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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections
- 2 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska; to adopt the College Savings Tax Credit Act; to harmonize
- 4 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the College Savings Tax Credit Act.

3           Sec. 2. For purposes of the College Savings Tax Credit Act:

4           (1) College savings account means an account established under the  
5 Nebraska educational savings plan trust for the purpose of meeting the  
6 qualified higher education expenses of a beneficiary as allowed by  
7 section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code;

8           (2) Department means the Department of Revenue;

9           (3) Nebraska educational savings plan trust means the trust created  
10 in section 85-1804; and

11           (4) Taxpayer means any person subject to the income tax imposed by  
12 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

13           Sec. 3. (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
14 after January 1, 2020, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
15 amended, each taxpayer who, during the taxable year, makes a contribution  
16 to a college savings account in an amount matching a contribution made to  
17 that same account in the same taxable year by an employee of the taxpayer  
18 is entitled to a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by  
19 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in an amount equal to twenty-five  
20 percent of the taxpayer's matching contribution, not to exceed two  
21 thousand dollars per contributing employee per taxable year.

22           (2) The credit allowed under this section may not be carried back.  
23 If the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the  
24 excess may be carried forward for up to five taxable years following the  
25 taxable year in which the matching contribution was made. The tax credit  
26 shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability.  
27 If there are credits for more than one year that are available to offset  
28 a tax liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first.

29           (3) A taxpayer claiming a credit under this section shall maintain  
30 any information that the department may require regarding the matching  
31 contribution for which the credit is claimed.

1           Sec. 4.     The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
2 regulations to carry out the College Savings Tax Credit Act.

3           Sec. 5. Section 77-2715.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           77-2715.07 (1) There shall be allowed to qualified resident  
6 individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by  
7 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

8           (a) A credit equal to the federal credit allowed under section 22 of  
9 the Internal Revenue Code; and

10          (b) A credit for taxes paid to another state as provided in section  
11 77-2730.

12          (2) There shall be allowed to qualified resident individuals against  
13 the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

14          (a) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross incomes of  
15 greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a nonrefundable credit equal  
16 to twenty-five percent of the federal credit allowed under section 21 of  
17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that for taxable  
18 years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such  
19 nonrefundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have  
20 received the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the code after  
21 adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted  
22 pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal  
23 credit;

24          (b) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross income of  
25 twenty-nine thousand dollars or less, a refundable credit equal to a  
26 percentage of the federal credit allowable under section 21 of the  
27 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whether or not the federal  
28 credit was limited by the federal tax liability. The percentage of the  
29 federal credit shall be one hundred percent for incomes not greater than  
30 twenty-two thousand dollars, and the percentage shall be reduced by ten  
31 percent for each one thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the

1 reported federal adjusted gross income exceeds twenty-two thousand  
2 dollars, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
3 after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if  
4 the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under  
5 section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net  
6 operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining  
7 eligibility for the federal credit;

8 (c) A refundable credit as provided in section 77-5209.01 for  
9 individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as a qualified beginning  
10 farmer or livestock producer under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act  
11 for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1,  
12 2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

13 (d) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income  
14 tax credit under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska  
15 Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research  
16 and Development Act, or the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act;  
17 and

18 (e) A refundable credit equal to ten percent of the federal credit  
19 allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
20 amended, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
21 after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if  
22 the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under  
23 section 32 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net  
24 operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining  
25 eligibility for the federal credit.

26 (3) There shall be allowed to all individuals as a nonrefundable  
27 credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of  
28 1967:

29 (a) A credit for personal exemptions allowed under section  
30 77-2716.01;

31 (b) A credit for contributions to certified community betterment

1 programs as provided in the Community Development Assistance Act. Each  
2 partner, each shareholder of an electing subchapter S corporation, each  
3 beneficiary of an estate or trust, or each member of a limited liability  
4 company shall report his or her share of the credit in the same manner  
5 and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S  
6 corporation, estate, trust, or limited liability company income;

7 (c) A credit for investment in a biodiesel facility as provided in  
8 section 77-27,236;

9 (d) A credit as provided in the New Markets Job Growth Investment  
10 Act;

11 (e) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet  
12 Revitalization Act;

13 (f) A credit to employers as provided in section 77-27,238;~~and~~

14 (g) A credit as provided in the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act;  
15 and -

16 (h) A credit as provided in the College Savings Tax Credit Act.

