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A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to learning communities; to amend section 2. 79-2104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-3442, 79-611, and 79-2104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to provide authority for early childhood education programs for children in 5 poverty; to change levy limits, free transportation 6 7 qualifications, learning community coordinating council 8 powers, and advisory committee duties; to provide a duty 9 for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original 10 sections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative

- 2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 3 77-3442 (1) Property tax levies for the support of local
- 4 governments for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1998,
- 5 shall be limited to the amounts set forth in this section except as
- 6 provided in section 77-3444.
- 7 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e) of this
- 8 section, school districts and multiple-district school systems,
- 9 except learning communities and school districts that are members of
- 10 learning communities, may levy a maximum levy of one dollar and five
- 11 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property
- 12 subject to the levy.
- 13 (b) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a
- 14 maximum levy for the general fund budgets of member school districts
- 15 of ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of
- 16 property subject to the levy. The proceeds from the levy pursuant to
- 17 this subdivision shall be distributed pursuant to section 79-1073.
- 18 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e) of this
- 19 section, for each fiscal year, school districts that are members of
- 20 learning communities may levy for purposes of such districts' general
- 21 fund budget and special building funds a maximum combined levy of the
- 22 difference of one dollar and five cents on each one hundred dollars
- 23 of taxable property subject to the levy minus the learning community
- 24 levies pursuant to subdivisions (2)(b) and (2)(g) of this section for
- 25 such learning community.

(d) Excluded from the limitations in subdivisions (2)(a) 1 2 and (2)(c) of this section are amounts levied to pay for sums agreed 3 to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange 4 for a voluntary termination of employment and amounts levied to pay 5 for special building funds and sinking funds established for projects commenced prior to April 1, 1996, for construction, expansion, or 6 7 alteration of school district buildings. For purposes of this 8 subsection, commenced means any action taken by the school board on the record which commits the board to expend district funds in 9 planning, constructing, or carrying out the project. 10 11 (e) Federal aid school districts may exceed the maximum 12 levy prescribed by subdivision (2)(a) or (2)(c) of this section only 13 to the extent necessary to qualify to receive federal aid pursuant to Title VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 14 1, 2001. For purposes of this subdivision, federal aid school 15 district means any school district which receives ten percent or more 16 of the revenue for its general fund budget from federal government 17 sources pursuant to Title VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title 18 existed on September 1, 2001. 19 20 (f) For school fiscal year 2002-03 through school fiscal year 2007-08, school districts and multiple-district school systems 21 may, upon a three-fourths majority vote of the school board of the 22 23 school district, the board of the unified system, or the school board of the high school district of the multiple-district school system 24 that is not a unified system, exceed the maximum levy prescribed by 25

subdivision (2)(a) of this section in an amount equal to the net 1 2 difference between the amount of state aid that would have been 3 provided under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act without the temporary aid adjustment factor as defined in section 4 5 79-1003 for the ensuing school fiscal year for the school district or multiple-district school system and the amount provided with the 6 7 temporary aid adjustment factor. The State Department of Education 8 shall certify to the school districts and multiple-district school systems the amount by which the maximum levy may be exceeded for the 9 next school fiscal year pursuant to this subdivision (f) of this 10 11 subsection on or before February 15 for school fiscal years 2004-05

13 (g) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a
14 maximum levy of two cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable
15 property subject to the levy for special building funds for member
16 school districts. The proceeds from the levy pursuant to this
17 subdivision shall be distributed pursuant to section 79-1073.01.

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through 2007-08.

