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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend sections 2-1587, 1 2 13-1905, 13-1906, 13-1907, 13-2610, 81-1201.21, 81-1354.05, 81-3119, and 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 3 2-1507, 2-1513, 2-1588, 13-2704, 39-1390, 61-222, 71-7611, and 4 5 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide for fund transfers; to create funds; to provide for and change the 6 7 source and use of certain funds; to state findings and intent; to 8 change provisions relating to certain funds, financial assistance, 9 and cigarette tax proceeds as prescribed; to provide for oral health 10 training and services contracts; to repeal the original sections;

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

and to declare an emergency.

- 1 Section 1. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,300,000 from the
- 2 General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2016,
- 3 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator
- 4 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 5 Sec. 2. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,300,000 from the
- 6 General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2017,
- 7 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator
- 8 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 9 Sec. 3. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$11,000,000 from the
- 10 General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund on or before June 30, 2016,
- 11 <u>on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator</u>
- 12 <u>of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 13 Sec. 4. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$11,000,000 from the
- 14 General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund on or before June 30, 2017,
- on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator
- 16 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 17 Sec. 5. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the
- 18 Water Sustainability Fund to the Nebraska Resources Development Fund on
- 19 <u>or before August 1, 2015.</u>
- 20 Sec. 6. <u>The State Treasurer shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the</u>
- 21 Water Sustainability Fund to the Nebraska Resources Development Fund on
- 22 or before August 1, 2016.
- 23 Sec. 7. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$202,000,000 from the
- 24 General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December
- 25 15, 2015, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 26 budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
- 27 Sec. 8. <u>The State Treasurer shall transfer \$202,000,000 from the</u>
- 28 General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December
- 29 15, 2016, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the
- 30 <u>budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.</u>
- 31 Sec. 9. The State Treasurer shall transfer an amount as directed by

- 1 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 2 Administrative Services, pursuant to subsections (3) and (4) of section
- 3 82-331, not to exceed \$750,000, from the General Fund to the Nebraska
- 4 Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31, 2015, or as soon
- 5 thereafter as administratively possible.
- 6 Sec. 10. The State Treasurer shall transfer an amount as directed
- 7 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 8 Administrative Services, pursuant to subsections (3) and (4) of section
- 9 82-331, not to exceed \$750,000, from the General Fund to the Nebraska
- 10 <u>Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund on December 31, 2016, or as soon</u>
- 11 <u>thereafter as administratively possible.</u>
- 12 Sec. 11. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$147,000 from the City
- 13 of the Metropolitan Class Development Fund to the General Fund on July 1,
- 14 <u>2015</u>, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- 15 Sec. 12. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$98,000 from the City
- of the Primary Class Development Fund to the General Fund on July 1,
- 17 2015, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- 18 Sec. 13. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$150,000 from the
- 19 <u>Convention Center Support Fund to the General Fund on July 1, 2015, or as</u>
- 20 <u>soon thereafter as administratively possible.</u>
- 21 Sec. 14. The State Treasurer, at the direction of the budget
- 22 administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
- 23 Services, shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the State Recreation Road Fund
- to the State Park Cash Revolving Fund between July 1, 2015, and July 31,
- 25 <u>2015</u>. The State Treasurer, at the direction of the budget administrator
- 26 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services,
- 27 <u>shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the State Recreation Road Fund to the</u>
- 28 State Park Cash Revolving Fund between July 1, 2016, and July 31, 2016.
- 29 Sec. 15. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the
- 30 Resource Recovery Fund to the General Fund on or before July 5, 2015.
- 31 Sec. 16. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 from the

1 Nebraska Collection Agency Fund to the General Fund on or before July 5,

- 2 2015.
- 3 Sec. 17. The Republican River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash
- 4 Fund is created. The Director of Administrative Services shall use the
- 5 fund to make payments in an amount up to \$5,500,000 in accordance with
- 6 any court order pursuant to Kansas v. Nebraska, No. 126 Original. Such
- 7 payment or payments shall only be made by the Department of
- 8 Administrative Services upon written certification by the Attorney
- 9 General of the amount necessary to satisfy the court-ordered amount. The
- 10 fund shall receive revenue from fund transfers as authorized by the
- 11 Legislature and from fees, charges, and any other revenue source
- 12 specifically designated by the Legislature for deposit in the fund.
- 13 Further, upon the written certification of the Attorney General to the
- 14 Director of Administrative Services that the State of Nebraska has
- 15 <u>satisfied in full its payment requirements ordered by the court pursuant</u>
- 16 to Kansas v. Nebraska, No. 126 Original, the fund shall be terminated and
- 17 any remaining balance shall be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund. Any
- 18 money in the Republican River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash Fund
- 19 <u>available for investment shall be invested by the state investment</u>
- 20 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 21 State Funds Investment Act.
- 22 Sec. 18. The Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund
- 23 is created within the Department of Health and Human Services. Any money
- 24 in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 25 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 26 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. The purpose of the fund is to
- 27 <u>enhance the ability of Nebraska's federally qualified health centers to</u>
- 28 provide patient-centered medical homes to low-income medically
- 29 <u>underserved populations.</u>
- 30 Sec. 19. (1) Twenty-five percent of the federal medicaid fraud
- 31 settlement funds accruing to Nebraska annually shall be deposited in the