17 (4) There shall be allowed as a credit against the income tax  
18 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

19 (a) A credit to all resident estates and trusts for taxes paid to  
20 another state as provided in section 77-2730;

21 (b) A credit to all estates and trusts for contributions to  
22 certified community betterment programs as provided in the Community  
23 Development Assistance Act; and

24 (c) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income  
25 tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer  
26 Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
27 after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
28 amended. The credit allowed for each partner, shareholder, member, or  
29 beneficiary of a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or  
30 estate or trust qualifying for an income tax credit as an owner of  
31 agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act shall be

1 equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion  
2 of the amount of tax credit distributed pursuant to subsection (4) of  
3 section 77-5211.

4 (5)(a) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007,  
5 and before January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
6 amended, there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or  
7 beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability  
8 company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax  
9 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to fifty percent of the  
10 partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the  
11 amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to  
12 77-3807 by a financial institution.

13 (b) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009,  
14 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be  
15 allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a  
16 partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or  
17 estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by  
18 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to the partner's, shareholder's,  
19 member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to  
20 the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.

21 (c) Each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary shall report  
22 his or her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he or  
23 she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability  
24 company, or estate or trust income. If any partner, shareholder, member,  
25 or beneficiary cannot fully utilize the credit for that year, the credit  
26 may not be carried forward or back.

27 (6) There shall be allowed to all individuals nonrefundable credits  
28 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as  
29 provided in section 77-3604 and refundable credits against the income tax  
30 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section  
31 77-3605.

1           Sec. 6. Section 77-2717, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           77-2717 (1)(a)(i) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin  
4 before January 1, 2014, the tax imposed on all resident estates and  
5 trusts shall be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such  
6 estates and trusts as modified in section 77-2716, plus a percentage of  
7 the federal alternative minimum tax and the federal tax on premature or  
8 lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. The additional  
9 taxes shall be recomputed by (A) substituting Nebraska taxable income for  
10 federal taxable income, (B) calculating what the federal alternative  
11 minimum tax would be on Nebraska taxable income and adjusting such  
12 calculations for any items which are reflected differently in the  
13 determination of federal taxable income, and (C) applying Nebraska rates  
14 to the result. The federal credit for prior year minimum tax, after the  
15 recomputations required by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, and the  
16 credits provided in the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act  
17 and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act shall be allowed  
18 as a reduction in the income tax due. A refundable income tax credit  
19 shall be allowed for all resident estates and trusts under the Angel  
20 Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax  
21 Credit Act, and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act. A  
22 nonrefundable income tax credit shall be allowed for all resident estates  
23 and trusts as provided in the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act.

24           (ii) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after  
25 January 1, 2014, the tax imposed on all resident estates and trusts shall  
26 be a percentage of the federal taxable income of such estates and trusts  
27 as modified in section 77-2716, plus a percentage of the federal tax on  
28 premature or lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. The  
29 additional taxes shall be recomputed by substituting Nebraska taxable  
30 income for federal taxable income and applying Nebraska rates to the  
31 result. The credits provided in the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise

1 Tax Credit Act and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act  
2 shall be allowed as a reduction in the income tax due. A refundable  
3 income tax credit shall be allowed for all resident estates and trusts  
4 under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage  
5 Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, and the Nebraska Advantage Research and  
6 Development Act. A nonrefundable income tax credit shall be allowed for  
7 all resident estates and trusts as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation  
8 and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment  
9 Act, the School Readiness Tax Credit Act, the Affordable Housing Tax  
10 Credit Act, the College Savings Tax Credit Act, and section 77-27,238.

