

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216**

FINAL READING

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act;
- 2 to amend section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 provide for educational services and educational programming for
- 4 certain prisoners; to provide powers and duties for the Director of
- 5 Correctional Services, the State Department of Education, and the
- 6 State Board of Education; and to repeal the original section.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           83-182 (1) The director shall establish appropriate programs for  
4 each facility designed as far as practical to prepare and assist each  
5 person committed to the department to assume his or her responsibilities  
6 as a useful citizen. In developing such programs, the director shall seek  
7 to make available to each person capable of benefiting therefrom academic  
8 or vocational training, participation in productive work, religious and  
9 recreational activities, and such therapeutic measures as are  
10 practicable. No person shall be ordered or compelled to participate in  
11 religious activities.

12           (2)(a) The director shall offer and make available educational  
13 services and educational programming to any person committed to the  
14 department who is under twenty-one years of age and who has not  
15 previously earned a high school diploma or diploma of high school  
16 equivalency. The director shall ensure special education services are  
17 provided as required by state and federal law. Nothing in this subsection  
18 requires participation by any person committed to the department in  
19 educational services or educational programming except to the extent  
20 necessary to provide services required by law.

21           (b) Such educational services shall be substantially similar to the  
22 minimum standards as determined by the State Department of Education,  
23 including a minimum curriculum that includes language arts, social  
24 science, science, and mathematics, and may include other subjects  
25 including, but not limited to, vocational education, computer education,  
26 arts, and physical fitness. Such programs may be offered by the  
27 department or through partnerships with educational institutions.

28           (3) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and  
29 regulations to carry out this section and to ensure the educational  
30 services and educational programming meet any applicable educational  
31 requirements.

1           **Sec. 2.**   Original section 83-182, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is repealed.