- 1 Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund for distribution to
- 2 <u>federally qualified health centers in Nebraska. Such funds shall be</u>
- 3 distributed proportionately based on the unduplicated number of patients
- 4 served in the previous year by such federally qualified health centers as
- 5 reported through the uniform data system of the Health Resources and
- 6 Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and
- 7 Human Services.
- 8 (2) Funds distributed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
- 9 <u>shall be used for the following purposes:</u>
- 10 (a) Hiring, training, certifying, and maintaining staff dedicated to
- 11 patient-centered chronic disease management, including, but not limited
- 12 <u>to, case managers, health educators, social workers, outreach and</u>
- 13 <u>enrollment workers</u>, and community health workers;
- 14 (b) Providing services, including, but not limited to, interpreter
- 15 <u>services</u>, transportation services, and social work assistance;
- 16 (c) Capital improvements, including, but not limited to, facility
- 17 <u>expansion</u>, <u>leasing</u> <u>additional</u> <u>space</u>, <u>and</u> <u>furnishing</u>, <u>equipment</u>, <u>or</u>
- 18 redesign of facilities to support patient-centered care;
- 19 (d) Medication management, including, but not limited to, clinical
- 20 pharmacy services, pharmacists, clinical pharmacists, technology for
- 21 <u>monitoring and real-time notification, and care managers;</u>
- 22 (e) Information technology, including, but not limited to,
- 23 <u>telehealth services, analytics tools, patient registries, and updates to</u>
- 24 <u>electronic health records systems; and</u>
- 25 (f) Reimbursement to health care providers, including, but not
- 26 limited to, physicians, nurse practitioners, dieticians, diabetic
- 27 educators, behavioral health providers, and oral health providers.
- Sec. 20. The Legislature finds that water sustainability programs,
- 29 projects, and activities are complex, multiyear endeavors that require a
- 30 stable source of state funding support in order for the required matching
- 31 funds to be secured and for projects to be completed in a timely and

- 1 successful manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that transfers of
- 2 <u>money from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund be</u>
- 3 maintained at the level established in section 61-222 for a minimum of
- 4 ten fiscal years.
- 5 Sec. 21. Section 2-1507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 6 2014, is amended to read:
- 7 2-1507 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Water
- 8 Sustainability Fund be equitably distributed statewide to the greatest
- 9 extent possible for the long term and give priority funding status to
- 10 projects which are the result of federal mandates.
- 11 (2) Distributions to assist municipalities with the cost of
- 12 constructing, upgrading, developing, and replacing sewer infrastructure
- 13 facilities as part of a combined sewer overflow project shall be based on
- 14 a demonstration of need and shall equal ten percent of the total annual
- 15 appropriation to the Water Sustainability Fund if (a) applicants have
- 16 applied for such funding as required under section 2-1509 and (b) any
- 17 such application has been recommended for further consideration by the
- 18 director and is subsequently approved for allocation by the commission
- 19 pursuant to subsection (1) of section 2-1511. If more than one
- 20 municipality demonstrates a need for funds pursuant to this subsection,
- 21 funds shall be distributed proportionally based on population.
- 22 (3) Any money in the Water Sustainability Fund may be allocated by
- 23 the commission to applicants in accordance with sections 2-1506 to
- 24 2-1513. Such money may be allocated in the form of grants or loans for
- 25 water sustainability programs, projects, or activities undertaken within
- 26 the state. The allocation of funds to a program, project, or activity in
- 27 one form shall not of itself preclude additional allocations in the same
- 28 or any other form to the same program, project, or activity.
- 29 (4) When the commission has approved an allocation of funds to a
- 30 program, project, or activity, the Department of Natural Resources shall
- 31 establish a subaccount in the Water Sustainability Fund and credit the

- 1 entire amount of the allocation to the subaccount. Individual subaccounts
- 2 <u>shall be established for each program, project, or activity approved by</u>
- 3 the commission. Additional allocations to a program, project, or activity
- 4 shall be credited to the same subaccount as the original allocation.
- 5 <u>Subaccounts shall not be subject to transfer out of the Water</u>
- 6 Sustainability Fund, except that the commission may authorize the
- 7 transfer of excess or unused funds from a subaccount and into the
- 8 unreserved balance of the fund.
- 9 $(\underline{5} \text{ 4})$ A natural resources district is eligible for funding from the
- 10 Water Sustainability Fund only if the district has adopted or is
- 11 currently participating in the development of an integrated management
- 12 plan pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of section 46-715.
- 13 $(6\ 5)$ The commission shall utilize the resources and expertise of
- 14 and collaborate with the Department of Natural Resources, the University
- 15 of Nebraska, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska
- 16 Environmental Trust Board, and the Game and Parks Commission on funding
- 17 and planning for water programs, projects, or activities.
- 18 (7 6) A biennial report shall be made to the Clerk of the
- 19 Legislature describing the work accomplished by the use of funds towards
- 20 the goals of the Water Sustainability Fund beginning on December 31,
- 21 2015. The report submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature shall be
- 22 submitted electronically.
- 23 Sec. 22. Section 2-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 24 2014, is amended to read:
- 25 2-1513 The Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall,
- 26 beginning with the FY2023-25 FY2019-21 biennial budget review process,
- 27 conduct a biennial analysis of the financial status of the Water
- 28 Sustainability Fund, including a review of the committed and uncommitted
- 29 balance of the fund and the financial impact of pending programs,
- 30 projects, or activities. The committee shall base its recommendation for
- 31 transfers to the Water Sustainability Fund upon information provided in