11 (b) The tax imposed on all nonresident estates and trusts shall be  
12 the portion of the tax imposed on resident estates and trusts which is  
13 attributable to the income derived from sources within this state. The  
14 tax which is attributable to income derived from sources within this  
15 state shall be determined by multiplying the liability to this state for  
16 a resident estate or trust with the same total income by a fraction, the  
17 numerator of which is the nonresident estate's or trust's Nebraska income  
18 as determined by sections 77-2724 and 77-2725 and the denominator of  
19 which is its total federal income after first adjusting each by the  
20 amounts provided in section 77-2716. The federal credit for prior year  
21 minimum tax, after the recomputations required by the Nebraska Revenue  
22 Act of 1967, reduced by the percentage of the total income which is  
23 attributable to income from sources outside this state, and the credits  
24 provided in the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act and the  
25 Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act shall be allowed as a  
26 reduction in the income tax due. A refundable income tax credit shall be  
27 allowed for all nonresident estates and trusts under the Angel Investment  
28 Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act,  
29 and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act. A nonrefundable  
30 income tax credit shall be allowed for all nonresident estates and trusts  
31 as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization

1 Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the School Readiness Tax  
2 Credit Act, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the College Savings  
3 Tax Credit Act, and section 77-27,238.

4 (2) In all instances wherein a fiduciary income tax return is  
5 required under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, a Nebraska  
6 fiduciary return shall be filed, except that a fiduciary return shall not  
7 be required to be filed regarding a simple trust if all of the trust's  
8 beneficiaries are residents of the State of Nebraska, all of the trust's  
9 income is derived from sources in this state, and the trust has no  
10 federal tax liability. The fiduciary shall be responsible for making the  
11 return for the estate or trust for which he or she acts, whether the  
12 income be taxable to the estate or trust or to the beneficiaries thereof.  
13 The fiduciary shall include in the return a statement of each  
14 beneficiary's distributive share of net income when such income is  
15 taxable to such beneficiaries.

16 (3) The beneficiaries of such estate or trust who are residents of  
17 this state shall include in their income their proportionate share of  
18 such estate's or trust's federal income and shall reduce their Nebraska  
19 tax liability by their proportionate share of the credits as provided in  
20 the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage  
21 Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research and  
22 Development Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization  
23 Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the School Readiness Tax  
24 Credit Act, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the College Savings  
25 Tax Credit Act, and section 77-27,238. There shall be allowed to a  
26 beneficiary a refundable income tax credit under the Beginning Farmer Tax  
27 Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after  
28 January 1, 2001, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

29 (4) If any beneficiary of such estate or trust is a nonresident  
30 during any part of the estate's or trust's taxable year, he or she shall  
31 file a Nebraska income tax return which shall include (a) in Nebraska

1 adjusted gross income that portion of the estate's or trust's Nebraska  
2 income, as determined under sections 77-2724 and 77-2725, allocable to  
3 his or her interest in the estate or trust and (b) a reduction of the  
4 Nebraska tax liability by his or her proportionate share of the credits  
5 as provided in the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska  
6 Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research  
7 and Development Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet  
8 Revitalization Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the School  
9 Readiness Tax Credit Act, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the  
10 College Savings Tax Credit Act, and section 77-27,238 and shall execute  
11 and forward to the fiduciary, on or before the original due date of the  
12 Nebraska fiduciary return, an agreement which states that he or she will  
13 file a Nebraska income tax return and pay income tax on all income  
14 derived from or connected with sources in this state, and such agreement  
15 shall be attached to the Nebraska fiduciary return for such taxable year.

16 (5) In the absence of the nonresident beneficiary's executed  
17 agreement being attached to the Nebraska fiduciary return, the estate or  
18 trust shall remit a portion of such beneficiary's income which was  
19 derived from or attributable to Nebraska sources with its Nebraska return  
20 for the taxable year. For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin  
21 before January 1, 2013, the amount of remittance, in such instance, shall  
22 be the highest individual income tax rate determined under section  
23 77-2715.02 multiplied by the nonresident beneficiary's share of the  
24 estate or trust income which was derived from or attributable to sources  
25 within this state. For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
26 after January 1, 2013, the amount of remittance, in such instance, shall  
27 be the highest individual income tax rate determined under section  
28 77-2715.03 multiplied by the nonresident beneficiary's share of the  
29 estate or trust income which was derived from or attributable to sources  
30 within this state. The amount remitted shall be allowed as a credit  
31 against the Nebraska income tax liability of the beneficiary.

