

AMENDMENTS TO LB1014

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2330)

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 11. AGENCY NO. 13 – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

3 Program No. 25 - Education, Administration, and Support

	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
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5 <u>FEDERAL FUND est.</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>
6 <u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>30,000,000</u>

7 (1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for  
8 FY2021-22 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds estimate for state aid, which shall  
9 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
10 this program for FY2022-23 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds estimate for state  
11 aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.

12 (2) There is included in the amount shown as aid for FY2021-22  
13 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds estimate to provide family-directed education  
14 recovery accounts for low-income children and families impacted by the  
15 COVID-19 public health emergency. There is included in the amount shown  
16 as aid for FY2022-23 \$30,000,000 Federal Funds estimate for family-  
17 directed education recovery accounts for low-income children and families  
18 impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

19 (3) The State Department of Education shall contract with an  
20 organization, or other capable vendor, by July 1, 2022, to administer a  
21 three-year program, for school years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, to  
22 provide family-directed education recovery accounts. The amount of  
23 funding available for any school year shall be no more than \$20,000,000.  
24 The department shall establish the application and application process  
25 with the selected organization or vendor. The administrative costs of the  
26 selected organization or vendor shall not exceed ten percent of the

1 amount of funding provided in a school year.

2 (4) A child shall be eligible to participate if the child (a) is a  
3 Nebraska resident, (b) attends a public, nonpublic, or exempt school in  
4 kindergarten through grade twelve, and (c) has a family income that would  
5 qualify for the federal free-lunch program. The total amount of an award  
6 for a child shall not exceed \$2,000 for each school year of the program.  
7 If there are not sufficient funds to award to all applicants, then first  
8 priority shall be for a child with demonstrated academic deficiency in  
9 mathematics, science, or language arts. The next priority shall be for a  
10 child who has a sibling already receiving funding. The remaining  
11 applications shall be funded on a first come, first served basis.

12 (5) Funds shall be used to address the learning loss resulting from  
13 the COVID-19 pandemic by paying for eligible educational services.  
14 Eligible educational services include, but are not limited to, private  
15 school tuition, tutoring, digital-learning subscriptions, exempt school  
16 curriculum, and other K-12 educational services. Funds shall be paid,  
17 upon written direction provided by a parent or guardian, to the entity  
18 providing eligible educational services to the child. Funds may not be  
19 used to purchase computing devices or equipment. Funding shall continue  
20 with an eligible child from the time of the award for the duration of the  
21 program.

22 (6) By August 1 after the end of each school year of the program and  
23 by August 1 one-year after the program has ended, the department shall  
24 collect available student performance data in mathematics, science, and  
25 language arts and report, in the aggregate, such data to the Governor and  
26 the Legislature. Such report shall be submitted electronically.

27 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that funding for family-  
28 directed education recovery accounts continue until FY2025-26.

29 (8) Expenditures from the appropriation to this program shall not be  
30 restricted to state aid if operating and administrative expenditures are  
31 necessary to administer the funding appropriated pursuant to this

1 section. In such instances, an agency, board, or commission shall be  
2 reimbursed through the Federal Fund appropriation to the Military  
3 Department, Agency No. 31, Program No. 191, as identified in section 29  
4 of this act.

5       2. On page 11, lines 17 and 18, strike "55,000,000" and insert  
6 "25,000,000"; and in lines 20 and 23 strike "\$55,000,000" and insert  
7 "\$25,000,000".

8       3. On page 12, lines 5 and 6, strike "\$20,000,000" and insert  
9 "\$10,000,000"; and in line 7 strike "\$15,000,000" and insert  
10 "\$5,000,000".

11       4. On page 14, lines 11 and 12, strike "55,000,000" and insert  
12 "25,000,000"; in line 14 strike "\$55,000,000" and insert "\$25,000,000";  
13 in line 19 strike "\$41,250,000" and insert "\$21,250,000"; and in line 21  
14 strike "\$13,750,000" and insert "\$3,750,000".

15       5. On page 15, lines 8 and 9, strike "\$20,000,000" and insert  
16 "\$10,000,000"; and in line 10 strike "\$15,000,000" and insert  
17 "\$5,000,000".

18       6. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
19 accordingly.