- (h) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a
 maximum levy of two cents one-half cent on each one hundred dollars
 of taxable property subject to the levy for elementary learning
 center facility leases, for remodeling of leased elementary learning
 center facilities, and for up to fifty percent of the estimated cost
 for focus school or program capital projects approved by the learning
 community coordinating council pursuant to section 79-2111.
- 25 (i) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a

1 maximum levy of one cent and one-half cents on each one hundred

- 2 dollars of taxable property subject to the levy for <u>early childhood</u>
- 3 <u>education programs for children in poverty, for elementary learning</u>
- 4 center employees, for contracts with other entities or individuals
- 5 who are not employees of the learning community for elementary
- 6 learning center programs and services, and for pilot projects, except
- 7 that no more than ten percent of such levy may be used for elementary
- 8 learning center employees.
- 9 (3)(a) For fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, community
- 10 college areas may levy a maximum of ten and one-quarter cents per one
- 11 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy
- 12 for operating expenditures and may also levy the additional levies
- 13 provided in subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 85-1517.
- 14 (b) For fiscal year 2013-14 and each fiscal year
- 15 thereafter, community college areas may levy the levies provided in
- 16 subdivisions (2)(a) through (c) of section 85-1517, in accordance
- 17 with the provisions of such subdivisions. A community college area
- 18 may exceed the levy provided in subdivision (2)(b) of section 85-1517
- 19 by the amount necessary to retire general obligation bonds assumed by
- 20 the community college area or issued pursuant to section 85-1515
- 21 according to the terms of such bonds or for any obligation pursuant
- to section 85-1535 entered into prior to January 1, 1997.
- 23 (4)(a) Natural resources districts may levy a maximum
- 24 levy of four and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable
- 25 valuation of property subject to the levy.

1 (b) Natural resources districts shall also have the power 2 and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their 3 restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities under the 4 5 Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water 6 7 management activities and integrated management activities for 8 FY2003-04, not to exceed one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation annually on all of the taxable property within the 9 10 district. 11 (c) In addition, natural resources districts located in a 12 river basin, subbasin, or reach that has been determined to be fully 13 appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or designated overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of 14 15 Natural Resources shall also have the power and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their restricted funds 16 budgeted to administer and implement ground water management 17 18 activities and integrated management activities under the Nebraska 19 Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their restricted 20 funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management 21 activities and integrated management activities for FY2005-06, not to exceed three cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation 22

(5) Any educational service unit authorized to levy a

on all of the taxable property within the district for fiscal year

2006-07 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2017-18.

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1 property tax pursuant to section 79-1225 may levy a maximum levy of

- 2 one and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation
- 3 of property subject to the levy.
- 4 (6)(a) Incorporated cities and villages which are not
- 5 within the boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy
- 6 of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of
- 7 property subject to the levy plus an additional five cents per one
- 8 hundred dollars of taxable valuation to provide financing for the
- 9 municipality's share of revenue required under an agreement or
- 10 agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the
- 11 Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts
- 12 levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to section
- 13 51-201, museum pursuant to section 51-501, visiting community nurse,
- 14 home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to section 71-1637,
- or statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.
- 16 (b) Incorporated cities and villages which are within the
- 17 boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of ninety
- 18 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property
- 19 subject to the levy. The maximum levy shall include amounts paid to a
- 20 municipal county for county services, amounts levied to pay for sums
- 21 to support a library pursuant to section 51-201, a museum pursuant to
- 22 section 51-501, a visiting community nurse, home health nurse, or
- 23 home health agency pursuant to section 71-1637, or a statue,
- 24 memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.
- 25 (7) Sanitary and improvement districts which have been in

existence for more than five years may levy a maximum levy of forty
cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property
subject to the levy, and sanitary and improvement districts which
have been in existence for five years or less shall not have a
maximum levy. Unconsolidated sanitary and improvement districts which
have been in existence for more than five years and are located in a

municipal county may levy a maximum of eighty-five cents per hundred

8 dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.