- 1 the review process.
- 2 Sec. 23. Section 2-1587, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 2-1587 (1) There is hereby created the Nebraska Resources
- 5 Development Fund to be administered by the department. The State
- 6 Treasurer shall credit to the fund, to carry out sections 2-1586 to
- 7 2-1595, such money as is (a) appropriated to <u>or transferred into</u> the fund
- 8 by the Legislature, (b) paid to the state as fees, deposits, payments,
- 9 and repayments relating to the fund, both principal and interest, and (c)
- 10 donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions to such fund from
- 11 public or private entities. Funds made available by any department or
- 12 agency of the United States may also be credited to this fund if so
- 13 directed by such department or agency. The money in the fund shall not be
- 14 subject to any fiscal year or biennium limitation requiring
- 15 reappropriation of the unexpended balance at the end of the fiscal year
- 16 or biennium. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at
- 17 the direction of the Legislature.
- 18 (2) To aid in the funding of projects and to prevent excessive
- 19 fluctuations in appropriation requirements for the Nebraska Resources
- 20 Development Fund, the department shall create a reserve fund to be used
- 21 only for projects requiring total expenditures from the Nebraska
- 22 Resources Development Fund in excess of five million dollars. Unless
- 23 disapproved by the Governor, the department may credit to such reserve
- 24 fund that portion of any appropriation to the Nebraska Resources
- 25 Development Fund which exceeds five million dollars. The department may
- 26 also credit to the reserve fund such other funds as it determines are
- 27 available.
- 28 (3) Any money in the Nebraska Resources Development Fund available
- 29 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
- 30 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 31 Investment Act.

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1 Sec. 24. Section 2-1588, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

2-1588 (1) No money in the Nebraska Resources Development Fund may

- 2 2014, is amended to read:
- 4 be reallocated by the commission in accordance with sections 2-1586 to 2-1595 for utilization by the department, by any state office, agency, 5 board, or commission, or by any political subdivision of the state which 6 7 has the authority to develop the state's water and related land resources after March 30, 2014. The commission may commit appropriated funds to 8 9 projects approved as of March 30, 2014, not to exceed amounts 10 specifically allocated to such projects prior to March 30, 2014, unless specific appropriations or transfers to exceed the March 30, 2014, 11 allocation amounts are approved by the Legislature. If such specific 12 appropriations or transfers are made, the commission shall develop 13 14 procedures to allocate the additional funding to projects approved as of March 30, 2014. Allocations shall not exceed funds appropriated for such 15 16 purpose. Any of such funds remaining after all such project costs have 17 been completely funded shall be transferred to the Water Sustainability
- 19 Resources Development Fund fund may be allocated in the form of grants or

Fund by the State Treasurer. Prior to March 30, 2014, the Nebraska

- 20 loans or for acquiring state interests in water and related land
- 21 resources programs and projects undertaken within the state. The
- 22 allocation of funds to a program or project in one form shall not of
- 23 itself preclude additional allocations in the same or any other form to
- 24 the same program or project. Funds may also be allocated to assist
- 25 natural resources districts in the preparation of management plans as
- 26 provided in section 46-709. Funds so allocated shall not be subject to
- 27 sections 2-1589 to 2-1595.
- (2) No project, including all related phases, segments, parts, or divisions, shall receive more than ten million dollars from the fund. On July 1 of each year after 1993, the director shall adjust the project

cost and payment limitation of this subsection by an amount equal to the

1 average percentage change in a readily available construction cost index

- 2 for the prior three years.
- 3 (3) Prior to September 1 of each even-numbered year, a biennial
- 4 report shall be made to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature
- 5 describing the work accomplished by the use of such development fund
- 6 during the immediately preceding two-year period. The report submitted to
- 7 the Clerk of the Legislature shall be submitted electronically. The
- 8 report shall include a complete financial statement. Each member of the
- 9 Legislature shall receive an electronic copy of such report upon making a
- 10 request to the director.
- 11 Sec. 25. Section 13-1905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 12 amended to read:
- 13 13-1905 If state funding is available for distribution pursuant to
- 14 section 13-1906, the <u>Department of Economic Development shall</u> Governor
- 15 shall designate a state administrative agency to certify development
- 16 districts for funding eligibility. Certification shall be based on the
- 17 following requirements:
- 18 (1) The development district shall be formed as provided in section
- 19 13-1902;
- 20 (2) The development district shall have a staff which shall at a
- 21 minimum include a full-time director to provide assistance to the local
- 22 governments which are members of the development district; and
- 23 (3) The agreement creating the development district shall insure
- 24 that all of the local governments within the Nebraska planning and
- 25 development region may at any time join in the development district.
- Sec. 26. Section 13-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 13-1906 (1) The <u>Department of Economic Development state</u>
- 29 administrative agency shall distribute financial assistance from the
- 30 state, if available, to the various development districts as they are
- 31 certified in the manner prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.

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1 (2)(a) Fifty percent of the total sum allocated shall be divided 2 equally among the certified development districts. In certified districts 3 formed by regional councils, funds may be prorated among the cooperating 4 regional councils based upon a formula approved by the governing boards 5 of each of the cooperating regional councils and accepted by the

<u>department</u> state administrative agency.

unincorporated areas of the county.

