

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 996**

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Committee: Executive Board

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to define a term; and to  
2 require response by state agencies to requests for  
3 information by members and staff of the Legislature as  
4 prescribed.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) State agency means any state entity which  
2 receives appropriations from the Legislature and includes the  
3 Legislature, legislative committees, executive agencies, courts, and  
4 probation officials but does not include political subdivisions.

5           (2) Upon receipt of a written request for information by  
6 a member of the Legislature or by an employee of the Legislature  
7 working for a member of the Legislature or working in the office of  
8 the Legislative Fiscal Analyst or the office of Legislative Research,  
9 the state agency with access to such information shall provide to the  
10 requester as soon as is practicable and without delay, but not more  
11 than four business days after actual receipt of the request, (a)  
12 access to or copies of the information, (b) if there is a legal basis  
13 for denial of access or copies, a written denial of the request  
14 together with an explanation of the legal basis, or (c) if the entire  
15 request cannot with reasonable good faith efforts be fulfilled within  
16 four business days after actual receipt of the request due to the  
17 significant difficulty or the extensiveness of the request, a written  
18 explanation, including the earliest practicable date for fulfilling  
19 the request and an opportunity for the requester to modify or  
20 prioritize the items within the request. The four business days shall  
21 be computed by excluding the day the request is received, after which  
22 the designated period of time begins to run. Business day does not  
23 include a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day during which the offices of  
24 the state agency are closed.