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9 (8) Counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of fifty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property 10 subject to the levy, except that five cents per one hundred dollars 11 12 of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy may only be 13 levied to provide financing for the county's share of revenue 14 required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the 15 Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums to support 16 a library pursuant to section 51-201 or museum pursuant to section 17 51-501. The county may allocate up to fifteen cents of its authority 18 to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax 19 20 authority under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by 21 law which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred 22 23 dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property. The county may allocate to one or more other political 24 subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority by the 25

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county under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 some or all of the

2 county's five cents per one hundred dollars of valuation authorized 3 for support of an agreement or agreements to be levied by the political subdivision for the purpose of supporting that political 4 5 subdivision's share of revenue required under an agreement or 6 agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the 7 Joint Public Agency Act. If an allocation by a county would cause 8 another county to exceed its levy authority under this section, the 9 second county may exceed the levy authority in order to levy the amount allocated. Property tax levies for costs of reassumption of 10 11 the assessment function pursuant to section 77-1340 or 77-1340.04 are 12 not included in the levy limits established in this subsection for 13 fiscal years 2010-11 through 2013-14. 14 (9) Municipal counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of one dollar per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of 15 property subject to the levy. The municipal county may allocate levy 16 17 authority to any political subdivision or entity subject to allocation under section 77-3443. 18 (10) Property tax levies (a) for judgments, except 19 20 judgments or orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a political subdivision which require or obligate a 21 political subdivision to pay such judgment, to the extent such 22

judgment is not paid by liability insurance coverage of a political

subdivision, (b) for preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved

prior to July 1, 1998, (c) for bonds as defined in section 10-134

1 approved according to law and secured by a levy on property except as

- 2 provided in section 44-4317 for bonded indebtedness issued by
- 3 educational service units and school districts, and (d) for payments
- 4 by a public airport to retire interest-free loans from the Department
- 5 of Aeronautics in lieu of bonded indebtedness at a lower cost to the
- 6 public airport are not included in the levy limits established by
- 7 this section.
- 8 (11) The limitations on tax levies provided in this
- 9 section are to include all other general or special levies provided
- 10 by law. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the only exceptions
- 11 to the limits in this section are those provided by or authorized by
- 12 sections 77-3442 to 77-3444.
- 13 (12) Tax levies in excess of the limitations in this
- 14 section shall be considered unauthorized levies under section 77-1606
- unless approved under section 77-3444.
- 16 (13) For purposes of sections 77-3442 to 77-3444,
- 17 political subdivision means a political subdivision of this state and
- 18 a county agricultural society.
- 19 (14) For school districts that file a binding resolution
- 20 on or before May 9, 2008, with the county assessors, county clerks,
- 21 and county treasurers for all counties in which the school district
- 22 has territory pursuant to subsection (7) of section 79-458, if the
- 23 combined levies, except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by
- 24 the voters of the school district and levies for the refinancing of
- 25 such bonded indebtedness, are in excess of the greater of (a) one

1 dollar and twenty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation

- 2 of property subject to the levy or (b) the maximum levy authorized by
- 3 a vote pursuant to section 77-3444, all school district levies,
- 4 except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of the
- 5 school district and levies for the refinancing of such bonded
- 6 indebtedness, shall be considered unauthorized levies under section
- 7 77-1606.
- 8 Sec. 2. Section 79-611, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 9 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 10 79-611 (1) The school board of any school district shall
- 11 provide free transportation, partially provide free transportation,
- 12 or pay an allowance for transportation in lieu of free transportation
- 13 as follows:
- 14 (a) When a student attends an elementary school in his or
- 15 her own district and lives more than four miles from the public
- 16 schoolhouse in such district as measured by the shortest route that
- 17 must actually and necessarily be traveled by motor vehicle to reach
- 18 the student's residence;
- 19 (b) When a student is required to attend an elementary
- 20 school outside of his or her own district and lives more than four
- 21 miles from such elementary school as measured by the shortest route
- 22 that must actually and necessarily be traveled by motor vehicle to
- 23 reach the student's residence;
- 24 (c) When a student attends a secondary school in his or
- 25 her own Class II or Class III school district and lives more than

