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LEGISLATIVE BILL 499

FINAL READING

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

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Committee: Judiciary

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee;
2 to amend sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised
3 Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership of
4 the committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 sections.

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 81-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 81-1802 (1) The A Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is hereby
4 created. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission
5 and three public members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to
6 approval by the Legislature, as provided in subsection (2) of this
7 section.

8 (2)(a) Until successors are appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of
9 this section, one One public member shall represent charitable
10 organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one
11 public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims
12 and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.

13 (b) Five public members shall be appointed within thirty days after
14 the effective date of this act as follows:

15 (i) Two public members that represent charitable organizations
16 engaged in providing services to victims, dependents, and relatives of
17 victims. At least one such member shall represent charitable
18 organizations engaged in providing services to victims of sexual assault
19 as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as
20 defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section
21 42-903;

22 (ii) Two public members that have training and relevant work
23 experience with victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least
24 one such member shall have training and relevant work experience with
25 victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or
26 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse
27 as defined by section 42-903; and

28 (iii) One public member who is a victim.

29 (3) The members of the committee shall select a chairperson who is a
30 member of the commission.

31 **Sec. 2.** Section 81-1803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 81-1803 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 81-1802 or
3 subsection (2) of this section, a member ~~Members~~ of the committee shall
4 serve for a term ~~terms~~ of four years. The term of each public member
5 shall begin on October 1.

6 (2) One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision
7 (2)(b)(i) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. One of the two
8 public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of section
9 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve
10 four-year terms.

11 **Sec. 3.** Section 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
12 amended to read:

13 81-1804 When a vacancy occurs on the committee, appointment to fill
14 the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. A member whose
15 term has ~~As the terms of the initial appointees to the committee expire,~~
16 ~~succeeding appointees shall be appointed to four-year terms. Members~~
17 ~~whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until a successor has~~
18 ~~their successors have been appointed.~~

19 **Sec. 4.** Original sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue
20 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.