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006,
- 2 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and twenty percent
- 3 in each of the next four following tax years.
- 4 (11)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before
- 5 January 1, 2018, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
- 6 federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by contributions, up to
- 7 two thousand dollars per married filing jointly return or one thousand
- 8 dollars for any other return, and any investment earnings made as a
- 9 participant in the Nebraska long-term care savings plan under the Long-
- 10 Term Care Savings Plan Act, to the extent not deducted for federal income
- 11 tax purposes.
- 12 (b) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin before January 1,
- 13 2018, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, federal
- 14 adjusted gross income shall be increased by the withdrawals made as a
- 15 participant in the Nebraska long-term care savings plan under the act by
- 16 a person who is not a qualified individual or for any reason other than
- 17 transfer of funds to a spouse, long-term care expenses, long-term care
- 18 insurance premiums, or death of the participant, including withdrawals
- 19 made by reason of cancellation of the participation agreement, to the
- 20 extent previously deducted as a contribution or as investment earnings.
- 21 (12) There shall be added to federal adjusted gross income for
- 22 individuals, estates, and trusts any amount taken as a credit for
- 23 franchise tax paid by a financial institution under sections 77-3801 to
- 24 77-3807 as allowed by subsection (5) of section 77-2715.07.
- 25 (13)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 26 January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue
- 27 Code of 1986, as amended, federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced
- 28 by the amount received as benefits under the federal Social Security Act
- 29 which are included in the federal adjusted gross income if:
- 30 (i) For taxpayers filing a married filing joint return, federal
- 31 adjusted gross income is fifty-eight thousand dollars or less; or

- 1 (ii) For taxpayers filing any other return, federal adjusted gross
- 2 income is forty-three thousand dollars or less.
- 3 (b) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 4 January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue
- 5 Code of 1986, as amended, the Tax Commissioner shall adjust the dollar
- 6 amounts provided in subdivisions (13)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section by
- 7 the same percentage used to adjust individual income tax brackets under
- 8 subsection (3) of section 77-2715.03.
- 9 (c) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 10 January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue
- 11 Code of 1986, as amended, a taxpayer may claim the reduction to federal
- 12 adjusted gross income allowed under this subsection or the reduction to
- 13 federal adjusted gross income allowed under subsection (14) of this
- 14 section, whichever provides the greater reduction.
- 15 (14)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 16 January 1, 2021, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
- 17 federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by a percentage of the
- 18 social security benefits that are received and included in federal
- 19 adjusted gross income. The pertinent percentage shall be:
- 20 (i) Five percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on
- 21 or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022, under the Internal
- 22 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- 23 (ii) Forty percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on
- 24 or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2023, under the Internal
- 25 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (iii) Sixty percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin
- 27 on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2024, under the
- 28 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- 29 (iv) One hundred percent for taxable years beginning or deemed to
- 30 begin on or after January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue Code of
- 31 1986, as amended.

- 1 (b) For purposes of this subsection, social security benefits means 2 benefits received under the federal Social Security Act.
- 3 (c) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
 4 January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue
 5 Code of 1986, as amended, a taxpayer may claim the reduction to federal
 6 adjusted gross income allowed under this subsection or the reduction to
 7 federal adjusted gross income allowed under subsection (13) of this
 8 section, whichever provides the greater reduction.
- 9 (15)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue 10 Code of 1986, as amended, an individual may make a one-time election 11 within two calendar years after the date of his or her retirement from 12 the military to exclude income received as a military retirement benefit 13 by the individual to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income 14 and as provided in this subdivision. The individual may elect to exclude 15 16 forty percent of his or her military retirement benefit income for seven 17 consecutive taxable years beginning with the year in which the election is made or may elect to exclude fifteen percent of his or her military 18 retirement benefit income for all taxable years beginning with the year 19 in which he or she turns sixty-seven years of age. 20
- (b) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
 January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, an
 individual may exclude one hundred percent of the military retirement
 benefit income received by such individual to the extent included in
 federal adjusted gross income.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, military retirement benefit
 means retirement benefits that are periodic payments attributable to
 service in the uniformed services of the United States for personal
 services performed by an individual prior to his or her retirement. The
 term includes retirement benefits described in this subdivision that are
 reported to the individual on either:

- 1 (i) An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R received from the United
- 2 States Department of Defense; or
- 3 (ii) An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R received from the
- 4 United States Office of Personnel Management.
- 5 (16) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 6 January 1, 2021, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
- 7 federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by the amount received as
- 8 a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, to the extent such amount is included
- 9 in federal adjusted gross income.
- 10 (17) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 11 January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
- 12 federal adjusted gross income shall be reduced by the amount received by
- 13 or on behalf of a firefighter for cancer benefits under the Firefighter
- 14 Cancer Benefits Act to the extent included in federal adjusted gross
- 15 income.
- 16 (18) There shall be subtracted from the federal adjusted gross
- 17 income of individuals any amount received by the individual as student
- 18 loan repayment assistance under the Teach in Nebraska Today Act, to the
- 19 extent such amount is included in federal adjusted gross income.
- 20 (19) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 21 January 1, 2023, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a
- 22 retired individual who was employed full time as a firefighter or
- 23 certified law enforcement officer for at least twenty years and who is at
- 24 least sixty years of age as of the end of the taxable year may reduce his
- 25 or her federal adjusted gross income by the amount of health insurance
- 26 premiums paid by such individual during the taxable year, to the extent
- 27 such premiums were not already deducted in determining the individual's
- 28 federal adjusted gross income.
- 29 (20) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 30 January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, an
- 31 individual may reduce his or her federal adjusted gross income by the

- 1 amounts received as annuities under the Federal Employees Retirement
- 2 System or the Civil Service Retirement System which were earned for being
- 3 employed by the federal government, to the extent such amounts are
- 4 included in federal adjusted gross income.
- 5 (21)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after
- 6 January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, an
- 7 <u>individual may reduce his or her federal adjusted gross income by the</u>
- 8 <u>amount of interest and principal balance of medical debt discharged under</u>
- 9 <u>the Medical Debt Relief Act, to the extent included in such individual's</u>
- 10 federal adjusted gross income.
- 11 <u>(b) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after</u>
- 12 January 1, 2024, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,
- 13 federal adjusted gross income or, for corporations and fiduciaries,
- 14 <u>federal taxable income shall be reduced by the amount of contributions</u>
- 15 made to the Medical Debt Relief Fund, to the extent not deducted for
- 16 federal income tax purposes.
- 17 Sec. 9. Original section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 18 2023, is repealed.