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Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to adopt the Nebraska Workforce and
- 2 Education Reporting System Act; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act.

3 Sec. 2. In order to promote strong economic development policies,
4 good jobs, growing businesses, and thriving communities, it is the intent
5 of the Legislature that a plan be developed for the establishment of the
6 Nebraska Workforce and Educational Reporting System, a lifelong learning
7 and workforce longitudinal data system. As recommended in the 2019
8 Nebraska Economic Development Task Force Report, it is the long-term goal
9 of the state to target resources and focus data analysis on assessing
10 workforce development and employment success. The Nebraska Workforce and
11 Educational Reporting System shall be a comprehensive, sustainable,
12 robust, data system to enable the training of tomorrow's workforce,
13 today.

14 Sec. 3. The Nebraska Workforce and Educational Reporting System
15 shall:

16 (1) Provide workforce outcomes data to postsecondary educational
17 institutions to encourage program improvement and tailor student
18 recruitment efforts;

19 (2) Guide students on what courses to take in high school and
20 college in order to be successful in specific jobs;

21 (3) Provide comprehensive data reports on students' workforce
22 results to policymakers to inform decisions and resource allocation;

23 (4) Track workforce outcomes in order to better align education and
24 workforce training programs with demands in the labor market;

25 (5) Track student outcomes in the aggregate by race and ethnicity,
26 gender, and income in order to identify and close educational attainment
27 gaps; and

28 (6) Identify the long term return on investment from early education
29 programs.

30 Sec. 4. (1) The Department of Labor, in cooperation with
31 stakeholders in education and workforce, shall develop the Nebraska

1 Workforce and Educational Reporting System and may utilize data and
2 agreements under section 85-110.

3 (2) The Department of Labor, in consultation with stakeholders,
4 shall issue a report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on or
5 before December 1, 2020, to the Clerk of the Legislature. Such report
6 shall make recommendations on the planning and development of the
7 Nebraska Workforce and Educational Reporting System, including, but not
8 limited to, additional data and stakeholder needs and potential future
9 funding. Such recommendations shall include the makeup of an executive
10 council to oversee the Nebraska Workforce and Educational Reporting
11 System and of an advisory committee to help guide the Department of Labor
12 in developing such system.

13 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
14 and approved according to law.