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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections
2 81-1203 and 81-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change provisions relating to job training
4 grants and the Tourist Promotion Fund; and to repeal the
5 original sections.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1203, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 81-1203 (1) A business applying for a job training
4 grant shall submit a business plan to the Department of Economic
5 Development which includes, but is not limited to:

6 (a) The number of jobs to be created or the number of
7 existing positions that will be retrained;

8 (b) The nature of the business and the type of jobs to be
9 created or positions to be retrained;

10 (c) The estimated wage levels of the jobs to be created
11 or positions to be retrained; and

12 (d) A program schedule for the job training project.

13 (2) A business applying for a job training grant must
14 demonstrate that the job training project to be conducted pursuant
15 to the grant meets the following criteria:

16 (a) The wage level of the jobs created will meet the
17 local prevailing average;

18 (b) The jobs created will diversify the local economy;

19 (c) The goods or services produced by the company will be
20 export-oriented;

21 (d) Seventy-five percent of the jobs created will be
22 full-time jobs except for job training grants awarded to film
23 production companies; and

24 (e) The new jobs will be created within three calendar
25 years except for job training grants awarded to film production

1 companies.

2 (3) A business applying for a job training grant
3 may partner with a learning community coordinating council or
4 school district and at least one private, nonprofit organization
5 whose purpose is providing basic job and life skills training
6 to individuals in high-poverty areas. Such projects shall be
7 focused on job training and job creation for persons residing in
8 high-poverty areas within the boundaries of the partnering learning
9 community or school district. The application shall specify the
10 role of the partnering coordinating council or school district and
11 the private, nonprofit organization in identifying and training
12 potential job applicants for the applicant business. For purposes
13 of this subsection: (a) High-poverty area means an area consisting
14 of one or more contiguous census tracts, as determined by the
15 most recent federal decennial census, which contain a percentage of
16 persons with incomes below the poverty line of greater than thirty
17 percent, and all census tracts contiguous to such tract or tracts,
18 as determined by the most recent federal decennial census; and (b)
19 private, nonprofit organization means an organization whose purpose
20 is providing basic job and life skills training to individuals in
21 need of such training.

22 (4) A film production company producing a media product
23 in Nebraska, for which an amount in excess of one million dollars
24 will be spent on goods and services and which will employ Nebraska
25 citizens at wages greater than the average prevailing wage, is

1 eligible for job training grants.

2 Sec. 2. Section 81-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 81-1211 All funds obtained from the sale of tourist
5 promotion items shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for
6 credit to the Tourist Promotion Fund which is hereby established.
7 The Department of Economic Development shall make expenditures
8 from such fund to promote and develop the tourist potential of
9 this state, including films, television production, television
10 commercials, and web-based or Internet-delivered content that will
11 be filmed or developed in this state. Any money in the fund
12 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
13 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
14 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

15 Sec. 3. Original sections 81-1203 and 81-1211, Reissue
16 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.