

AMENDMENTS TO LB1285

Introduced by Executive Board.

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

3 Section 1. The Task Force on Supported Employment is created. The
4 task force shall study (1) the barriers to supporting individuals with
5 intellectual and developmental disabilities in attaining and maintaining
6 competitive integrated employment and (2) the employment opportunities
7 available to such individuals. The task force shall provide
8 recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor, and state agencies.

9 Sec. 2. (1) The Task Force on Supported Employment shall consist of
10 the following voting members who shall be appointed no later than
11 September 1, 2024:

12 (a) A representative of the Governor's office appointed by the
13 Governor;

14 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and
15 Human Services or designee;

16 (c) The executive director of the Nebraska Council on Developmental
17 Disabilities or designee;

18 (d) Two service providers with eight or more years of experience and
19 a high success rate in delivering supported employment to individuals
20 with a broad range of disabilities appointed by the Governor;

21 (e) A representative of a chamber of commerce appointed by the
22 Governor;

23 (f) Two self-advocates with at least five years of experience in
24 supported employment appointed by the Governor;

25 (g) A certified community work incentives coordinator or community
26 partner work incentives counselor appointed by the Governor;

27 (h) A special education transition coordinator appointed by the

1 Commissioner of Education;

2 (i) A representative of a Nebraska organization, established as part
3 of the national protection and advocacy system, that advocates for the
4 rights of individuals with disabilities appointed by the Governor; and

5 (j) A representative of a statewide disability organization with
6 recorded members in at least ten counties appointed by the Governor.

7 (2) The task force shall consist of the following nonvoting members:

8 (a) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of
9 the Legislature or designee;

10 (b) The chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee of the
11 Legislature or designee;

12 (c) A representative from the University Center for Excellence in
13 Developmental Disability Education, Research and Service of the Munroe-
14 Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center appointed by
15 the Governor;

16 (d) An employee of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
17 State Department of Education appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

18 (e) An employee of the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the
19 Department of Health and Human Services appointed by the Governor;

20 (f) An employee of the Division of Behavioral Health of the
21 Department of Health and Human Services appointed by the Governor;

22 (g) An employee of the Department of Labor appointed by the
23 Governor;

24 (h) A supported employment expert who has assisted in other states
25 appointed by the Governor; and

26 (i) An employee of the State Treasurer carrying out the achieving a
27 better life experience program under section 77-1402 appointed by the
28 State Treasurer.

29 Sec. 3. The voting members of the Task Force on Supported Employment
30 shall elect a chairperson. Seven voting members shall constitute a
31 quorum.

1 Sec. 4. The Task Force on Supported Employment shall:

2 (1) Review the 2023 report "Necessity or Luxury?" prepared for the
3 Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Nebraska 2023
4 Supported Employment Action Plan and provide tangible solutions to
5 fulfill the recommendations;

6 (2) Review the recommendations resulting from the evaluation
7 required by section 83-1228; and

8 (3) Create a report with an action plan that provides tangible
9 solutions to fulfill the recommendations of the report, action plan, and
10 evaluation described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, for the
11 executive branch of state government, relevant state agencies, the
12 Legislature, and businesses which shall include, but not be limited to,
13 the:

14 (a) Barriers to entry in the workforce for individuals with
15 intellectual and developmental disabilities;

16 (b) Untapped workforce potential for individuals with intellectual
17 and developmental disabilities;

18 (c) Number of individuals that would be able to join the workforce
19 with the implementation of the action plan;

20 (d) Ways in which additional working hours typically impact benefits
21 received by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
22 and

23 (e) Ways any negative impact in benefits eligibility or benefits
24 reduction can be minimized by the state.

25 Sec. 5. The Task Force on Supported Employment shall submit a
26 report electronically to the Legislature and Governor no later than July
27 1, 2026.

28 Sec. 6. The Task Force on Supported Employment shall terminate on
29 December 31, 2026.