1           (6) The Tax Commissioner may allow a nonresident beneficiary to not  
2 file a Nebraska income tax return if the nonresident beneficiary's only  
3 source of Nebraska income was his or her share of the estate's or trust's  
4 income which was derived from or attributable to sources within this  
5 state, the nonresident did not file an agreement to file a Nebraska  
6 income tax return, and the estate or trust has remitted the amount  
7 required by subsection (5) of this section on behalf of such nonresident  
8 beneficiary. The amount remitted shall be retained in satisfaction of the  
9 Nebraska income tax liability of the nonresident beneficiary.

10           (7) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise  
11 requires, simple trust shall mean any trust instrument which (a) requires  
12 that all income shall be distributed currently to the beneficiaries, (b)  
13 does not allow amounts to be paid, permanently set aside, or used in the  
14 tax year for charitable purposes, and (c) does not distribute amounts  
15 allocated in the corpus of the trust. Any trust which does not qualify as  
16 a simple trust shall be deemed a complex trust.

17           (8) For purposes of this section, any beneficiary of an estate or  
18 trust that is a grantor trust of a nonresident shall be disregarded and  
19 this section shall apply as though the nonresident grantor was the  
20 beneficiary.

21           Sec. 7. Section 77-2734.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23           77-2734.03 (1)(a) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1,  
24 1997, any (i) insurer paying a tax on premiums and assessments pursuant  
25 to section 77-908 or 81-523, (ii) electric cooperative organized under  
26 the Joint Public Power Authority Act, or (iii) credit union shall be  
27 credited, in the computation of the tax due under the Nebraska Revenue  
28 Act of 1967, with the amount paid during the taxable year as taxes on  
29 such premiums and assessments and taxes in lieu of intangible tax.

30           (b) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 1997, any  
31 insurer paying a tax on premiums and assessments pursuant to section

1 77-908 or 81-523, any electric cooperative organized under the Joint  
2 Public Power Authority Act, or any credit union shall be credited, in the  
3 computation of the tax due under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, with  
4 the amount paid during the taxable year as (i) taxes on such premiums and  
5 assessments included as Nebraska premiums and assessments under section  
6 77-2734.05 and (ii) taxes in lieu of intangible tax.

7 (c) For taxable years commencing or deemed to commence prior to, on,  
8 or after January 1, 1998, any insurer paying a tax on premiums and  
9 assessments pursuant to section 77-908 or 81-523 shall be credited, in  
10 the computation of the tax due under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967,  
11 with the amount paid during the taxable year as assessments allowed as an  
12 offset against premium and related retaliatory tax liability pursuant to  
13 section 44-4233.

14 (2) There shall be allowed to corporate taxpayers a tax credit for  
15 contributions to community betterment programs as provided in the  
16 Community Development Assistance Act.

17 (3) There shall be allowed to corporate taxpayers a refundable  
18 income tax credit under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act for all  
19 taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2001,  
20 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

21 (4) The changes made to this section by Laws 2004, LB 983, apply to  
22 motor fuels purchased during any tax year ending or deemed to end on or  
23 after January 1, 2005, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
24 amended.

25 (5) There shall be allowed to corporate taxpayers refundable income  
26 tax credits under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act  
27 and the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act.

28 (6) There shall be allowed to corporate taxpayers a nonrefundable  
29 income tax credit for investment in a biodiesel facility as provided in  
30 section 77-27,236.

31 (7) There shall be allowed to corporate taxpayers a nonrefundable

1 income tax credit as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet  
2 Revitalization Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the School  
3 Readiness Tax Credit Act, the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act, the  
4 College Savings Tax Credit Act, and section 77-27,238.

5 Sec. 8. Original sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03,  
6 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.