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LEGISLATIVE BILL 227

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Committee: Education

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1191,
2 79-1194, and 79-1196, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 change provisions relating to appropriations for bridge programs; to
4 require reports; to change a termination date; and to repeal the
5 original sections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 79-1191, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-1191 The Legislature shall appropriate two hundred thousand
4 dollars each fiscal year ~~for three consecutive fiscal years beginning~~
5 ~~with FY2012-13~~ to the department from the Education Innovation Fund to
6 provide grants to establish or continue bridge programs. Such programs
7 shall:

8 (1) Provide English reading and writing and math skills required to
9 succeed in a postsecondary educational credentialing or degree program;

10 (2) Lead to the attainment of college credit and a recognized
11 postsecondary educational credential or an industry-recognized
12 credential;

13 (3) Be open only to low-income participants who are co-enrolled in
14 adult education, developmental education, or English as a second
15 language;

16 (4) Target the specific workforce needs of an occupational sector
17 within the state and provide services aimed at improving education,
18 skills, and employment prospects for low-income adults;

19 (5) Use educational best practices, including, but not limited to,
20 contextualized instructional strategies, team teaching, modularized
21 learning, or reduced student-teacher ratios; and

22 (6) Provide for supportive services needed for student educational
23 and employment success, including, but not limited to, job coaching and
24 personal needs.

25 Sec. 2. Section 79-1194, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 79-1194 (1) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
28 regulations to carry out sections 79-1189 to 79-1193.

29 (2) The department shall annually file a report electronically with
30 the Legislature on the bridge programs established pursuant to sections
31 79-1189 to 79-1196, using the data provided pursuant to section 79-1193.

1 Sec. 3. Section 79-1196, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-1196 Sections 79-1189 to 79-1195 terminate on June 30, ~~2015~~ 2020.

4 Sec. 4. Original sections 79-1191, 79-1194, and 79-1196, Reissue
5 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.