1 four miles from the public schoolhouse as measured by the shortest

- 2 route that must actually and necessarily be traveled by motor vehicle
- 3 to reach the student's residence. This subdivision does not apply
- 4 when one or more Class I school districts merge with a Class VI
- 5 school district to form a new Class II or III school district on or
- 6 after January 1, 1997; and
- 7 (d) When a student, other than a student in grades ten
- 8 through twelve in a Class V district, attends an elementary or junior
- 9 high school in his or her own Class V district and lives more than
- 10 four miles from the public schoolhouse in such district as measured
- 11 by the shortest route that must actually and necessarily be traveled
- 12 by motor vehicle to reach the student's residence.
- 13 (2)(a) The school board of any school district that is a
- 14 member of a learning community shall provide free transportation for
- 15 a student who resides in such learning community and attends school
- 16 in such school district if (i) the student is transferring pursuant
- 17 to the open enrollment provisions of section 79-2110, qualifies for
- 18 free or reduced-price lunches, and—lives more than one mile from the
- 19 school to which he or she transfers, and is not otherwise
- 20 <u>disqualified under subdivision (2)(c) of this section, (ii)</u> the
- 21 student is transferring pursuant to <u>such—the</u> open enrollment
- 22 provisions of section 79-2110, is a student who contributes to the
- 23 socioeconomic diversity of enrollment at the school building he or
- 24 she attends, and—lives more than one mile from the school to which he
- 25 or she transfers, and is not otherwise disqualified under subdivision

1 (2)(c) of this section, (iii) the student is attending a focus school

- 2 or program and lives more than one mile from the school building
- 3 housing the focus school or program, or (iv) the student is attending
- 4 a magnet school or program and lives more than one mile from the
- 5 magnet school or the school housing the magnet program.
- 6 (b) For purposes of this subsection, student who
- 7 contributes to the socioeconomic diversity of enrollment at the
- 8 school building he or she attends has the definition found in section
- 9 79-2110. This subsection does not prohibit a school district that is
- 10 a member of a learning community from providing transportation to any
- 11 intradistrict student.
- 12 <u>(c) For any student who resides within a learning</u>
- 13 community and transfers to another school building pursuant to the
- 14 open enrollment provisions of section 79-2110 and who had not been
- 15 accepted for open enrollment into any school building within such
- 16 district prior to the effective date of this act, the school board is
- 17 exempt from the requirement of subdivision (2)(a) of this section if
- 18 (i) the student is transferring to another school building within his
- 19 or her home school district or (ii) the student is transferring to a
- 20 school building in a school district that does not share a common
- 21 border with his or her home school district.
- 22 (3) The transportation allowance which may be paid to the
- 23 parent, custodial parent, or guardian of students qualifying for free
- 24 transportation pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section
- 25 shall equal two hundred eighty-five percent of the mileage rate

1 provided in section 81-1176, multiplied by each mile actually and

- 2 necessarily traveled, on each day of attendance, beyond which the
- 3 one-way distance from the residence of the student to the schoolhouse
- 4 exceeds three miles.
- 5 (4) Whenever students from more than one family travel to
- 6 school in the same vehicle, the transportation allowance prescribed
- 7 in subsection (3) of this section shall be payable as follows:
- 8 (a) To the parent, custodial parent, or guardian
- 9 providing transportation for students from other families, one
- 10 hundred percent of the amount prescribed in subsection (3) of this
- 11 section for the transportation of students of such parent's,
- 12 custodial parent's, or guardian's own family and an additional five
- 13 percent for students of each other family not to exceed a maximum of
- 14 one hundred twenty-five percent of the amount determined pursuant to
- 15 subsection (3) of this section; and
- 16 (b) To the parent, custodial parent, or guardian not
- 17 providing transportation for students of other families, two hundred
- 18 eighty-five percent of the mileage rate provided in section 81-1176
- 19 multiplied by each mile actually and necessarily traveled, on each
- 20 day of attendance, from the residence of the student to the pick-up
- 21 point at which students transfer to the vehicle of a parent,
- 22 custodial parent, or guardian described in subdivision (a) of this
- 23 subsection.
- 24 (5) When a student who qualifies under the mileage
- 25 requirements of subsection (1) of this section lives more than three