- (b) Twenty percent of the total sum allocated shall be divided among
 the certified development districts based upon their proportional share
 of the population of all certified development districts in the state.
 For purposes of this subdivision, population shall mean the number of
 residents as shown by the latest federal decennial census, except that
 the population of a county shall mean the number of residents in the
- (c) Thirty percent of the total sum allocated shall be divided among
 the certified development districts based upon their proportional share
 of the local governments located within all certified development
 districts.
- (3) Distributions to newly certified development districts shall not 18 reduce financial assistance to previously funded development districts. 19 State financial assistance shall not exceed the total local dollars 20 received by the development district as verified by the <u>department</u> state 21 administrative agency. For purposes of this subsection, local dollars 22 23 received shall mean the total local dues received by a development 24 district from any local government as a condition of membership in a development district. 25
- Sec. 27. Section 13-1907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13-1907 (1) The <u>Department of Economic Development</u> state

 29 administrative agency shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to

 30 carry out sections 13-1901 to 13-1907 which shall include standardized

 31 reporting and application procedures. Each development district shall

- 1 submit annual performance and financial reports to the <u>department</u> state
- 2 administrative agency which shall address the activities performed and
- 3 services delivered.
- 4 (2) The Governor shall, from time to time, evaluate the
- 5 effectiveness and activities of the development districts receiving
- 6 assistance. If the Governor finds a development district to be
- 7 ineffective, he or she may take action, including the withholding of
- 8 assistance authorized under section 13-1906.
- 9 Sec. 28. Section 13-2610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 13-2610 (1) Upon the annual certification under section 13-2609, the
- 12 State Treasurer shall transfer after the audit the amount certified to
- 13 the Convention Center Support Fund. The Convention Center Support Fund is
- 14 created. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 15 <u>direction of the Legislature.</u> Any money in the <u>Convention Center Support</u>
- 16 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.
- 19 (2)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate from the
- 20 fund to any political subdivision for which an application for state
- 21 assistance under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act
- 22 has been approved an amount not to exceed (i) seventy percent of the
- 23 state sales tax revenue collected by retailers and operators doing
- 24 business at such facilities on sales at such facilities, state sales tax
- 25 revenue collected on primary and secondary box office sales of admissions
- 26 to such facilities, and state sales tax revenue collected by associated
- 27 hotels, (ii) seventy-five million dollars for any one approved project,
- 28 or (iii) the total cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, or
- 29 equipping the eligible facility. State assistance shall not be used for
- 30 an operating subsidy or other ancillary facility.
- 31 (b) Ten percent of such funds appropriated to a city of the

- 1 metropolitan class under this subsection shall be equally distributed to
- 2 areas with a high concentration of poverty to (i) showcase important
- 3 historical aspects of such areas or areas within close geographic
- 4 proximity of the area with a high concentration of poverty or (ii) assist
- 5 with the reduction of street and gang violence in such areas.
- 6 (c) Each area with a high concentration of poverty that has been
- 7 distributed funds under subdivision (b) of this subsection shall
- 8 establish a development fund and form a committee which shall identify
- 9 and research potential projects to be completed in the area with a high
- 10 concentration of poverty or in an area within close geographic proximity
- 11 of such area if the project would have a significant or demonstrable
- 12 impact on such area and make final determinations on the use of state
- 13 sales tax revenue received for such projects.
- 14 (d) A committee formed in subdivision (c) of this subsection shall
- include the following three members:
- 16 (i) The member of the city council whose district includes a
- 17 majority of the census tracts which each contain a percentage of persons
- 18 below the poverty line of greater than thirty percent, as determined by
- 19 the most recent federal decennial census, within the area with a high
- 20 concentration of poverty;
- 21 (ii) The commissioner of the county whose district includes a
- 22 majority of the census tracts which each contain a percentage of persons
- 23 below the poverty line of greater than thirty percent, as determined by
- 24 the most recent federal decennial census, within the area with a high
- 25 concentration of poverty; and
- 26 (iii) A resident of the area with a high concentration of poverty,
- 27 appointed by the other two members of the committee.
- 28 (e) A committee formed in subdivision (c) of this subsection shall
- 29 solicit project ideas from the public and shall hold a public hearing in
- 30 the area with a high concentration of poverty. Notice of a proposed
- 31 hearing shall be provided in accordance with the procedures for notice of

- 1 a public hearing pursuant to section 18-2115. The committee shall
- 2 research potential projects and make the final determination regarding
- 3 the annual distribution of funding to such projects.
- 4 (f) For purposes of this subsection, an area with a high
- 5 concentration of poverty means an area within the corporate limits of a
- 6 city of the metropolitan class consisting of one or more contiguous
- 7 census tracts, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census,
- 8 which contain a percentage of persons below the poverty line of greater
- 9 than thirty percent, and all census tracts contiguous to such tract or
- 10 tracts, as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.
- 11 (3) State assistance to the political subdivision shall no longer be
- 12 available upon the retirement of the bonds issued to acquire, construct,
- 13 improve, or equip the facility or any subsequent bonds that refunded the
- 14 original issue or when state assistance reaches the amount determined
- under subdivision (2)(a) of this section, whichever comes first.
- 16 (4) The remaining thirty percent of state sales tax revenue
- 17 collected by retailers and operators doing business at such facilities on
- 18 sales at such facilities, state sales tax revenue collected on primary
- 19 and secondary box office sales of admissions to such facilities, and
- 20 state sales tax revenue collected by associated hotels, shall be
- 21 appropriated by the Legislature to the Civic and Community Center
- 22 Financing Fund. Upon the annual certification required pursuant to
- 23 section 13-2609 and following the transfer to the Convention Center
- 24 Support Fund required pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the
- 25 State Treasurer shall transfer an amount equal to the remaining thirty
- 26 <u>percent from the Convention Center Support Fund to the Civic and</u>
- 27 Community Center Financing Fund.
- 28 (5) Any municipality that has applied for and received a grant of
- 29 assistance under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act may not
- 30 receive state assistance under the Convention Center Facility Financing
- 31 Assistance Act.

