

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 252**

Introduced by Adams, 24.

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Committee:

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections  
2 85-161, 85-162.03, 85-304, and 85-931, Reissue Revised  
3 Statutes of Nebraska; to correct and change subdivision  
4 numbering and references to governmental entities; and to  
5 repeal the original sections.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 85-161, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           85-161 (1) The Nebraska Forest Service is acknowledged  
4 within the University of Nebraska. The State Forester appointed  
5 pursuant to section 85-162.01 shall be the administrative head of the  
6 Nebraska Forest Service and shall report to the vice chancellor of  
7 the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

8           (2) The mission of the Nebraska Forest Service is to  
9 provide education and services to the people of Nebraska for the  
10 protection, utilization, and enhancement of the state's tree and  
11 forest resources. In carrying out its mission, the Nebraska Forest  
12 Service shall provide education and services covering all aspects of  
13 planting, protection, care, and utilization of the state's tree and  
14 forest resources and shall provide fire protection to all rural land  
15 in cooperation with the state's rural fire protection districts.

16           (3) The Nebraska Forest Service shall provide education  
17 and services through four core programs:

18           ~~(1)~~ (a) The Rural Forestry Assistance Program;  
19           ~~(2) the~~ (b) The Urban and Community Forestry Program;  
20           ~~(3) the~~ (c) The Forest Health Program; and  
21           ~~(4) the~~ (d) The Rural Fire Prevention and Control  
22 Program.

23           (4) In carrying out its mission, the Nebraska Forest  
24 Service shall work cooperatively with all federal, state, and local  
25 entities to maximize services and funding. The Nebraska Forest

1 Service shall work cooperatively with the natural resources districts  
2 to coordinate services and funding for the core programs.

3 Sec. 2. Section 85-162.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 85-162.03 In carrying out sections 85-162.01 to  
6 85-162.05, the State Forester shall cooperate with (1) any agency or  
7 bureau of the United States, including, but not limited to, the  
8 Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the  
9 Consolidated Farm Service Agency, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army  
10 Corps of Engineers, and the ~~Bureau of Outdoor Recreation~~, National  
11 Park Service, (2) any agency or bureau of the State of Nebraska or  
12 its political subdivisions, including, but not limited to, the Game  
13 and Parks Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the State  
14 Fire Marshal, the Department of Agriculture, the Adjutant General,  
15 the Department of Economic Development, and the Conservation and  
16 Survey Division of the University of Nebraska, and (3) any  
17 incorporated municipality of the state or any political subdivision  
18 of the state, including, but not limited to, rural fire protection  
19 districts, natural resources districts, and weed control districts.

20 Sec. 3. Section 85-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
21 Nebraska, is amended to read:

22 85-304 (1) The board shall have the power:

23 ~~(1)~~ (a) To appoint a president and such other persons as  
24 may be required for each school;

25 ~~(2)~~ (b) To fix their compensation and prescribe their

1 duties;

2 ~~(3) (c)~~ To remove all persons appointed, but the  
3 affirmative votes of four members of the board shall be necessary to  
4 remove a president or an assistant during the time for which such  
5 persons were appointed;

6 ~~(4) (d)~~ Through an extension division to provide for  
7 holding of classes at various localities throughout the state,  
8 avoiding unnecessary duplication of courses offered by other  
9 educational institutions in such localities;

10 ~~(5) (e)~~ To acquire real and personal property and dispose  
11 of the same whenever any of the state colleges will be benefited  
12 thereby, but no grounds upon which any buildings of any of the state  
13 colleges are located shall be disposed of without the consent of the  
14 Legislature;

15 ~~(6) (f)~~ To pay expenses for recruitment of academic,  
16 administrative, professional, and managerial personnel; and

17 ~~(7) (g)~~ To provide benefits for all present and future  
18 employees, including group life insurance, group hospital-medical  
19 insurance, and group long-term disability income insurance. ~~;~~ and

20 (2) The board shall:

21 ~~(8) Shall have the duty to institute (a) Institute a~~  
22 continuing program of preventive maintenance and a program of  
23 deferred maintenance consistent with the ~~provisions of sections~~  
24 ~~81-173 to 81-190;~~ Deferred Building Renewal Act; and

25 ~~(9) Shall have the duty to consult (b) Consult with the~~

1 Nebraska Arts Council and acquire works of art for the original  
 2 construction of any public building under its supervision consistent  
 3 with sections 82-317 to 82-329, 85-106 to 85-106.03, and 85-304 to  
 4 85-304.03.

5 Sec. 4. Section 85-931, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 6 Nebraska, is amended to read:

7 85-931 Graduate degree programs shall mean those programs  
 8 for which the following degrees are awarded:

9 (1) First professional degree being the first earned  
 10 degree in the following fields: (a) Dentistry; (b) medicine, general;  
 11 (c) optometry; (d) osteopathic medicine; (e) pharmacy; (f) podiatry;  
 12 (g) veterinary medicine; (h) chiropractic; (i) law, general; (j)  
 13 theology, general; and (k) architecture, general;

14 (2)(a) Master's degree being the earned degree carrying  
 15 the title Master. The master's degree is the first advanced graduate  
 16 degree conferred in professional programs and general academic and  
 17 occupational programs.

18 (b) Master's degree professional programs include, but  
 19 are not limited to: ~~(a)~~ ~~(i)~~ Engineering; ~~(b)~~ ~~(ii)~~ education; ~~(c)~~  
 20 ~~(iii)~~ allied health professions; ~~(d)~~ ~~(iv)~~ nursing; ~~(e)~~ ~~(v)~~  
 21 architecture, specialties; ~~(f)~~ ~~(vi)~~ community and regional planning;  
 22 ~~(g)~~ ~~(vii)~~ dentistry; ~~(h)~~ ~~(viii)~~ medicine, specialties; ~~(i)~~ ~~(ix)~~  
 23 optometry; ~~(j)~~ ~~(x)~~ osteopathic medicine; ~~(k)~~ ~~(xi)~~ pharmacy; ~~(l)~~ ~~(xii)~~  
 24 podiatry; ~~(m)~~ ~~(xiii)~~ social work; ~~(n)~~ ~~(xiv)~~ veterinary medicine; ~~(o)~~  
 25 ~~(xv)~~ chiropractic; ~~(p)~~ ~~(xvi)~~ law, specialties; and ~~(q)~~ ~~(xvii)~~

1 theology, specialties.

2           (c) Master's degree programs in general academic and  
3 occupational areas include but are not limited to: ~~(a)~~—(i)  
4 Mathematics; ~~(b)~~—(ii) languages; ~~(c)~~—(iii) biological and physical  
5 sciences; ~~(d)~~—(iv) letters; ~~(e)~~—(v) fine arts; ~~(f)~~—(vi) social  
6 sciences; ~~(g)~~—(vii) agriculture and natural resources; ~~(h)~~—(viii)  
7 communications; ~~(i)~~—(ix) business and management; ~~(j)~~—(x) computer  
8 and information sciences; ~~(k)~~—(xi) home economics; and ~~(l)~~—(xii) fine  
9 and applied arts; and

10           (3)(a) Doctoral degree being an earned academic degree  
11 conveying the title of Doctor.

12           (b) Doctoral degrees include but are not limited to:  
13 Doctor of Philosophy; Doctor of Education; and Doctor of Arts.

14           Sec. 5. Original sections 85-161, 85-162.03, 85-304, and  
15 85-931, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.