miles from the location where the student must be picked up and 1 2 dropped off in order to access school-provided free transportation, 3 as measured by the shortest route that must actually and necessarily be traveled by motor vehicle between his or her residence and such 4 5 location, such school-provided transportation shall be deemed partially provided free transportation. School districts partially 6 7 providing free transportation shall pay an allowance to the student's 8 parent or guardian equal to two hundred eighty-five percent of the mileage rate provided in section 81-1176 multiplied by each mile 9 actually and necessarily traveled, on each day of attendance, beyond 10 which the one-way distance from the residence of the student to the 11 12 location where the student must be picked up and dropped off exceeds 13 three miles. 14 (6) The board authorize school-provided may 15 transportation to any student who does not qualify under the mileage 16 requirements of subsection (1) of this section and may charge a fee to the parent or guardian of the student for such service. An 17

pay the allowance described in this section for high school students residing in an affiliated Class I district. No transportation payments shall be made to a family for mileage not actually traveled by such family. The number of days the student has attended school shall be reported monthly by the teacher to the board of such public school district.

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25 (7) No more than one allowance shall be made to a family

1 irrespective of the number of students in a family being transported

- 2 to school. If a family resides in a Class I district which is part of
- 3 a Class VI district and has students enrolled in any of the grades
- 4 offered by the Class I district and in any of the non-high-school
- 5 grades offered by the Class VI district, such family shall receive
- 6 not more than one allowance for the distance actually traveled when
- 7 both districts are on the same direct travel route with one district
- 8 being located a greater distance from the residence than the other.
- 9 In such cases, the travel allowance shall be prorated among the
- 10 school districts involved.
- 11 (8) No student shall be exempt from school attendance on
- 12 account of distance from the public schoolhouse.
- 13 Sec. 3. Section 79-2104, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 14 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:
- 15 79-2104 A learning community coordinating council shall
- 16 have the authority to:
- 17 (1) Levy a common levy for the general funds of member
- 18 school districts pursuant to sections 77-3442 and 79-1073;
- 19 (2) Levy a common levy for the special building funds of
- 20 member school districts pursuant to sections 77-3442 and 79-1073.01;
- 21 (3) Levy for elementary learning center facility leases,
- 22 for remodeling of leased elementary learning center facilities, and
- 23 for up to fifty percent of the estimated cost for focus school or
- 24 program capital projects approved by the learning community
- 25 coordinating council pursuant to subdivision (2)(h) of section

- 1 77-3442 and section 79-2111;
- 2 (4) Levy for <u>early childhood education programs for</u>
- 3 <u>children in poverty, for elementary learning center employees, for</u>
- 4 contracts with other entities or individuals who are not employees of
- 5 the learning community for elementary learning center programs and
- 6 services, and for pilot projects pursuant to subdivision (2)(i) of
- 7 section 77-3442, except that not more than ten percent of such levy
- 8 may be used for elementary learning center employees;
- 9 (5) Collect, analyze, and report data and information,
- 10 including, but not limited to, information provided by a school
- 11 district pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-201;
- 12 (6) Approve focus schools and focus programs to be
- 13 operated by member school districts;
- 14 (7) Adopt, approve, and implement a diversity plan which
- 15 shall include open enrollment and may include focus schools, focus
- 16 programs, magnet schools, and pathways pursuant to section 79-2110;
- 17 (8) Administer the open enrollment provisions in section
- 18 79-2110 for the learning community as part of a diversity plan
- 19 developed by the council to provide educational opportunities which
- 20 will result in increased diversity in schools across the learning
- 21 community;
- 22 (9) Annually conduct school fairs to provide students and
- 23 parents the opportunity to explore the educational opportunities
- 24 available at each school in the learning community and develop other
- 25 methods for encouraging access to such information and promotional

