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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to adopt the
- 2 Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Act.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and
2 may be cited as the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Act.

3 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Recruitment
4 Promotion Act:

5 (1) Community means one or more cities or villages, part
6 or all of a county, or a multicounty region composed of part or all
7 of multiple counties;

8 (2) Department means the Department of Economic
9 Development; and

10 (3) Fund means the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Fund.

11 Sec. 3. The department shall establish requirements and
12 implement a competitive application process to distribute grants
13 from the fund. The grants shall be awarded for purposes of
14 promoting economic development in communities.

15 Sec. 4. To be eligible for a grant under the Nebraska
16 Recruitment Promotion Fund, a community shall not have had
17 significant positive population growth in the ten years prior to
18 the application. If the community involves more than one political
19 subdivision, the governing board of each political subdivision
20 shall, by majority vote, approve the submission of the application.

21 Sec. 5. A community which receives a grant shall use
22 the grant funding to create marketing materials and programs which
23 promote the community and to employ a person to create a web
24 site and conduct marketing activities that promote growth in the
25 community.

1 Sec. 6. Grants under the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion
2 Act shall be no more than ten thousand dollars per grant
3 application. No more than ten grants shall be awarded during
4 fiscal year 2007-08.

5 Sec. 7. The Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Fund is
6 created. The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund such money
7 as is specifically appropriated thereto by the Legislature and
8 such funds, fees, donations, gifts, or bequests received by the
9 department from any federal, state, public, or private source for
10 expenditure for the purposes described in the Nebraska Recruitment
11 Promotion Act. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
12 one hundred thousand dollars to the fund in fiscal year 2007-08,
13 one hundred fifty thousand dollars in fiscal year 2008-09, and
14 two hundred thousand dollars in fiscal year 2009-10. Any money in
15 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
16 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
17 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.