- 1 Sec. 29. Section 13-2704, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2014, is amended to read:
- 3 13-2704 (1) The Civic and Community Center Financing Fund is
- 4 created. The fund shall be administered by the department. Any money in
- 5 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 6 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 7 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Transfers may be made from the fund
- 8 to the General Fund, the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund, and the
- 9 State Colleges Sport Facilities Cash Fund at the direction of the
- 10 Legislature.
- 11 (2)(a) The department shall use the Civic and Community Center
- 12 Financing Fund for the following purposes:
- (i) For grants of assistance as described in section 13-2704.01;
- (ii) For grants of assistance as described in section 13-2704.02;
- 15 and
- 16 (iii) For reasonable and necessary costs of the department directly
- 17 related to the administration of the fund, not to exceed the amount
- 18 needed to employ a one-half full-time equivalent employee.
- 19 (b) The fund may not be used for programming, marketing,
- 20 advertising, or facility-staffing activities.
- 21 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty thousand
- 22 dollars from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund to the State
- 23 Colleges Sport Facilities Cash Fund on October 1 of 2012, 2013, and 2014.
- 24 Commencing October 1, 2015, and every year thereafter, the State
- 25 Treasurer shall transfer three four hundred thousand dollars from the
- 26 Civic and Community Center Financing Fund to the State Colleges Sport
- 27 Facilities Cash Fund.
- 28 Sec. 30. Section 39-1390, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 29 2014, is amended to read:
- 30 39-1390 The State Recreation Road Fund is created. The money in the
- 31 fund shall be transferred by the State Treasurer, on the first day of

each month, to the Department of Roads and shall be expended by the 1 2 Director-State Engineer with the approval of the Governor construction and maintenance of dustless-surface roads to be designated 3 4 as state recreation roads as provided in this section, except that (1) transfers may be made from the fund to the State Park Cash Revolving Game 5 and Parks State Park Improvement and Maintenance Fund at the direction of 6 the Legislature through July 31, 2016, and (2) if the balance in the 7 State Recreation Road Fund exceeds fourteen million dollars on the first 8 9 day of each month, the State Treasurer shall transfer the amount greater than fourteen million dollars to the Game and Parks State Park 10 Improvement and Maintenance Fund 2014. Except as to roads under contract 11 as of March 15, 1972, those roads, excluding state highways, giving 12 13 direct and immediate access to or located within state parks, state recreation areas, or other recreational or historical areas, shall be 14 eligible for designation as state recreation roads. Such eligibility 15 16 shall be determined by the Game and Parks Commission and certified to the Director-State Engineer, who shall, after receiving such certification, 17 be authorized to commence construction on such recreation roads as funds 18 are available. In addition, those roads, excluding state highways, giving 19 direct and immediate access to a state veteran cemetery are state 20 recreation roads. After construction of such roads they shall be shown on 21 the map provided by section 39-1311. Preference in construction shall be 22 23 based on existing or potential traffic use by other than local residents. 24 Unless the State Highway Commission otherwise recommends, such roads upon 25 completion of construction shall be incorporated into the state highway system. If such a road is not incorporated into the state highway system, 26 the Department of Roads and the county within which such road is located 27 28 shall enter into a maintenance agreement establishing the responsibility for maintenance of the road, the maintenance standards to be met, and the 29 responsibility for maintenance costs. Any money in the State Recreation 30 Road Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state 31

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

- 2 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 3 Sec. 31. Section 61-222, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2014, is amended to read:
- 61-222 The Water Sustainability Fund is created in the Department of 5
- Natural Resources. The fund shall be used in accordance with the 6
- provisions established in Laws 2014, LB1098, and for costs directly 7
- related to the administration of the fund. 8
- 9 The fund shall consist of money transferred to the fund by the
- 10 Legislature, other funds as appropriated by the Legislature, and money
- donated as gifts, bequests, or other contributions from public or private 11
- entities. Funds made available by any department or agency of the United 12
- 13 States may also be credited to the fund if so directed by such department
- or agency. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be 14
- invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital 15
- Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Investment 16
- 17 earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the
- fund. 18
- 19 It is the intent of the Legislature that twenty-one million dollars
- be transferred from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund in 20
- fiscal year 2014-15 and that eleven million dollars be transferred from 21
- the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund each fiscal year 22
- 23 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. It is the intent of the Legislature
- that three million dollars be transferred annually from the Water 24
- Sustainability Fund to the Nebraska Resources Development Fund in 25
- FY2015-16 and in FY2016-17. 26
- Sec. 32. Section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 27
- 2014, is amended to read: 28
- 29 71-7611 (1) The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is created. The State
- Treasurer shall transfer (a) fifty-six million one hundred thousand 30
- dollars no later than July 15, 2009, (b) fifty-nine million one hundred 31

- thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2010, July 15, 2011, July 15, 1 2 2012, and July 15, 2013, and (c) sixty million three one hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2014, and on or before every July 15 3 4 thereafter from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Nebraska Health Care 5 Cash Fund, except that such amount shall be reduced by the amount of the 6 7 unobligated balance in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The state investment officer upon consultation with the 8 9 Nebraska Investment Council shall advise the State Treasurer on the amounts to be transferred from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental 10 Trust Fund and from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund under this 11 section in order to sustain such transfers in perpetuity. The state 12 13 investment officer shall report electronically to the Legislature on or before October 1 of every even-numbered year on the sustainability of 14 such transfers. The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall also include 15 16 money received pursuant to section 77-2602. Except as otherwise provided 17 by law, no more than the amounts amount specified in this subsection may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund in 18 any fiscal year. 19
- It is the intent of the Legislature that no additional programs are funded through the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund until funding for all programs with an appropriation from the fund during FY2012-13 are restored to their FY2012-13 levels.
- (2) Any money in the Nebraska Health Care 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.
- (3) The University of Nebraska and postsecondary educational institutions having colleges of medicine in Nebraska and their affiliated research hospitals in Nebraska, as a condition of receiving any funds appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund,