- 1 materials;
- 2 (10) Develop and approve reorganization plans for
- 3 submission pursuant to the Learning Community Reorganization Act;
- 4 (11) Establish and administer elementary learning centers
- 5 through achievement subcouncils pursuant to sections 79-2112 to
- 6 79-2114;
- 7 (12) Administer the learning community funds distributed
- 8 to the learning community pursuant to section 79-2111;
- 9 (13) Approve or disapprove poverty plans and limited
- 10 English proficiency plans for member school districts through
- 11 achievement subcouncils established under section 79-2117;
- 12 (14) Establish a procedure for receiving community input
- and complaints regarding the learning community;
- 14 (15) Establish a procedure to assist parents, citizens,
- 15 and member school districts in accessing an approved center pursuant
- 16 to the Dispute Resolution Act to resolve disputes involving member
- 17 school districts or the learning community. Such procedure may
- 18 include payment by the learning community for some mediation
- 19 services;
- 20 (16) Establish and administer pilot projects related to
- 21 enhancing the academic achievement of elementary students,
- 22 particularly students who face challenges in the educational
- 23 environment due to factors such as poverty, limited English skills,
- 24 and mobility; and
- 25 (17) Provide funding to public or private entities

1 engaged in the juvenile justice system providing prefiling and

- 2 diversion programming designed to reduce excessive absenteeism and
- 3 unnecessary involvement with the juvenile justice system; and -
- 4 (18) Hold public hearings at its discretion in response
- 5 to issues raised by residents regarding the learning community, a
- 6 member school district, and academic achievement.
- 7 Sec. 4. Section 79-2104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 8 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 9 79-2104.01 Each learning community coordinating council
- 10 shall have an advisory committee composed of the superintendent from
- 11 each member school district or his or her representative. The
- 12 advisory committee shall meet at least four times each year to review
- issues related to open enrollment and proposals for focus programs,
- 14 focus schools, magnet schools, and pathways, to provide
- 15 recommendations for improving academic achievement across the
- 16 learning community, and to provide input to the learning community
- 17 coordinating council on other issues as requested. The advisory
- 18 <u>committee shall:</u>
- 19 <u>(1) Review issues related to open enrollment;</u>
- 20 (2) Review proposals for focus programs, focus schools,
- 21 <u>magnet schools</u>, and pathways;
- 22 (3) Provide recommendations for improving academic
- 23 achievement across the learning community;
- 24 (4) Provide recommendations for improving the learning
- 25 <u>community's diversity plan;</u>

1 (5) Submit a plan to the learning community coordinating

- 2 council providing for the implementation and administration of early
- 3 childhood education programs for children in poverty; and
- 4 (6) Provide input to the learning community coordinating
- 5 <u>council on other issues as requested.</u>
- 6 Sec. 5. The advisory committee described in section
- 7 79-2104.01 shall submit a plan as provided in subdivision (5) of
- 8 section 79-2104.01 to the learning community coordinating council for
- 9 any early childhood education programs for children in poverty and
- 10 the services to be provided by such programs. In developing the plan,
- 11 the advisory committee shall seek input from member school districts
- 12 and community resources and collaborate with such resources in order
- 13 to maximize the available opportunities and resources for such
- 14 programs. The advisory committee may, as part of such plan, recommend
- 15 services to be provided through contract with, or grants to, school
- 16 districts to provide or contract for some or all of the services. The
- 17 advisory committee shall take special efforts to establish early
- 18 childhood education programs for children in poverty so that such
- 19 programs are readily available and accessible to children and
- 20 families located in areas with a high concentration of poverty.
- 21 Sec. 6. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 5 of
- 22 this act to Chapter 79, article 21.
- 23 Sec. 7. Original section 79-2104.01, Reissue Revised
- 24 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-3442, 79-611, and 79-2104,
- 25 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.