

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1369

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Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Hartnett, 45, Chairperson;
Connealy, 16; Preister, 5; Quandahl, 31; Redfield, 12;
Schimek, 27; Smith, 48

AN ACT relating to oil and gas severance tax; to amend section 57-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Severance Tax Fund; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. Section 57-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

57-705. (1) All severance taxes levied by Chapter 57, article 7, shall be paid to the Tax Commissioner. He or she shall remit all such money ~~so~~ received to the State Treasurer. All such ~~sums of~~ money received by the State Treasurer shall be credited to a fund to be known as the Severance Tax Fund. An amount equal to one percent of the gross severance tax receipts, excluding those receipts from tax derived from oil and natural gas severed from school lands, credited to the fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer, upon the first day of each month, and shall inure to the Severance Tax Administration Fund to be used for the expenses of administering Chapter 57, article 7. The balance of the Severance Tax Fund received from school lands shall be credited by the State Treasurer, upon the first day of each month, and shall inure to the permanent school fund.

(2) Of the balance of the Severance Tax Fund received from other than school lands (a) the Legislature may transfer an amount to be determined by the Legislature through the appropriations process up to three hundred thousand dollars for each year to the State Energy Office Cash Fund, (b) the Legislature may transfer an amount to be determined by the Legislature through the appropriations process up to thirty thousand dollars for each year to the Governor's Policy Research Office for administration of the Municipal Natural Gas Regulation Revolving Loan Fund, ~~and~~ (c) on August 1, 2000, the State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred thousand dollars to a cash fund to be administratively created under the Legislative Council for the purpose of conducting the study authorized by subsection (5) of section 19-4617, and (d) the remainder shall be credited and inure to the permanent school fund.

(3) Any funds transferred pursuant to subdivision (2)(c) of this section which are not expended by June 30, 2001, shall be credited to the permanent school fund.

Sec. 2. Original section 57-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.