1 shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sexual

- 2 orientation.
- 3 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty thousand dollars on or
- 4 before July 15, 2016, from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the
- 5 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of
- 6 Nebraska Medical Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that these
- 7 funds be used by the College of Public Health for workforce training.
- 8 Sec. 33. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 9 2014, is amended to read:
- 10 77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling
- 11 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner
- 12 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all
- 13 other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift,
- or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows: On
- 15 each package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes,
- 16 sixty-four cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty
- 17 cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than
- 18 twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a
- 19 tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each
- 20 cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package.
- 21 (2) Beginning October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the
- 22 equivalent of forty-nine cents of such tax in the General Fund. The State
- 23 Treasurer shall reduce the amount placed in the General Fund under this
- 24 subsection by the amount prescribed in subdivision (3)(d) of this
- 25 section. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified
- 26 number of cents of the tax shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the
- 27 tax equal to the specified number divided by the tax rate per package of
- 28 cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes.
- 29 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of
- 30 such tax in the following order:
- 31 (a) First, beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place

- 1 the equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation
- 2 Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after
- 3 FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than
- 4 the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money
- 5 needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the
- 6 FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;
- 7 (b) Second, beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place
- 8 the equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human
- 9 Services Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal
- 10 year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this
- 11 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this
- 12 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount
- 13 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce
- 14 the distribution to the General Fund;
- 15 (c) Third, beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the
- 16 purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the
- 17 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in
- 18 the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this
- 19 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this
- 20 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount
- 21 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce
- 22 the distribution to the General Fund;
- 23 (d) Fourth, until July 1, 2009, the State Treasurer shall place in
- 24 the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund the sum of five hundred
- 25 twenty thousand dollars each fiscal year to carry out the Municipal
- 26 Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Act. The Legislature shall appropriate
- 27 the sum of five hundred twenty thousand dollars each year for fiscal year
- 28 2003-04 through fiscal year 2008-09;
- 29 (e) Fifth, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30,
- 30 2008, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two cents of such
- 31 tax in the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund. The distribution

- 1 under this subdivision shall not be less than two million fifty thousand
- 2 dollars. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this
- 3 subdivision to two million fifty thousand dollars shall reduce the
- 4 distribution to the General Fund;
- 5 (f) Sixth, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30,
- 6 2016, the State Treasurer shall place one million dollars each fiscal
- 7 year in the City of the Primary Class Development Fund. If necessary, the
- 8 State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the
- 9 General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such amount
- 10 required to fulfill the one million dollars to be distributed pursuant to
- 11 this subdivision;
- 12 (g) Seventh, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30,
- 13 2016, the State Treasurer shall place one million five hundred thousand
- 14 dollars each fiscal year in the City of the Metropolitan Class
- 15 Development Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the
- 16 distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection
- 17 (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the one million
- 18 five hundred thousand dollars to be distributed pursuant to this
- 19 subdivision; and
- 20 (h) Eighth, beginning July 1, 2008, and continuing until June 30,
- 21 2009, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two million fifty
- 22 thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication
- 23 System Cash Fund. Beginning July 1, 2009, and continuing until June 30,
- 24 2016, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of two million five
- 25 hundred seventy thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public
- 26 Safety Communication System Cash Fund. Beginning July 1, 2016, and every
- 27 fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of
- 28 three five million eight hundred twenty seventy thousand dollars of such
- 29 tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund. If
- 30 necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax
- 31 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section

- 1 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this
- 2 subdivision; and -
- 3 (i) Ninth, beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter,
- 4 the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred
- 5 <u>fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.</u>
- 6 If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax
- 7 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
- 8 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this
- 9 subdivision.
- 10 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of such tax pursuant to
- 11 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any proceeds of such tax remain,
- 12 the State Treasurer shall place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital
- 13 Construction Fund.
- 14 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects
- 15 funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund and the
- 16 Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical importance to the State
- of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocations and
- 18 appropriations made by the Legislature to such funds or, in the case of
- 19 allocations for the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, to the
- 20 particular municipality's account not be reduced until all contracts and
- 21 securities relating to the construction and financing of the projects or
- 22 portions of the projects funded from such funds or accounts of such funds
- 23 are completed or paid or, in the case of the Municipal Infrastructure
- 24 Redevelopment Fund, the earlier of such date or July 1, 2009, and that
- 25 until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate made by the
- 26 Legislature shall be simultaneously accompanied by equivalent reductions
- 27 in the amount dedicated to the General Fund from cigarette tax revenue.
- 28 Any provision made by the Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of
- 29 the cigarette tax for projects or programs other than those to (a) the
- 30 General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund,
- 31 (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d) the Municipal

- 1 Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, (e) the Building Renewal Allocation
- 2 Fund, (f) the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund, (g) the City of
- 3 the Primary Class Development Fund, (h) the City of the Metropolitan
- 4 Class Development Fund, and (i) the Nebraska Public Safety Communication
- 5 System Cash Fund, and (j) the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall not be
- 6 made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any of the programs
- 7 or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (i, \pm) of this
- 8 subsection.
- 9 Sec. 34. Section 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 10 is amended to read:
- 11 81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training Cash Fund.
- 12 The fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Economic
- 13 Development. Money may be transferred to the fund pursuant to subdivision
- 14 (1)(b)(iii) of section 48-621 and from the Cash Reserve Fund at the
- 15 direction of the Legislature. The department shall establish a subaccount
- 16 for all money transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training
- 17 Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2005.
- 18 (2) The department shall use the Job Training Cash Fund or the
- 19 subaccount established in subsection (1) of this section (a) to provide
- 20 reimbursements for job training activities, including employee
- 21 assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job training, training
- 22 equipment costs, and other reasonable costs related to helping industry
- 23 and business locate or expand in Nebraska, (b) to provide upgrade skills
- 24 training of the existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology
- 25 or the introduction of new product lines, or (c) to provide grants
- 26 pursuant to section 81-1210.02. The department shall give a preference to
- 27 job training activities carried out in whole or in part within an
- 28 enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act.
- 29 (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within the fund to
- 30 provide training grants for training employees and potential employees of
- 31 businesses that (a) employ twenty-five or fewer employees on the

