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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to declare an
- 3 emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the
2 COVID-19 public health emergency disproportionately impacted certain
3 populations and exacerbated the economic instability of such populations.

4 (2) There is hereby appropriated \$1,000,000 from Federal Funds for
5 FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purposes
6 described in subsection (3) of this section. The Federal Funds
7 appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of
8 Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant
9 to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,
10 Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

11 (3)(a) The Department of Economic Development shall contract with a
12 postsecondary institution that partners with a community health center
13 that is located in a city of the metropolitan class and funded through
14 Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers
15 Consolidation Act of 1996. Such contract shall require the postsecondary
16 institution to contribute two million dollars in private funding for a
17 financial success program for low-income populations.

18 (b) The financial success program described in subdivision (a) of
19 this subsection shall:

20 (i) Provide education to participants of the program in the
21 following areas:

22 (A) Financial literacy;

23 (B) Economic stability;

24 (C) Chronic disease management;

25 (D) Income and benefit enhancement; and

26 (E) Housing security; and

27 (ii) Provide the following services to participants of the financial
28 success program:

29 (A) Food assistance;

30 (B) Services for improved economic security; and

31 (C) Chronic disease management.

1 (c) Eligible participants of the financial success program described
2 in subdivision (a) of this subsection shall meet at least one of the
3 following:

4 (i) Low-income individuals;

5 (ii) Individuals who experienced unemployment due to the COVID-19
6 public health emergency;

7 (iii) Individuals who experienced food or housing insecurity due to
8 the COVID-19 public health emergency; or

9 (iv) Individuals who qualify for assistance through the State
10 Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal Child Care and
11 Development Fund, or medicaid.

12 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
13 passed and approved according to law.