

AMENDMENTS TO LB641

Introduced by Transportation and Telecommunications.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, 211 Information and  
4 Referral Network means a statewide information and referral network  
5 providing information to the public regarding disaster and emergency  
6 response and health and human services provided by public and private  
7 entities throughout the state.

8           (2) The Public Service Commission shall award a grant annually to a  
9 211 Information and Referral Network which submits an application and  
10 meets the requirements of this section. The amount of each grant shall be  
11 three hundred thousand dollars.

12           (3) To be eligible for a grant, the 211 Information and Referral  
13 Network shall update the information and referral services on the network  
14 at least annually, shall geographically index the services to provide  
15 information on a county-by-county basis, and shall be accredited as  
16 meeting the standards for service delivery and quality by the Alliance of  
17 Information and Referral Systems or a similar organization approved by  
18 the commission.

19           (4) The grant may be used to establish a web site which includes  
20 links to providers of health and human services, the name, address, and  
21 telephone number of any organization listed on the web site, a  
22 description of the type of services provided by the organization, and  
23 other information to educate the public about the health and human  
24 services available on a geographic basis. The grant may also be used to  
25 provide access to the network twenty-four hours per day, seven days per  
26 week, through telephone access and web site access.

27           Sec. 2. Section 71-7611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 71-7611 (1) The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is created. The State  
3 Treasurer shall transfer (a) sixty million three hundred thousand dollars  
4 on or before July 15, 2014, (b) sixty million three hundred fifty  
5 thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2015, (c) sixty million three  
6 hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2016, (d) sixty  
7 million seven hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2017, (e)  
8 five hundred thousand dollars on or before May 15, 2018, (f) sixty-one  
9 million six hundred thousand dollars on or before July 15, 2018, (g)  
10 sixty-one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars on or before July  
11 15, 2019, and (h) sixty million four hundred fifty thousand dollars on or  
12 before every July 15 thereafter from the Nebraska Medicaid  
13 Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust  
14 Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, except that such amount shall  
15 be reduced by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska  
16 Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The state  
17 investment officer shall advise the State Treasurer on the amounts to be  
18 transferred first from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund  
19 until the fund balance is depleted and from the Nebraska Tobacco  
20 Settlement Trust Fund thereafter in order to sustain such transfers in  
21 perpetuity. The state investment officer shall report electronically to  
22 the Legislature on or before October 1 of every even-numbered year on the  
23 sustainability of such transfers. The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund  
24 shall also include money received pursuant to section 77-2602. Except as  
25 otherwise provided by law, no more than the amounts specified in this  
26 subsection may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health  
27 Care Cash Fund in any fiscal year.

28 The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the  
29 Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund to the General Fund on  
30 June 28, 2018, and June 28, 2019.

31 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, it

1 It is the intent of the Legislature that no additional programs are  
2 funded through the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund until funding for all  
3 programs with an appropriation from the fund during FY2012-13 are  
4 restored to their FY2012-13 levels.

5 (2) Any money in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund available for  
6 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
7 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
8 Investment Act.

9 (3) The University of Nebraska and postsecondary educational  
10 institutions having colleges of medicine in Nebraska and their affiliated  
11 research hospitals in Nebraska, as a condition of receiving any funds  
12 appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund,  
13 shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sexual  
14 orientation.

15 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty thousand dollars on or  
16 before July 15, 2016, from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the  
17 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of  
18 Nebraska Medical Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that these  
19 funds be used by the College of Public Health for workforce training.

20 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of the staff  
21 and operating costs necessary to carry out the changes made by Laws 2018,  
22 LB439, and not covered by fees or federal funds shall be funded from the  
23 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

24 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer three hundred thousand  
25 dollars on or before September 15, 2019, and on or before September 15,  
26 2020, from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Public Service  
27 Commission for grants to be awarded pursuant to section 1 of this act.

28 Sec. 3. Original section 71-7611, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
29 Nebraska, is repealed.