- 1 application date, (b) employ, or train for potential employment,
- 2 residents of rural areas of Nebraska, or (c) are located in or employ, or
- 3 train for potential employment, residents of high-poverty areas as
- 4 defined in section 81-1203. The department shall calculate the amount of
- 5 prior year investment income earnings accruing to the fund and allocate
- 6 such amount to the subaccount for training grants under this subsection.
- 7 The subaccount shall also be used as provided in the Teleworker Job
- 8 Creation Act and as provided in section 81-1210.02. The department shall
- 9 give a preference to training grants for businesses located in whole or
- 10 in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise
- 11 Zone Act.
- 12 <u>(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty thousand</u>
- 13 <u>dollars from the Job Training Cash Fund to the General Fund no later than</u>
- 14 July 15 of 2015 and 2016.
- 15 $(\underline{5} \ 4)$ Any money in the <u>Job Training Cash Fund</u> available for
- 16 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- 17 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 18 Investment Act.
- 19 Sec. 35. Section 81-1354.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 20 is amended to read:
- 21 81-1354.05 (1) The Personnel Division Revolving Fund is created.
- 22 The fund shall be administered by the personnel division of the
- 23 Department of Administrative Services. The fund shall consist of (a) all
- 24 All funds received by the personnel division for employee recognition
- 25 programs and advertising and (b) assessments charged by the Director of
- 26 Personnel to state agencies, boards, and commissions for human service
- 27 management services provided by the division. Such assessments shall be
- 28 <u>adequate to cover actual and necessary expenses associated with providing</u>
- 29 the services. The fund shall be used to pay for expenses incurred by the
- 30 division to provide such services.
- 31 (2) State agencies, boards, and commissions shall make the personnel

- 1 division assessment payments to the fund (a) in one payment no later than
- 2 August 1 of each year, (b) in two equal payments the first of which shall
- 3 be made no later than August 1 and the second of which shall be made no
- 4 later than February 1 of each year, or (c) in four equal payments to be
- 5 made no later than August 1, October 1, February 1, and April 1 of each
- 6 year, at the discretion of the personnel administrator.
- 7 (3) shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund available
- 8 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant
- 9 to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 10 Investment Act. Any money in the Employee Recognition Revolving Fund on
- 11 July 1, 2000, shall be transferred to the Personnel Division Revolving
- 12 Fund.
- 13 Sec. 36. Section 81-3119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 14 amended to read:
- 15 81-3119 The Health and Human Services Cash Fund is created and shall
- 16 consist of funds from contracts, grants, gifts, or fees. Transfers may be
- 17 made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the
- 18 Legislature. The State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred thousand
- 19 dollars on or before July 15, 2015, from the Health and Human Services
- 20 Cash Fund to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund. It is the
- 21 intent of the Legislature that the transfer to the Lead-Based Paint
- 22 Hazard Control Cash Fund shall be from funds credited to the Medicaid
- 23 Fraud Settlement Fund The State Treasurer shall transfer one million five
- 24 hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2013, from the Health and
- 25 Human Services Cash Fund to the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund.
- 26 Any money in the Health and Human Services Cash Fund available for
- 27 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
- 28 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 29 Investment Act.
- 30 Sec. 37. The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund is created
- 31 in the Department of Economic Development. The fund shall receive

- 1 transfers as authorized by the Legislature. The department shall use the
- 2 entirety of the fund to award a grant to a city of the metropolitan class
- 3 to carry out lead-based paint hazard control on owner-occupied
- 4 properties, contingent upon formal notification by the United States
- 5 Department of Housing and Urban Development that it intends to award a
- 6 grant to a city of the metropolitan class to carry out the federal
- 7 Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C.
- 8 4852, as such section existed on January 1, 2015. Any money in the 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. The fund terminates on July 1, 2016.
- 12 Sec. 38. Section 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 14 85-1401 Sections 85-1401 to 85-1420 <u>and section 39 of this act</u>shall
- 15 be known and may be cited as the Coordinating Commission for
- 16 Postsecondary Education Act.
- 17 Sec. 39. (1) The Legislature finds that:
- 18 (a) The availability and accessibility of quality, affordable oral
- 19 health care for all residents of the State of Nebraska is a matter of
- 20 public concern and represents a compelling need affecting the general
- 21 <u>welfare of all residents;</u>
- 22 (b) The development and sustainability of a skilled workforce in the
- 23 practice of dentistry is a public health priority for the State of
- 24 <u>Nebraska; and</u>
- 25 (c) According to research sponsored by the Office of Oral Health and
- 26 <u>Dentistry of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska</u>
- 27 <u>Rural Health Advisory Commission, and the Health Professions Tracking</u>
- 28 Service of the College of Public Health of the University of Nebraska
- 29 Medical Center:
- 30 (i) A majority of the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska
- 31 are general dentistry shortage areas as designated by the Nebraska Rural

