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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1079

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent to
- 2 appropriate funds to the Department of Revenue for distribution to
- 3 residents of Nebraska as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate for
2 FY2022-23 one-half of the amount received from Federal Funds to the
3 Department of Revenue for distribution as provided in section 2 of this
4 act. The Federal Funds to be appropriated pursuant to this section are
5 one-half of all of the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the
6 federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal
7 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec.
8 9901.

9 Sec. 2. (1) The Department of Revenue shall distribute the funds
10 appropriated pursuant to section 1 of this act directly to residents of
11 Nebraska as provided in this section. The distribution shall be in the
12 form of a prepaid debit card in an amount which equals one-half of all of
13 the funds, less the cost of the prepaid debit card, program costs, and
14 administrative costs, divided by the number of residents of Nebraska on
15 July 1, 2022.

16 (2)(a) The department shall mail the card to the address of each
17 resident who has an address on record with the department as of July 1,
18 2022, and shall provide a method of application for each resident as of
19 July 1, 2022, who does not have an address on record with the department
20 or who does not receive a card. The department may require evidence of
21 residency in Nebraska as of July 1, 2022.

22 (b) For dependents as determined by the department, the card shall
23 be sent to the head of household for use by the head of household.

24 (3) The department shall design the card so that it may only be used
25 at a business located in Nebraska, it is activated by telephone, and it
26 must be used within twelve months after the date the card is activated.

27 (4) The card shall not be accessible at an automated teller machine,
28 shall not be eligible for cash back at a point-of-sale system, and shall
29 not be used to make any purchase associated with the direct act of
30 gambling or lottery.

31 (5) The department shall contract with a prepaid debit card vendor

1 to facilitate the distribution of the prepaid debit cards to Nebraska
2 residents. Before awarding a contract to a prepaid debit card vendor, the
3 department shall consider at least two vendors in the State of Nebraska
4 for the procurement.

5 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
6 passed and approved according to law.