1 Health Advisory Commission and more than twenty percent of the ninety-

- 2 three counties have no dentist;
- 3 (ii) Eighty-two counties are shortage areas in pediatric dentistry
- 4 as designated by the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission;
- 5 (iii) The uneven distribution of dentists in the State of Nebraska
- 6 <u>is a public health concern and twenty-four percent of the dentists in</u>
- 7 Nebraska are estimated to be planning to retire by 2017;
- 8 (iv) Sixty percent of the children in the State of Nebraska
- 9 experience dental disease by the time they are in the third grade; and
- 10 (v) It is estimated that more than twenty-five thousand children
- 11 <u>attending public schools in Omaha, Nebraska, do not have a means of</u>
- 12 <u>continuing dental care.</u>
- 13 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for the
- 14 development of a skilled and diverse workforce in the practice of
- 15 dentistry and oral health care in order to provide for the oral health of
- 16 all residents of Nebraska, to assist in dispersing the workforce to
- 17 address the disparities of the at-risk populations in the state, and to
- 18 focus efforts in areas and demographic groups in which access to a
- 19 skilled workforce in the practice of dentistry and oral health care is
- 20 most needed. In order to accomplish these goals, the Legislature
- 21 recognizes that it is necessary to contract with professional dental
- 22 education institutions committed to addressing the critical oral health
- 23 care needs of the residents of Nebraska.
- 24 (3) The Oral Health Training and Services Fund is created. The
- 25 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall administer the
- 26 fund to contract for reduced-fee and charitable oral health services,
- 27 oral health workforce development, and oral health services using
- 28 telehealth as defined in section 71-8503 for the residents of Nebraska.
- 29 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the
- 30 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
- 31 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

1 (4) To be eligible to enter into a contract under this section, an 2 applicant shall be a corporation exempt for federal tax purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall submit a plan to 3 4 the commission as prescribed in subsection (5) of this section to provide 5 oral health training, including assistance for the graduation of dental students at a Nebraska dental college, to provide discounted or 6 7 charitable oral health services focusing on lower-income and at-risk populations within the state, and to target the unmet oral health care 8 9 needs of residents of Nebraska. In addition, the applicant shall submit 10 at least five letters of intent with school districts or federally qualified health centers as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the 11 federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B), as such act and 12 13 section existed on January 1, 2010, in at least five different counties throughout the state to provide discounted or charitable oral health 14 15 services for a minimum of ten years. An application to enter into a 16 contract under this section shall be made no later than January 1, 2017. 17 (5) The plan shall include (a) a proposal to provide oral health training at a reduced fee to students in dental education programs who 18 19 agree to practice dentistry for at least five years after graduation in a dental health profession shortage area designated by the Nebraska Rural 20 21 Health Advisory Commission pursuant to section 71-5665, (b) a proposal to 22 provide discounted or charitable oral health services for a minimum of ten years to residents of Nebraska, and (c) a proposal to provide oral 23 24 health services to residents of Nebraska using telehealth as defined in 25 section 71-8503.

(6) Any party entering into a contract under this section shall
agree that any funds disbursed pursuant to the contract shall only be
used for services and equipment related to the proposals in the plan and
shall not be used for any other program operated by the contracting
party. If any of the funds disbursed pursuant to the contract are used
for equipment, such funds shall only be used for patient-centered oral

1 health care equipment, including, but not limited to, dental chairs for

- 2 patients, lighting for examination and procedure rooms, and other
- 3 equipment used for oral health services for patients and for training
- 4 students in dental education programs, and shall not be used for travel,
- 5 <u>construction</u>, or any other purpose not directly related to the proposals
- 6 <u>in the plan.</u>
- 7 (7) The contract shall require matching funds from other sources in a four-to-one ratio with the funds to be disbursed under the contract. 8 9 The party entering into the contract shall specify the source and amount 10 of all matching funds. No applicant shall receive an award amount under a contract under this section of more than eight million dollars. If more 11 12 than one applicant meets the requirements of this section to enter into a 13 contract and provides evidence that private or other funds have been 14 received by the applicant as matching funds for such a contract in an 15 amount greater than or equal to sixteen million dollars, each of such 16 applicants shall receive an award amount under a contract equal to eight 17 million dollars divided by the number of such applicants. If one of such applicants qualifies for a contract award amount of less than four 18 19 million dollars, any other such applicant may receive a contract award amount up to eight million dollars minus the amount awarded to the 20 21 applicant qualifying for less than four million dollars. The contract 22 amount shall be awarded first to the applicant qualifying for the lowest contract award amount. The contract shall require full and detailed 23 24 reporting of the expenditure of funds disbursed pursuant to the contract. 25 Any party entering into a contract under this section shall report electronically to the Legislature within one hundred twenty days after 26 27 the expenditure of the funds disbursed pursuant to the contract detailing 28 the nature of the expenditures made as a result of the contract. In addition, any party entering into a contract under this section shall 29 report electronically to the Legislature on an annual basis the 30 charitable oral health services provided in school districts and 31

- 1 <u>federally qualified health centers and the number of recipients and the</u>
- 2 placements of students receiving oral health training at a reduced fee in
- 3 <u>dental education programs.</u>
- 4 Sec. 40. Original sections 2-1587, 13-1905, 13-1906, 13-1907,
- 5 13-2610, 81-1201.21, 81-1354.05, 81-3119, and 85-1401, Reissue Revised
- 6 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1507, 2-1513, 2-1588, 13-2704,
- 7 39-1390, 61-222, 71-7611, and 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 8 Supplement, 2014, are repealed.
- 9 Sec. 41. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 10 passed and approved according to law.